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Biography

Lucille Elene Swank was born November 22, 1922, in Ontario, California. Her parents, Evelena and Charley Swank, met at the Azusa Street Mission in Los Angeles, California, where they served in the orchestra. Evelena’s father, Sam Smith, began attending the Azusa Street Mission in about 1912 or 1913.

When Lucille was nine years old the family attended a Pentecostal revival. She went forward and as she reached the front began speaking in tongues. She went to her father, who also began speaking in tongues. She remembered that 35 other young people followed her lead and came to the altar as well.

Lee Roy Erickson was born in Provencal, Louisiana, July 8, 1917. Lee Roy left Louisiana after high school and stayed with his married sister in California to receive training at a vocational institute. What he learned there in one year sustained him until age 82 when he retired from Northwest Airlines. In 1939 he hitchhiked to St. Paul, Minnesota, to attend Apostolic Bible Institute (ABI). After one year of training, he returned to California to work for Douglas Aircraft. In California, he met his evangelist-sister’s best friend, Lucille. Because it was wartime, they married within three months, on February 1, 1942. He was not shipped abroad during the war; his job at Douglas was valuable to the war effort.

After marriage, Lee Roy always wanted to return to ABI. In 1952, then a family of four, they spent a year and a half at his alma mater. He returned to Ontario, California, where he resumed his work and supported the United Pentecostal Church. Still, he always longed to return to ABI to finish what he had started. His family members, who came to share his love for ABI, over the next ten years enjoyed the Bible school and Midway Tabernacle, the church associated with ABI. After their oldest daughter enrolled at ABI in 1962, the family sold everything and moved to St. Paul. Lee Roy’s dream came true. He enrolled at ABI and graduated in 1964.

While in Ontario, Lee Roy served as Sunday School Superintendent for the United Pentecostal Church and as a teacher for many years. Lucille served as bookkeeper for 17 years, and as a piano player, teacher, and Ladies Auxiliary director for the southern part of California. Lee Roy took a sabbatical and his family helped him to start a new church in Yucaipa, California, which he turned over to a pastor once it was established.

Lucille served as director of the ABI Wives group in St. Paul. Inspired by vacations in Hawaii, she developed Hawaiian luaus as fund raisers in the Apostolic Bible Church in St. Paul.

People still recall the mountains of fudge her ABI Wives group made and sold, neatly wrapped in cellophane with a holly sprig in the middle. She taught her children that anything worth doing was worth doing well, and that doing it for Jesus was the best.
Over the years Lee Roy and Lucille supported many missionaries and personally visited many of them, bringing gifts and encouragement. Lucille was a gifted cake decorator and once traveled to Bogota, Colombia to make a wedding cake for the son of her long-time missionary friend.

Lee Roy worked for Northwest Airlines for 35 years. He gave generously to many good causes. An orphanage in Nigeria was dedicated to the memory of his generosity.

Oneness Pentecostalism was Lee Roy’s great passion. He loved to read the Bible and engage in conversations and sometimes arguments defending it. In 2002 the Ericksons celebrated their 60th. Lucile died two months later. Up to his final days, Lee Roy always had a new joke, knew the current events and quoted scripture flawlessly. He and Lucille raised four children, all Pentecostals.

(Adapted from a biographical sketch written by Cheryl Erickson Koren)

**Scope and Content**

The Lee Roy and Lucille Erickson Collection contains published and unpublished materials collected by Lee Roy and Lucille Erickson. Most materials relate to their involvement with: the Western District of the United Pentecostal Church; Apostolic Bible Church, St. Paul, Minnesota; and Apostolic Bible Institute, St. Paul, Minnesota. The collection includes numerous books, tracts, periodicals, and audio and video recordings. The collection is significant because it provides a rare glimpse into Oneness Pentecostalism, a growing and poorly understood segment of the Pentecostal movement. Of particular import are materials relating to Apostolic Bible Church and its pastor, Robert A. Sabin. Apostolic Bible Church sponsored Apostolic Bible Institute, for many years the largest ministerial training school in the United Pentecostal Church. Disagreement concerning some changes within the UPC caused Bro. Sabin and the Apostolic Bible Church to leave the United Pentecostal Church in the 1990s. The collection contains valuable audio and video recordings containing Sabin’s teachings, as well as two debates between Oneness and Trinitarian theologians.

**Subjects:**
- Oneness doctrine (Pentecostalism)
- Pentecostalism
Arrangement
This collection is organized into 3 boxes.

Box Inventory

Box 1
Books:


Fifty Favorite Hymns, undated booklet, 32 pp.


Manuwal, Lewis. Revival of the Name...Jesus: Water Baptism According to the Bible and Historical References that Relate to Doctrines and Practices of the early Church, 33-100 A.D. Hazelwood, MO: End-Time Ministries, n.d.


Norris, S. G. The Mighty God in Christ! Undated pamphlet, 32 pp. (3 copies)

Norris, S. G. The Mighty God in Christ! Undated pamphlet, 37 pp. (2 copies)


**Tracts:**

Ewart, Frank J. This Is That. N.p., n.d.


