

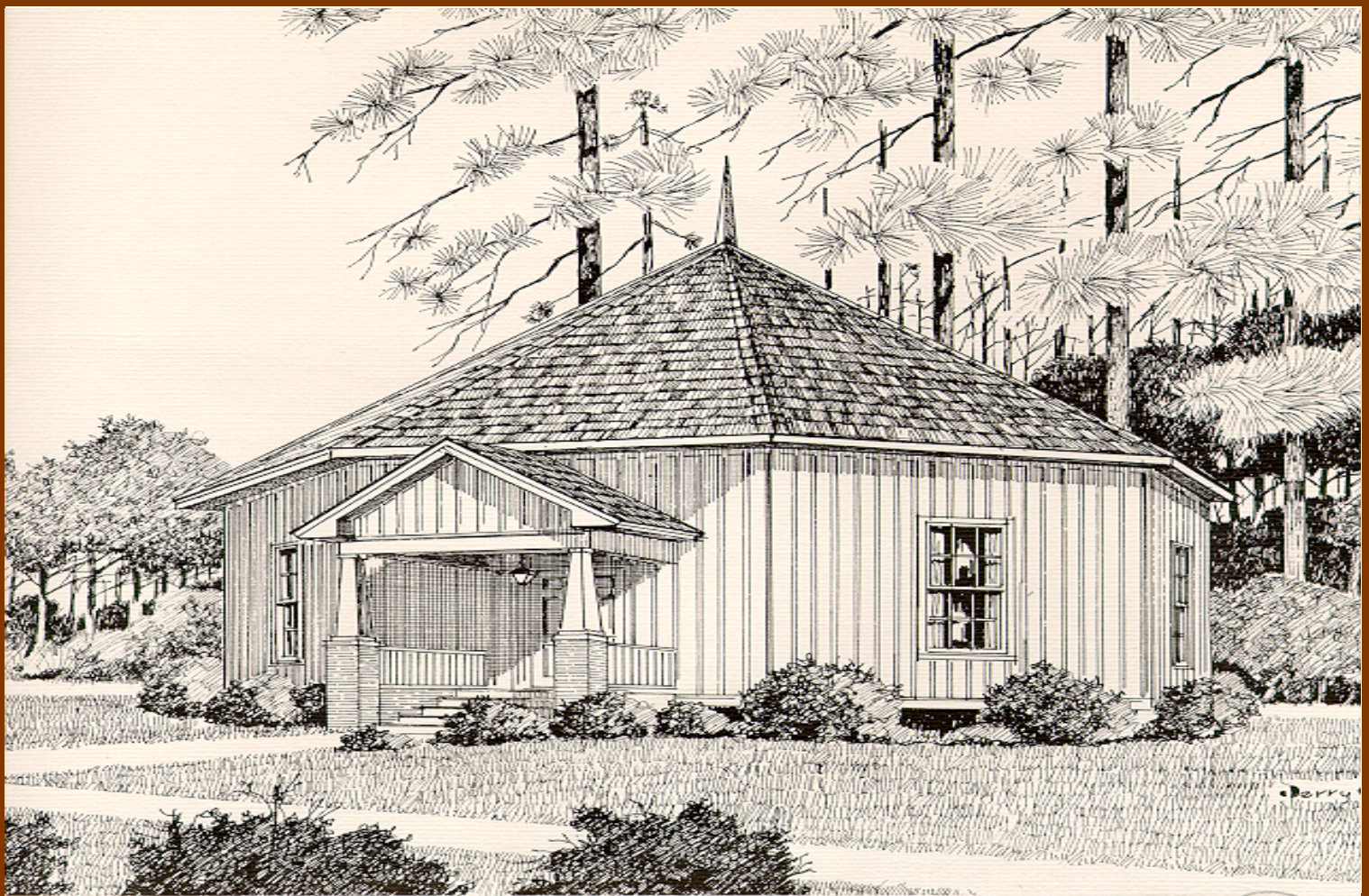


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CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF MINISTRY





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# ROOTS AND WINGS

## "Not Living in the Past, But LEARNING FROM THE PAST"

The purpose of our Archives is to radiate the light of Christ displayed through men and women in our history to the church of today, while leaving an afterglow of His faithfulness as a heritage for generations yet to come.

