

Guide to  
Ela Macdowell Collection of  
Dallas Theological Seminary Memorabilia

1985-1996 and undated

0.21 linear feet

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**Abstract:** Photographs, programs, articles, and memos related to Dallas Theological Seminary.

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**Biographical Sketch:** Ela Jo Macdowell was born November 11, 1930, in Port Arthur, Texas. She moved to Dallas in the 1960s. She had four sons: Jack Lee Macdowell, Gordon Kendrick Macdowell II, Thomas Lawrence Macdowell, and David Barlow Macdowell. Ela worked in a variety of areas, including law, politics, and religious education. She owned and operated health food stores in two shopping centers. Ela worked at Dallas Theological Seminary (DTS) from 1984-1994 as executive assistant to the president. She served with three presidents: John F. Walvoord, Donald K. Campbell, and Charles R. Swindoll. Ela died April 14, 2014 at the age of 83.

**References:**

“Ela Jo Macdowell Obituary” Dignity Memorial, 2014,  
<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/dallas-tx/ela-macdowell-5934653>  
[accessed 6-21-2022]

**Years as President of Dallas Theological Seminary:**

John F. Walvoord 1952-1986

Donald K. Campbell 1986-1994

Charles R. Swindoll 1994-2001

**System of Arrangement:** The Ela Macdowell Collection of Dallas Theological Seminary Memorabilia is in one series.

**Series I. Memorabilia, 1983-1996 and undated. .21 linear foot** (13 folders)

Primarily photographs, programs, articles and memos.

**Scope and Content Note:** This collection housed in thirteen folders in one box provides a brief look at some campus events, especially the transition to a new seminary president in 1986.

**Selected Search Terms:**

Campbell, Donald K.

Swindoll, Charles R.

Walvoord, John F.

**Donor/Source:** Ela Macdowell

**Custodial History:** Ela Macdowell collected the material and donated it to the DTS Archives in 2005.

**Literary Rights:** It is the researcher's responsibility to determine requirements of copyright laws.

**Processing Information:** The material was roughly in chronological order and the original order was maintained.

### Container List

Folder 1 Lewis Sperry Chafer, circa 1987 and undated

Includes *The Early Years of Lewis Sperry Chafer* by John Hannah circa 1987, *Empty Racks and How to Fill Them* by Mrs. Howard Taylor, and "Anecdotes and Epigrams of Dr. Lewis Sperry Chafer" (3 typed pages).

Folder 2 John F. Walvoord, 1983-1989 and undated

Includes 3 DTS postcards, 11 photographs [CN 047-001 - CN 047-011], a 20 page report on an internship with John F. Walvoord by Kevin W. Mannoia in 1984, a 1988 personalia sheet, a Spring 1986 *Kindred Spirit* containing tributes to Walvoord, and a 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Invitation dated 1989.

Folder 3 Miscellaneous, 1985 and undated

Includes 1 photograph [CN 047-012], samples of letterhead, and lists of DTS staff.

Folder 4 Donald K. Campbell #1, undated

Includes 1 photograph [CN 047-013], a brief biographical sketch of Dr. Campbell, and Campbell's one page testimony.

Folder 5 Donald K. Campbell #2, 1986

Includes 17 photographs of Campbell's first day as president [CN 047-014 - CN 047-030], a photograph of Ela Macdowell at her desk [CN 047-031], an invitation to a campus reception for Campbell as the new president, a brochure with a calendar of 1986 commencement activities, and an invitation to a reception honoring the 1986 graduates.

Folder 6 Donald K. Campbell #3, 1986-1993 and undated

Includes 2 photographs of Campbell's inauguration [CN 047-032 - CN 047-033], a program for Campbell's inauguration, Campbell's inaugural address, Campbell's 1990 "My Vision for DTS in the Year 2000" paper, "President's Office Programs/Services" [outlining the president's duties], a letter from Campbell listing about 30 significant chapters in the Bible, an invitation to the 1992 commencement, and 4 Christmas cards.

Folder 7 Miscellaneous, 1989-1992 and undated

Includes 4 photographs [CN 047-034 - CN 047-037], a program for a 1992 "Women's Enrichment Seminar," and a program for a Christmas meal.