Hanby, S. R. The Apostle’s Doctrine. St. Louis, MO: United Pentecostal Church, n.d. (7 copies)

MacWhorter, Alexander. The Memorial Name. N.p., 1857 (reprint)

Norris, S. G. The Keys. St. Louis, MO: United Pentecostal Church, n.d. (10 copies)


The Truth About the Bible. Hazelwood, MO: United Pentecostal Church, n.d.

Water Baptism. St. Louis, MO: United Pentecostal Church, n.d. (3 copies)

White, Dr. James R. Trinitarians in general and the Scriptures. N.p., n.d.

**Sheet Music:**

Periodicals: (Red lettering = separated to Archive Periodicals (catalogued)

*Eveningtime* (St. Paul, MN: Apostolic Bible Church)
  Nov 1980

*Gospel Tidings* (San Jose, CA: Western District of the United Pentecostal Church)
  17:12 (Dec 1958)
  18:7 (Jul 1959)
  19:2 (Feb 1960)
  19:7 (Jul 1960)
  20:7 (Jul 1961)

*Minnesota-Manitoba Messenger* (Worthington, MN: Minnesota-Manitoba District of the United Pentecostal Church)
  Feb 1968
  Sep 1969

*One in Fellowship* (St. Paul, MN: Apostolic Bible Church)
  2:1 (Feb/Mar 1994) (5 copies)
  2:2 (Apr/May 1994)
  2:3 (Jun/Jul 1994)

*Pentecostal Herald* (Hazelwood, MO: United Pentecostal Church)
  36:4 (Apr 1961)
  38:5 (May 1963)
  59:7 (Jul 1984)
  63:8 (Aug 1988)

*The Pentecostal Way* (St. Paul, MN: Apostolic Bible Institute)
  Oct/Nov 1956
  Mar 1957
  Apr 1957
  May/Jun 1957
  Nov 1957
  Dec 1957
  1958 (undated)
  Mar 1958
  May/Jun 1958
  Oct 1958
  Nov 1958
  Apr 1959
  Nov 1961
  Nov 1962
  Mar 1963
  May 1963
  Oct 1963
Mar 1965
Oct 1965
Mar/Apr 1966
May/Jun 1966
Oct 1966
Dec 1967
Mar 1968
Oct 1968

Reflections: A Magazine for Christian Women (Hazelwood, MO: United Pentecostal Church)
Nov/Dec 1993
Sep/Oct 1995

United Pentecostal Church Newsletter (Salinas, CA: United Pentecostal Church)
Sep 6, 1959

World Harvest Today (Hazelwood, MO: United Pentecostal Church)
34:2 (Apr/Jun 2001)
36:1 (Jan/Mar 2003)

Correspondence:
Correspondence from Bonnie Erickson (November 2004) regarding deposit of the Lee Roy and Lucille Erickson Collection at the McAlister Library, including a biographical sketch of Lee Roy and Lucille Erickson.

Box 2
Audio Recordings:


Messages delivered at Apostolic Bible Church, St. Paul, MN
Sep 29, 1984 Oneness debate, by Matther vs. Sabin (3 cassettes)
Apr 21, 1985 Right Hand of God, by Robert A. Sabin
Oct 25, 1985 The Battle is God’s, by Nathaniel A. Urshan
Oct 26, 1985 Buy the Truth and Sell It Not, by Nathaniel A. Urshan
Mar 30, 1986 The Second Commandment
Apr 3, 1986 Love of the Brethren
Sep 21, 1986  Death is Swallowed in Victory, by Robert A. Sabin
Dec 28, 1989  Oneness Testimony, by Tim Peterson
Dec 2, 1990  Daniel 7: Prophecy Past and Present, by Robert A. Sabin
Jan 6, 1991  The Last Days, by Robert A. Sabin
Jan 13, 1991  Two People, One Lord, by Robert A. Sabin
Feb 17, 1991  The Deceit of Discontent, by Robert A. Sabin (2 cassettes)
Mar 7, 1991  Testimony, by Tim Peterson
Jun 30, 1991  Jesus is the One; Oneness Theology, by Johnny James
Jul 14, 1991  Universalism’s Core Scriptures, by Robert A. Sabin
Sep 8, 1991  Balancing the Equation, by Robert A. Sabin
Sep 29, 1991  The Man That the Spirit Moves, by Robert A. Sabin
Aug 9, 1992  God’s Perfect Temple, by Robert A. Sabin
Aug 16, 1992  Reversal of Adversity, by Robert A. Sabin
Aug 23, 1992  Taking Advantage of the Weakness of God, by Robert A. Sabin
Dec 20, 1992  Our Fellowship with the Dead, by Robert A. Sabin
Feb 14, 1993  When You Fall into the Hands of the Potter, by Robert A. Sabin
May 9, 1993  Pastoral Prerogatives: To Watch for Souls, by Robert A. Sabin
May 19, 1993  Babylon: How It Applies to Us, by Robert A. Sabin
Jun 23, 1993  How Grecian Philosophy Determines Christian Doctrine, by Robert A. Sabin
Jul 11, 1993  The Basic Essence of a Truly Holy Man, by Robert A. Sabin
Dec 5, 1993  Science According to Moses, by Dr. Thomas Sharp (2 cassettes)
Dec 5, 1993  Evolution vs Creation, by Dr. Thomas Sharp (2 cassettes)
Feb 9, 1994  Initial Evidence Doctrine, by Robert A. Sabin
Feb 13, 1994  Post-Pentecostal Spirit-Filling, by Robert A. Sabin
Feb 13, 1994  Don’t Stop Seeking, by Robert A. Sabin
Feb 20, 1994  The Saint’s Inheritance, by Robert A. Sabin
Feb 20, 1994  For the Excellency of the Knowledge of Jesus Christ, by Robert A. Sabin
Mar 6, 1994  A Prerogative That Is Given Exclusively to You! by Robert A. Sabin
Jul 27, 1994  The Truth About Christian Women, by Robert A. Sabin
Jul 9, 1995  Pentecost and Then the Holy Ghost, by Robert A. Sabin
Sep 6, 1995  Forgiveness, by Michael Friend
Sep 7, 1995  Michael Friend
Sep 8, 1995  Committed to the Purpose, by Michael Friend
Undated  The Man Christ Jesus, by Robert A. Sabin
Undated  Calendar of Coming Events, by S. G. Norris
Undated  The Value of Pentecostal Message, by Robert A. Sabin