The mandate of the IPHC Archives and Research Center is to COLLECT and PRESERVE historical records and to keep alive the experiences of the church from which we all may gain wisdom. We make this valuable information ACCESSable for use by church administrators, publishers, authors, scholars, students, and family members. Remember CPA!

The children of Abraham were taught to say:  
"Our father was an Armanean who wandered . . ." (Deut. 26:5).

This story was told for many years. But God commanded that the story be committed to writing. This helps explain why so many Christians journey to Israel—because there is a written account that has been preserved about the acts of God in the land of Abraham.

In ancient Israel and in the apostolic age, chosen servants were guided to commit to writing and thus to a permanent form, God's word for the church. In due time the Jewish people lost not only their ark and temple, but their land itself. Yet their heritage was preserved in the sacred writings of the Law and the prophets.

When we think about the preservation of Scripture, we should also not forget the work of the scribes—those anonymous and faithful laborers of the so-called "Dark Ages," when civilization (in the classical sense) was threatened on all sides and it was impossible to multiply the books as we now do by the printing press—who preserved scriptures by copying the manuscripts faithfully.

### It's A Birthday, A Milestone—A Celebration!

Using the theme "Celebrate the Past - Seize the Future," the IPHC will observe two national celebrations of her centennial in 1998. The first will be held October 14 in Oklahoma City followed by Falcon, North Carolina on November 23-14. The IPHC Archives and Research Center is committed to seizing the future, however.

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**COVER:** On January 30, 1911, in the octagon-shaped Pentecostal Holiness Church building at Falcon, North Carolina, duly elected delegates met for the purpose of effecting a consolidation between the Pentecostal Holiness Church and the Fire-Baptized Holiness Church. Such was accomplished by the close of the following day. The name of the smaller group, Pentecostal Holiness Church, was accepted for the new union. J.A. Culbreth erected this structure in 1898 to honor Holiness meetings held in tents (thus the uniquely-shaped building). The Octagon building served as a camp-meeting tabernacle, a local church and an educational building. It was moved, restored, and formally rededicated on November 25, 1975.

one cannot know where to go unless they know where they have been! Join us in celebrating the rich past of a church that has a promising future.

These celebrations will provide an opportunity to honor the faithfulness of God and remember God's chosen servants. We cannot be so self-absorbed that we fail to acknowledge those who have gone before us. We will pause and consider the plumbline seen by the prophet Amos. A question we will face is, "Are we keeping God's covenant with having raised up this Movement, the Azusa Street Revival, and the IPHC in particular?"

**Our sister church**, the Fire-Baptized Holiness Church of God of the Americas (FBHCGA) will celebrate their centennial June 11 in Greenville, South Carolina. Special invitations have been extended to Bishop Leggett, Dr. Vinson Synan and Dr. Harold Hunter, but all are welcome to attend. **Bishop W.E. Fuller, Jr.**, son of the legendary Bishop W.E. Fuller, Sr., will preside over the FBHCGA General Council. Bishop Fuller will also participate in the IPHC Centennial Celebration held in Falcon.

If you need more information on the Fuller connection or like stories, the IPHC Archives and Research Center has made available the Centennial Timeline at the IPHC web site. I provided commentary on most entries. A longer version of this text will be distributed by the Pentecostal World Conference when meeting September 22-25 in Seoul, Korea.