Folder 8 Bea Campbell, 1991 and undated

Includes 1 photograph [CN 047-038], a tribute by Shirley Bryan, memorials, a program for the memorial service, and a letter by Donald K. Campbell.

Folder 9 Birthday Celebration and a Luncheon, 1991

4 photographs taken in October 1991 of a birthday “party” for Charles Swindoll during a break from the Board meetings [CN 047-039 - CN 047-042] and 7 photographs of a luncheon for the Board members and spouses [CN 047-043 - CN 047-049].

Folder 10 Donald K. Campbell’s Retirement Announcement, 1992

Includes a press release, articles, a letter to alumni/alumnae, and a memorial card noting the death of Dr. Campbell’s mother.

Folder 11 Photographs, 1989 and undated

Includes 8 photographs of Donald K. Campbell and DTS staff [CN 047-050-CN047-057].

Folder 12 Charles R. Swindoll, 1993-1994 and undated

Includes a news release and newspaper articles.

Folder 13 Printed Material, 1988-1996 and undated

Includes a few DTS publications and one 1995 newspaper article by Darrell L. Bock titled “Evangelicals Strive to Share ‘Good News.’”

### **List of Photographs**

<b>File</b>	<b>Photo ID</b>	<b>Photographer</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Description</b>
2	CN 047-001			John F. Walvoord.
2	CN 047-002			John F. Walvoord.
2	CN 047-003			John F. Walvoord seated at desk.
2	CN 047-004		circa1984/85	Christmas dinner for staff at the Walvoords’ home. L to R: Geraldine L. Walvoord, Ela Macdowell, Dottie Connor, Jeff Fendley, and Caroline Fendley.
2	CN 047-005		circa1984/85	Dr. and Mrs. John F. Walvoord at a Christmas dinner for staff at the Walvoords’ home.
2	CN 047-006	Ela Macdowell	April 1986	Andrew (Andy) J. Wileman, executive assistant to the president, Donald K. Campbell’s first day as president.

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2	CN 047-007			Founder's Banquet.
2	CN 047-008		circa 1986	John F. Walvoord in his office.
2	CN 047-009		1986	John F. Walvoord walking from the president's office in Davidson to the chancellor's office in Walvoord Student Center. Geraldine L. Walvoord is in front.
2	CN 047-010			John F. Walvoord walking from the president's office in Davidson to the chancellor's office in Walvoord Student Center.
2	CN 047-011			A reception in Walvoord Student Center.
3	CN 047-012		circa 1986	L to R: G. William (Bill) Bryan, J. Ellwood Evans (Walvoord's brother-in-law), Geraldine L. Walvoord, and unidentified.
4	CN 047-013			L to R: Jim H. Squires (trustee), John F. Walvoord, Tim T. Wright (treasurer), and Donald K. Campbell (academic dean).
5	CN 047-014	Ela Macdowell	April 1986	Donald K. Campbell coming to work his first day as president.
5	CN 047-015	Ela Macdowell	April 1986	Donald K. Campbell entering his office his first day as president.
5	CN 047-016	Ela Macdowell	April 1986	L to R: Roy B. Zuck and Donald K. Campbell.
5	CN 047-017	Ela Macdowell	April 1986	Donald K. Campbell in his office (bust of Chafer on the right).
5	CN 047-018	Ela Macdowell	April 1986	Donald K. Campbell at his desk.
5	CN 047-019	Ela Macdowell	April 1986	Donald K. Campbell at his desk.
5	CN 047-020	Ela Macdowell	April 1986	L to R: Gregory (Greg) A. Ring, Donald K. Campbell, and Bryant M. Black.
5	CN 047-021	Ela Macdowell	April 1986	Donald K. Campbell.

