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## **Collection 82: Collection of Jackson Wilcox, 1938-2010**

### **Administrative Information**

**Title:**

Collection of Jackson Wilcox, 1938-2010

**Collection Identifier:**

CFT00082

**Creators:**

Wilcox, Jackson

**Size:**

10 Boxes, 6 linear feet

**Repository:**

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**Provenance:**

The gift of Jackson Wilcox

**Conditions Governing Access/Restrictions:**

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**Language:**

English

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## Biography

Jackson Wilcox is an American Baptist pastor, artist, writer, and editor with a ministry career spanning over six decades. He served in ten pastorates, primarily on the West Coast, and published church newsletters illustrated with his distinctive cartoons and drawings. This ministry included his work in Los Angeles during the Jesus People Movement, where his wife served as secretary to Duane Pederson, editor of the *Hollywood Free Paper*, and he produced a number of cartoons that were published in the *Hollywood Free Paper*. This collection provides a unique window into the American Baptist church during the mid-to-late 20th century as well as the Jesus People Movement heritage and its continued influence.

Jackson Burton Wilcox was born on an estate at the foot of Echo Mountain in Altadena, California. His father was Burton Wilcox, son of William Cullen and Idabelle Wilcox, pioneer missionaries in South Africa. His mother was Ethel Ruth Angel Jackson, the daughter of George and Florence Jackson, who were members of Tremont Baptist Church in Pasadena when Cull Wilcox needed funds to return to South Africa. Jackson graduated from the University of Redlands with a bachelor's degree, then from Colgate Rochester Divinity School with a master's in divinity, and was later awarded a doctorate in divinity from Eastern College. Following brief periods as a writer with Western Personnel Service, and then as a Deputy Probation Officer with Los Angeles County, he was licensed to preach by the First Baptist Church of Pasadena. At this church he and Marjorie Robbins, of San Gabriel, California, were married. After a short time in ministry at Sunnyside Baptist Church in Los Angeles, they traveled to New York where Jackson had his first pastorate at the First Baptist Church of Williamson, New York; it was this church which ordained him as a minister. From Williamson he went to the pastorate of Park Baptist Church in St. Paul, Minnesota. Then came two pastorates in Washington State: Camas and Aberdeen. Pastorates in California followed: First Baptist, Chowchilla; First Baptist, Santa Cruz; First Baptist, Lindsay; First Baptist, Hollywood; Panorama Baptist, Pacoima; and Mayflower Church, Quartz Hill. On September 1, 2003, he and Marjorie completed 62 years of ministry (including one year as national director of junior high work). As a cartoonist and writer, he has produced textbooks, study courses, newspaper and magazine articles and columns. In 1983 he launched *Silver Wings*, a small bimonthly publication featuring Christian poetry." He and Marjorie had four children. Marjorie passed away in 2003. She had served as secretary to Duane Pederson, editor of the *Hollywood Free Paper*, during the Jesus People Movement, and both Jackson and Marjorie Wilcox figured in the Jesus People Movement in Hollywood.

## Scope of Content

The collection primarily covers the latter half of the 20th century, from the 1939 to 2010. The principal focus of the collection is the cartoons and newsletters of Jackson Wilcox. Formats in the collection are diverse. They include cartoons, church newsletters, scrapbooks of Wilcox's newspaper columns, notes for Wilcox's sermons, a DVD, digital recordings of oral histories, and periodicals.

Also see the *Hollywood Free Paper* (in Duane Pederson, Jesus People International, and Hollywood Free Paper Collection, or the Archived Periodicals), for Jackson Wilcox's printed cartoons. Photos of his wife, Marjorie Wilcox, are also included in the Pederson Collection.

### Subjects:

- American Baptist Churches in the U.S.A.
- Cartoonists -- United States -- Biography
- Jesus People
- Wilcox, Jackson

## Arrangement and Series Description

The collection has been organized in 10 boxes consisting of 2 series as follows:

### Series I: Publications

*Subseries I: Church newsletters* (Boxes 1-6)

These include newsletters published by Jackson Wilcox at the many churches he served as pastor from 1952 to 2003.

*Subseries II: Other writings* (Boxes 7-9)

These include Bible study guides, newsletters written for organizations such as the Kiwanis Club, newspaper columns, histories of various churches, devotionals, travel diaries, poetry, sermons, promotional and autobiographical items.

### Series II: Cartoons (Box 10)

Cartoons designed for the Hollywood Free Paper and the Jesus Movement in general.