I extend a warm welcome to the following newly-appointed IPHC conference archivists: **Rev. Orren Simpson**, Sonshine Conference; **Mrs. Frances Amos**, South Carolina Conference; **Mrs. Grace Bachelor**, Mid-Atlantic Conference; **Rev. Leroy Baker**, Texas Conference; **Rev. Damon Burrows**, Kansas Conference; **Dr. C.R. Connor**, Appalachian Conference; **Rev. Albert Maggard**, Great Plains Conference. †

# Take a Note

●We are pleased to announce that a Centennial History is being written by **Dr. Vinson Synan**. This prolific and talented favorite son of the IPHC has distinguished himself as a sympathetic, yet reliable, narrator of IPHC life. The book is scheduled for release in October. Pre-publication sales requests should be directed to Life Springs Resources.

●Thanks to **Rev. D. Chris Thompson** for conducting a seminar highlighting North Carolina historians and archivists. Held March 28 in Falcon, NC, the featured speaker was **Dr. Harold D. Hunter**, Director of the IPHC Archives and Research Center. Also participating in this event was **Dr. Daniel Woods**, author of a recent dissertation on IPHC history. Over 100 attended this event.

●The IPHC Archives and Research Center was contacted by **Christian History** magazine to provide digital copies of IPHC people and events for a forthcoming issue dedicated solely to Pentecostalism. This special issue will also feature a timeline on Pentecostalism by **Dr. Vinson Synan**.

●Our successful search for one-hundred-year-old documents allows us to feature the following during the centennial: *Blood and Fire* (Fire-Baptized Holiness hymnal, c. 1895); *The Guide* (a publication of the Fire-Baptized Holiness orphanage in Oklahoma City started in 1897); *Live Coals of Fire* (Fire-Baptized Holiness paper edited by **B.H. Irwin**, 1899-1900); and tracts by **B.H. Irwin** (1895). We are in desperate need of a photograph of **B.H. Irwin**. Please let us know if

you can help.

●A joint meeting of The Society for Pentecostal Studies (SPS) and the Wesleyan Theological Society (WTS) convened March 12-14 at the Church of God Theological Seminary in Cleveland, Tennessee. **Rev. William Purinton**, **Dr. Daniel Woods**, and **Mr. Stan York** presented papers on IPHC history. All three utilized holdings at the IPHC Archives and Research Center, in fact two traveled to Oklahoma City and spent several days in the center. Other participants included **Dr. Harold D. Hunter** and **Dr. Vinson Synan**. Archivists from SPS and WTS met and planned various joint ventures. Chief among them is a special conference in 1999 that will benefit IPHC historians and archivists.

●Duties as coeditor of the Pentecostal Charismatic Churches of North America (PCCNA) magazine, *Reconciliation*, led to an interview in early January with **Bishop Gilbert E. Patterson** by Dr. Harold D. Hunter. **Dr. Hunter** also preached at Bishop Patterson's church, the Temple of Deliverance, in Memphis on Sunday morning. Preaching to the packed auditorium proved to be a blessed experience. Bishop Patterson's services are broadcast on the Trinity Broadcasting Network.

●The IPHC Archives and Research Center published the first IPHC web page. Now, we are the first Pentecostal archives to provide video-enabled online reference assistance. Microsoft NetMeeting will be used at <ils.family.four11.com>. Contact **Mrs. Kaye Oxley** for instructions.



# Kansas City

## 23rd General Conference

### Archives & Research Center Breakfast Highlights

Excerpts from

#### “Bits and Pieces”

Speaker: Dr. A. D. Beacham, Jr.  
August 9, 1997

The 1997 General Conference motto begins with the phrase, *Celebrate the Past*, as an invitation to *Seize the Future*. The drawing to



*Archives and Research Director, Dr. Harold Hunter, presents a commendation plaque to Bishop B.E. Underwood.*

the left of the motto portrays movement through an open door following the flight of the Holy Spirit. It reminds us that the open door and the presence of the Holy Spirit are not just our experience but are part of our legacy.

