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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 anniversary, 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 primarily documents 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:
- Church controversies
- Oneness doctrine (Pentecostalism)
- Pentecostalism
- Sabin, Robert, 1949-
- Theology
**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
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  Oct 1958
  Nov 1958
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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
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<td>Babylon: How It Applies to Us</td>
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<td>How Grecian Philosophy Determines Christian Doctrine</td>
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<td>The Basic Essence of a Truly Holy Man</td>
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<td>The Saint’s Inheritance</td>
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<td>For the Excellency of the Knowledge of Jesus Christ</td>
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<td>A Prerogative That Is Given Exclusively to You!</td>
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**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:

    Abbott, David and Darcy.  Getting Emotional.  Greenville, SC: Mark Five
    Studios, n.d.


    Apostolic Bible Institute. It’s a Wonderful Life!  Minneapolis, MN: UA
    Recording, n.d.


    (2 copies)

    Apostolic Bible Institute Quartet.  Good News.  Minneapolis, MN: Cookhouse
    Recording, n.d.

    Apostolic Bible Institute Quartet.  I Must Tell Jesus.  Minneapolis, MN: UA
    Recording, n.d.

    Apostolic Bible Institute Quartet.  Something Within.  St. Paul, MN: Sacred Knof
    Recordings, n.d.
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.
Finding Aid by Darrin Rodgers, 10 August 2005