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5	CN 047-022	Ela Macdowell	April 1986	L to R: Donald K. Campbell and Howard G. Hendricks.
5	CN 047-023	Ela Macdowell	April 1986	Executive Committee meeting; L to R: James (Jim) F. Anderson, Louis A. Barbieri, Donald K. Campbell, Roy B. Zuck, and Andrew (Andy) J. Wileman.
5	CN 047-024	Ela Macdowell	April 1986	Sign congratulating Donald K. Campbell on his first day as president, Verna Mershon on the right.
5	CN 047-025	Ela Macdowell	April 1986	L to R: John Campbell [Dr. Campbell's youngest son] and Donald K. Campbell.
5	CN 047-026	Ela Macdowell	April 1986	Staff party for Dr. Campbell on his first day as president. L to R: Roger M. Raymer, Donald K. Campbell, Marie Janeway, and Jan Newsome.
5	CN 047-027	Ela Macdowell	April 1986	Staff party for Dr. Campbell on his first day as president. L to R in front: Donald K. Campbell, Roy B. Zuck, and Roger M. Raymer, and in back Louis A. Barbieri, and James (Jim) F. Anderson.
5	CN 047-028	Ela Macdowell	April 1986	Staff party for Donald K. Campbell on his first day as president. L to R: Louis A. Barbieri, unidentified, unidentified, and James (Jim) F. Anderson.
5	CN 047-029	Ela Macdowell	April 1986	Staff party for Donald K. Campbell on his first day as president. L to R: Donald K. Campbell, James (Jim) F. Anderson, and Louis A. Barbieri.
5	CN 047-030	Ela Macdowell	April 1986	Staff party. L to R: unidentified, Donald K. Campbell, and unidentified.

<b>File</b>	<b>Photo ID</b>	<b>Photographer</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Description</b>
5	CN 047-031		April 1986	Ela Macdowell at her desk.
6	CN 047-032		September 12, 1986	Inauguration of Dr. Campbell at Prestonwood Baptist Church. Donald K. Campbell kneeling in front. Standing L to R: George C. Kemble, John F. Walvoord, William H. Seay, and David C. Cotten.
6	CN 047-033		September 12, 1986	Inauguration of Dr. Campbell. L to R: Donald K. Campbell and Roy B. Zuck.
7	CN 047-034			Ela Macdowell at desk in remodeled office.
7	CN 047-035			Remodeled president's office. L to R: Ela Macdowell, Marsha Marlowe, and Marie Janeway.
7	CN 047-036			DTS Board of Incorporate Members in front of Walvoord Student Center.
7	CN 047-037			DTS women employees.
8	CN 047-038		circa 1991	Bea Campbell and Donald K. Campbell, not long before Bea's death on 6-21-1991.
9	CN 047-039		Oct. 1991	Birthday party for Charles R. Swindoll during a break in the Board meetings. L to R: Ela Macdowell and Charles R. Swindoll.
9	CN 047-040		Oct. 1991	Birthday party for Charles R. Swindoll. L to R: [possibly Marvin Watson], Donald K. Campbell, Charles R. Swindoll, and Ela Macdowell.
9	CN 047-041		Oct. 1991	Birthday party for Charles R. Swindoll.
9	CN 047-042		Oct. 1991	Birthday party for Charles R. Swindoll. L to R: Donald K. Campbell and Charles R. Swindoll.

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9	CN 047-043		Oct. 1991	Board members and wives entering Academic Building 2 for a luncheon.
9	CN 047-044		Oct. 1991	Board of Incorporate Members luncheon in Lamb Auditorium. Anthony (Tony) T. and Lois Evans on far right.
9	CN 047-045		Oct. 1991	Board of Incorporate Members luncheon. Includes Jack and Sally Turpin.
9	CN 047-046		Oct. 1991	Board of Incorporate Members luncheon. Frederic (Fred) Keeley on far right, William (Bill) N. Garrison on far left.
9	CN 047-047		Oct. 1991	Board of Incorporate Members luncheon. Standing in front L to R: Fred Sewell and William (Bill) S. Barnard.
9	CN 047-048		Oct. 1991	Board of Incorporate Members luncheon. Anthony (Tony) T. and Lois Evans.
9	CN 047-049		Oct. 1991	Board of Incorporate Members luncheon.
11	CN 047-050			Donald K. Campbell at desk.
11	CN 047-051			L to R: Donald K. Campbell, Roy B. Zuck, Wendell G. Johnston, David C. Cotten, and William (Bill) S. Barnard.
11	CN 047-052			Board of Incorporate Members in front of Davidson and Stearns.
11	CN 047-053			Board of Incorporate Members in front of Walvoord Student Center.
11	CN 047-054			L to R: Jack Turpin and Donald K. Campbell.
11	CN 047-055			Three unidentified men.
11	CN 047-056			DTS women employees (duplicate of #CN047-037, but slightly larger).
11	CN 047-057			DTS women employees (slightly different view than # CN047-037).