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Summary Information

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Biographical and Historical Note

Blanchard Powers and Vern Blanchard Powers were Baptist ministers, serving as pastors and working at the convention level virtually all their lives. Mary Betty "Snookie" Powers Dixon (Vern's daughter, Blanchard's granddaughter) earned a master's degree at Ouachita Baptist University and taught Christian ministry classes part-time while serving as minister of education and administration at First Baptist Church of Arkadelphia before she retired. Snookie is married to Bill Dixon, former dean of students and vice president for student services at Ouachita.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains seven scrapbooks that tell the story of the Powers family's travels to the Southern Baptist Convention. Between 1943 and 1969, the family attended the annual meetings, and Mary Martin (Mrs. Blanchard) Powers kept scrapbooks documenting the family's journeys. The scrapbooks detail each trip, including the vehicle they drove, the route they took, and convention programs. The volumes include a list of expenditures made on each trip such as the cost of food, fuel, and lodging. There are also photos and postcards of the sights they saw along the way, photos of convention personalities, and writeups of issues discussed at the convention. The memory book for Rev. B. B. and Mary Powers' fiftieth wedding anniversary is also included, as well as some small notebooks containing the couple's tithe and trip records.

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Mary Betty "Snookie" Dixon, Arkadelphia, 2018

Collection Inventory

Scrapbooks	
	Box
1.1: 1943-1949Ridgecrest, North Carolina; Paoli, Indiana; Miami; St. Louis; Oklahoma City	1
1.2: 1950-1957Chicago, California, LaFollette, Waynesboro, Evansville	
	Box
2.1: 1950-1953, 1962Norfolk, Waynesboro, Florida, Ridgecrest, Houston, New Orleans, Gatlinburg	2
2.2: 1954-1959St. Louis, Miami, Kansas City, Houston, Louisville	Dov
	Box
3.1: 1960-1967Miami, Glorieta, St. Louis, Kansas City, and quartet reunion	3
3.2: 1964-1967Atlantic City, Dallas, Detroit, Miami	
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4.3 Songs/Hymns about mothers