The fact that we are in this city, with traceable roots to one branch of the church, adds to the significance of this breakfast. While there

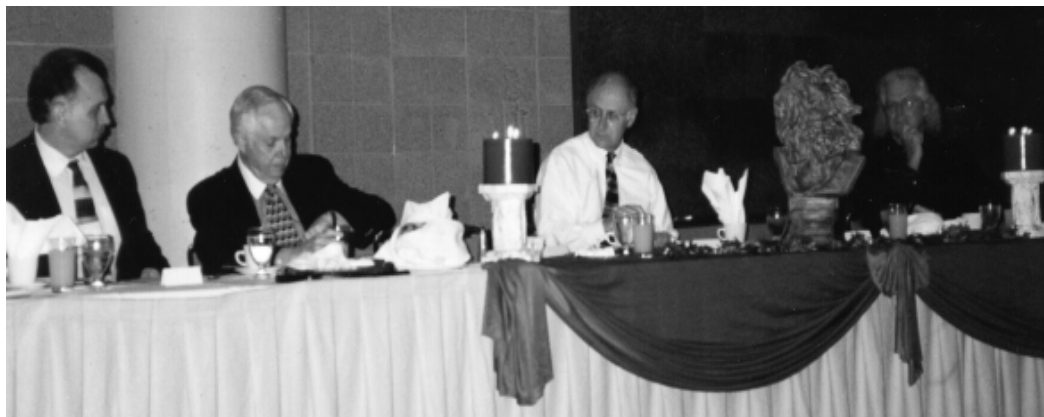
have been commendable efforts at preserving the artifacts of our history, this marks the first time that we are able to celebrate and give thanks for the commitment of denominational leadership to this vital effort. Bishop Underwood, Dr. Harold Hunter, the GEB and GBA are to be commended for supporting this effort that will bear fruit in years to come.

Through the years many have worked to preserve and record our history. Among them are Dr. Joseph Campbell, Dr. Vinson Synan, Rev. and Mrs. W. Eddie Morris, Mrs. Margaret Muse Drum, Rev. Noel Brooks, Rev. Smith Haley, Bishop B.E. Underwood, and the regular archives writings in what was the *Southern California Conference News*, to name a few. As I thought

of these efforts, three aspects of why this is important came to mind.

**First, it is important that we catalog the fact that we belong theologically and historically to the Christian faith.** We are not theological deviants from the witness of Scripture and apostolic tradition. We may have need to sharpen our focus and speak more clearly in certain areas, but in an age where truth is relative and memory is short, it is imperative that we preserve the facts of our theological heritage for the generation that will inherit the changes in knowledge and learning accompanying the advent of the 21st Century.

**Second, related to the first, we must preserve the accounts of the**



*Other participants at the breakfast included speakers Dr. Doug Beacham and Dr. Vinson Synan, songleader Rev. Laverne Tripp, and Rev. D. Chris Thompson, Conference Archivist for North Carolina.*



**mighty acts of God in and through the lives of the people who have been God's instruments in bringing us to this place in our history.** If we use wisely the technological resources available to us, we will

church, I've run across some funny, sad, and interesting things about our history and the people who made it. For instance, in the *1933 Georgia Conference Minutes*, Superintendent G.F. Taylor

*build a vault for burying Sister Jordan. Has turned some warmer today. May God give grace to Bro. Wily Jordan in this dark hour.*

**Tues. Jan 18:** Taught school till

recess. Then Bros. Todd, Nash, and I and some of the singers from here went to the funeral at Pruittte. Everything was carried out in nice order. The people could not all get in the church. Bro. Todd spoke first. Bro. Nash followed them. I concluded. Not many dry eyes at close of service. Helped get out Advocate



*About 120 brave and energetic souls defied the dark early morning hours to attend the breakfast.*

preserve for another generation the faces, voices, and actions of events which are shaping the church as we walk through the door of the future. But it is also vital that we find, preserve and present to our generation those acts of God through faithful servants in previous decades that have shaped us.

**Third, we need to remember that the people God has used are, to put it simply, people.** They laughed, they cried, they made wise and not-so-wise decisions, but they loved the Lord Jesus Christ and the Pentecostal Holiness Church. We can learn from their humor as well as from the stark reality they faced in days of great economic and social difficulty.