## Box Inventory

### *Box 1: Church newsletters*

Item	Description	Date	Location
1	Aberdeen Baptist Broadcaster	October 1952-September 1954	First Baptist Church, Aberdeen, Washington
2	Aberdeen Baptist Broadcaster	October 1954-September 1956	First Baptist Church, Aberdeen, Washington
3	Chowchilla Baptist Midweek Visitor	October 1957-September 1959	First Baptist Church, Chowchilla, California
4	Chowchilla Baptist Midweek Visitor	October 1959-August 1960	First Baptist Church, Chowchilla, California
5	Santa Cruz First Baptist Church Call	September 1960-December 1962	Santa Cruz First Baptist, Santa Cruz, California

### *Box 2: Church newsletters*

Item	Description	Date	Location
1	Santa Cruz First Baptist Church Call	January 1963- December 1964	Santa Cruz First Baptist, Santa Cruz, California
2	Lindsay Sword and Trowel	February 1965-December 1967	First Baptist Church, Lindsay, California
3	Lindsay Sword and Trowel	January 1968-November 1969	First Baptist Church, Lindsay, California

### *Box 3: Church newsletters*

Item	Description	Date	Location
1	First Baptist Church Holly Witness	November 1969-September 1971	First Baptist Church, Hollywood California
2	Panorama Vine	August 1973-December 1975	Panorama Baptist Church and Elementary School, Pacoima, California
3	Panorama Vine	January 1976-March 1979	Panorama Baptist Church and Elementary School, Pacoima, California

### *Box 4: Church newsletters*

Item	Description	Date	Location
1	Panorama Vine	April 1979-February 1982	Panorama Baptist Church and Elementary School, Pacoima, California
2	Panorama Vine	April 1979-February 1982	Panorama Baptist Church and Elementary School, Pacoima, California
3	Panorama Vine	April 1979-February 1982	Panorama Baptist Church and Elementary School, Pacoima, California

**Box 5: Church newsletters**

Item	Description	Date	Location
1	Quartz Hill Congregational United Church of Christ Newsletter	April 1992-July 1997	Quartz Hill, California

**Box 6: Church newsletters**

Item	Description	Date	Location
1	Mayflower Church Quartz Hill Congregational Newsletter	August 1997-August 2003 Includes separate church directory from July 1998	Quartz Hill, California

**Box 7: Writings**

Item	Description	Date	Location
1	The Book to Explore in '64	1964	First Baptist Church Santa Cruz, California
2	Kiwanis Konfessions	April 1965-September 1969	Lindsay, California
3	Leaves from the Pastor's Notebook	March 1965-December 1968	Lindsay, California
4	Leaves from the Pastor's Notebook	December 1968-1969	Lindsay, California

**Box 8: Writings**

Item	Description	Date	Location	Notes
1	Merrylee and Mrs. Van Delta of the Claremont	1971	Hollywood, California	Evangelistic children's story written and illustrated by Wilcox
2	Key 73 Youth Outreach Manual	1973	Mission Hills, California	Manual written by Wilcox to 'stimulate Youth Outreach Weeks' for Key 73
3	Youth Outreach Unlimited	1973	Mission Hills, California	Bible study; includes cartoons by Warren Heard
4	25th Anniversary Panorama Baptist Church	1975	Pacoima, California	History of the church and the program for anniversary celebration
5	annual birthday books	1997-2003	Quartz Hill, California	Gift books created and given by Wilcox
6	Thanksgiving to New Year's	1997-2003	Quartz Hill, California	Daily devotionals written and illustrated by Wilcox for the Christmas season
7	Charles Grandison Finney: Cartoons by Jackson Wilcox	2001	Pearblossom, California	Finney's quotes illustrated by Wilcox, who counted Finney's writings as a key influence

8	Narrow Flight East to Ouagadougou	2009	Clovis, California	Wilcox's illustrated diary account of his trip to Burkina Faso to celebrate the release of <i>Rebel Missionary in South Africa</i>
9	Poems in My Pocket	2009	Clovis, California	A collection of Wilcox's poems written on a trip from California to Alaska
10	Rebel Missionary in South Africa ( <i>DVD</i> )	2009	Northfield, Minnesota	A documentary DVD by Cherif Keita about Wilcox's grandparents
11	Pretoria in My Pocket	2010	Clovis, California	A collection of Wilcox's poems written on a trip to South Africa that honored the pioneering mission work of his grandparents
12	De Man Uit Een Afrikaansch Boschland	1926	South Africa	Afrikaans edition of William Cullen Wilcox's <i>The Man from an African Jungle</i>

### ***Box 9: Writings***

<b>Item</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Notes</b>
1	Sermon notebooks	3 spiral-bound notebooks of Wilcox's sermon notes
2	Christian Gifts magazine	One issue (Vol. 1, no. 1, Aug 1979) of a glossy periodical intended to "encourage the retailers of Christian greetings and gifts in the service which they can render to the house of the Lord."
3	[Jackson Wilcox autobiography]	Small leaflet containing an autobiography of Jackson Wilcox
4	Collection Agreement	

### ***Box 10: Cartoons from the Jesus People Movement***