

Guide to
**Clarence E. Mason Jr. Collection of Evangelical Theological College Notes
and Memorabilia**

circa 1924-1927 and undated

.12 linear feet

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**Abstract: Notes taken and photographs collected by a student in the first class at
Evangelical Theological College.**

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Biographical Sketch:

Clarence E. Mason Jr. was born in Charlotte, NC on November 12, 1904. After receiving his BA from Wheaton College in 1924, he enrolled in the first class of the Evangelical Theological College, now Dallas Theological Seminary. He completed his ThM in 1927, and received a Doctor of Divinity degree from Wheaton in 1940.

Mason had expected to minister in China, but health reasons prevented this. He served as a pastor in Philadelphia from 1927-1934, and in Atlantic City from 1935-1946. Mason started teaching part-time at the Philadelphia School of the Bible, now Cairn University, in 1927, and became vice president of academic affairs in 1956. Dr. Mason worked in various capacities at the school until his death. He served on the board of the Overseas Missionary Fellowship, now OMF International and formerly China Inland Mission, for thirty-seven years.

Mason was an authority on the Scofield Reference Bible, and served on the committee which revised and updated the Bible to produce the 1967 edition. He later served on another committee to integrate Scofield's notes with the New International Version. He contributed articles to the *Sunday School Times*, *Bibliotheca Sacra*, *King's Business* and *Seek*. His writings include *Dispensationalism Made Simple*, *Prophetic Problems with Alternate Solutions* and *Love Song*.

Mason married Lois McShane Mason (1904-1997), and they had two children, Robert and Elizabeth. Dr. Mason died January 18, 1985.

References:

"Understanding the Bible, Study Reference Biography: Clarence E. Mason.," Philadelphia Biblical University, http://www.ancientpath.net/bible/pbu/mason/mason_biography.htm [accessed April 7, 2009].

Elizabeth Mason Givens to Lolana Thompson, letter, April 19, 2009, Dallas Theological Seminary Archives Donor Files.

System of Arrangement:

The Clarence E. Mason Jr. Collection of Evangelical Theological College Notes and Memorabilia are arranged in two series.

Series I. Notes, circa 1924-1927. .04 linear feet (1 folder)

Left in the same order the pages were in the ring binder.

Series II. Memorabilia, 1926 and undated. .08 linear feet (2 folders)

Photographs were numbered arbitrarily and arranged by number.

Scope and Content Note: The collection, in three folders, was assembled or written by Clarence E. Mason Jr. while he was a student at the Evangelical Theological College. The collection is organized in two series. The first series, notes, provides insight into the courses he took and topics which interested him. The second series, memorabilia, consists primarily of autographs

and photographs which help document the early students and faculty at Dallas Theological Seminary. Mason's collection helps provide information about the early years of the seminary.

Selected Search Terms:

Mason Jr, Clarence E.

Evangelical Theological College

Donor/Source: Mrs. Elizabeth Mason Givens, April 6, 2009.

Custodial History: Mrs. Givens inherited the papers from her father, Clarence E. Mason Jr., and later donated them to Dallas Theological Seminary Archives.

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

Related Material:

A Reference File for Clarence E. Mason Jr. in the Archives contains some articles printed from the internet.

Processing Information:

The notebook pages were maintained in the order in which they were received. The processor tried to group similar photographs together and then numbered them sequentially.

Container List

Series I. Notes

circa 1924-1927

Folder# Title, Dates, Description

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| 1 | Notes | circa 1924-1927 |
| | Typed and written notes. Contents include comments on Bible verses; Mason's translation of the Book of Romans 1-10:8; "Anderson's Outlines;" Homiletics (notes from William M. Anderson Jr. and Alex B. Winchester); "worthwhile sayings;" missions; Greek; the Chinese language; and schedules of classes and activities, 1924-25 and undated. | |

Series II. Memorabilia

1926 and undated

Folder# Title, Dates, Description

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| 2 | Autograph Pages and Photographs | 1926 and circa 1924-1927 |
| | Two pages (front and back of one leaf) with a total of 22 signatures of students, faculty and staff at Evangelical Theological College, 1926; 53 undated small (about 2" x 3") photographs of students, faculty, the seminary location on Hughes Circle, and various unidentified people. | |
| 3 | Ring Binder | undated |
| | Red leather binder 7" x 10" which originally held the notes. It has a Wheaton sticker and the leather is deteriorating. | |