Messages Delivered at the Minnesota District (UPC) Senior Camp
Jul 9, 2001  You Got What You Wanted, But You Lost What You Had, by Ron Tiller
Jul 10, 2001  Your Decision is Your Destiny, by Ron Tiller
Jul 10, 2001  God Knows, But the Blood Covers, by Anthony Cox
Jul 11, 2001  There is a Conflict in the Earth, by Ron Tiller
Jul 11, 2001  It’s Not a Fairy Tale! by Anthony Cox
Jul 12, 2001  Some Crossroads We Must Survive! by Anthony Cox
Jul 12, 2001  The Proof of Being His Chosen, by Ron Tiller
Jul 13, 2001  Getting Into Something That You Can’t Get Over! by Ron Tiller
Jul 13, 2001  The Anointing, by Anthony Cox
Jul 13, 2001  I Changed My Mind! by Anthony Cox

Messages Delivered at UPC General Conferences
1977  David Gray
1978  Rex Johnson
1983  Nathaniel A. Urshan
1983  E. L. Holley
1983  Rex Johnson
1985  David Gray
1988  The Bible, Our Guide; The World, Our Goal, by Carl Stephenson
1992  Exalting Jesus in the 1990s, by Cleveland M. Becton

Miscellaneous Messages
Sep 18, 1986  John Ankerberg show
Undated  John Ankerberg show – rebuttal
Feb 13, 1991  Loretta Earl
Mar 7, 1991  Testimony, by Tim Peterson
Apr 22, 1992  Living Untroubled, by Nona Freeman, at Minnesota District Ladies Retreat
Undated  1931-1933, Benjamin Urshan, G. T. Haywood, Morris Golder

Video Cassette Recordings:
Messages Delivered at UPC General Conferences
1988  Foreign Missions Division Service
1988  Home Missions Division Service
1989  Ladies Auxiliary and Education Division Service
1995  Stanley W. Chambers, special presentation service

Messages delivered at Apostolic Bible Church, St. Paul, MN
Oct 6, 1990  Apostolic Bible Church, 75th Anniversary, Heritage Day, Wendell Gleason, speaker
Oct 7, 1990  Bible Church, 75th Anniversary, Sammy Stewart, speaker
Undated  The Profound Truth That God Will Reveal to Anyone, by Robert A. Sabin

Debates regarding the doctrine of the Trinity
Jan 12-13, 1990  Who Was Jesus Christ, Part 1 (4 cassettes)
Robert M. Bowman, Jr. vs. Robert A. Sabin, at Apostolic Bible Church, St. Paul, MN
Nathaniel A. Urshan and Jay Howard, moderators
Aug 17-18, 1990  Who Was Jesus Christ, Part 2 (4 cassettes)
Robert M. Bowman, Jr. vs. Robert A. Sabin, at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Newport Beach, CA
James N. Larson and Hank Hanegraaff, moderators

Photograph:
Youth Convention of the Western District of the United Pentecostal Church, Carlsbad, California, September 3-6, 1946 (oversize photograph)

Box 3
LP Recordings:
Apostolic Bible Institute.  It’s a Wonderful Life!  Minneapolis, MN: UA Recording, n.d.
Apostolic Bible Institute Chorale and Brass.  God Said It! I Believe It!  N.p., n.d. (2 copies)
Apostolic Voices. N.p., n.d.


Burns, Jerry and Beth. Gospel’s Best in Two Languages. N.p., n.d.


Ewing, Murrell with Landy. Once Again, For the Good Times. Houston, TX: Good Times Records, n.d.


Richardson, Steve. You Gave My Life a Song. Clear Creek, IN: Steve Richardson, n.d.


The Watchmen. Oklahoma City, OK: Benson Sound Studio, n.d.