That's why I've titled this presentation "Bits and Pieces." Through the years of my own study of the

in his annual report wrote, *"In addition to these services, I have filled my place to the best of my ability as Editor of the Advocate and Sunday school literature. With the exception of about 15 minutes, I have lived this year exactly as I have desired; and this is the best record I have ever made in this world. My soul is now sanctified, and I have the baptism of the Holy Spirit."*

I've often wondered if those few minutes were in relation to a conference board meeting! The fact that Taylor was also president of the institute as well as pastor of the local church gives plenty of opportunity for an interesting fifteen minutes!

Byon A. Jones, while president of Franklin Springs Institute, recorded in his diary for 1927 these remarks:

**Monday, Jan. 17:** *Furnace out of commission. No school today. Went over to Pruittte (funeral home) to*

*tonight.*

**Friday, Jan. 21:**

*Another fine spring day. Sister King gave me a rooster and a pullet which makes us 5 hens now. None of us felt like going to service tonight. Usually some of us go.*

**Sat. Jan. 22:** *Worked 8 hours in shop today. My boil which is over the left eye this time has hurt me a bit today. I have lots of boils. I have heard they are worth \$5.00 each.*

**Wed. Jan. 26:** *Raining and bad today and tonight. I find more and more as days go by that I am filling a place before I am prepared for it. I need to go to school at least 5 more years then I could do better I feel.*

**Mon. Jan. 31:** *Fine day. We are trying to live as cheaply as possible ese behind every day. Some one has said, "if you can't make both ends meat, to make one of them vegetables."*

**Sun. Feb. 27:** Bro. King preached a fine sermon today. He is a great preacher. I wonder if I shall ever amount to anything as a preacher or anything else for that matter.

Finally, I want to include some editorial comments from the late Blanche L. King, widow of Bishop King, and at the time of this writing, assistant editor of the *Advocate* (H.T. Spence was the editor). The column, titled “I Wonder if We Might . . .” was her observations about annual conferences and camp meetings. Found in the January 24, 1952 *Advocate*, she wondered “if we might change our ways a bit.”

*“I sometimes attend our annual conferences, and unlike many ladies, I rather enjoy the business sessions. However, there are certain phases of these sessions that are worse than dull — they are almost exasperating. I am thinking particularly of that part of the conference that usually follows*

*immediately after the opening devotional period — the roll call. I have been in large conferences, held in tents or open tabernacles, when the secretary endeavored to enroll the ministers and church delegates. He usually gets along fairly well with the ministers who are present, for they have only to answer “Here” or “Present.” But when he hears no response he hesitates to pass on, wondering, evidently, if the minister has failed to hear his name, or if the secretary has failed to hear the minister’s response. But he finishes the ministerial roll and begins the roll call of churches.*

*“‘Mossy Meadows’ or ‘Happy Hollow’ is called, and a timid little sister rises to give her name. But her courage and her voice fail her, and she can scarcely be heard even by those who are near. The secretary puts his hand behind his ear and asks her to please repeat the name. The presiding Bishop is sympathetic and strains forward in an effort to hear what she says. Everyone in the audience turns and looks at her, some sympathetically and some not so benignly disposed. By this time she is so frightened she has almost forgotten her own name.*

*“There might possibly be a trumpet-voiced preacher near who has understood her*

*name and shouts it out, and the little sister blushingly takes her seat. Or perhaps no one is so obliging, and the puzzled secretary writes down what it sounds like and passes on. In the meantime the Bishop is sitting on the platform, fanning himself furiously, thinking of the business that should be disposed of in this particular session, and how fast the time is going by; and the people are getting tired and wondering how long before dinner will be served.”*

Mrs. King, seeing the wasted time and confusion, makes a recommendation to institute a registration booth at the beginning of every annual conference.

Yes, the history of the Pentecostal Holiness Church is filled with this kind of humor, insight, personal struggles, and desires to improve. We can learn a lot from it that will encourage us and remind us of what we can be about as we walk through this door of the future.†



## Come On . . . Let’s Celebrate 100 Years

### Suggestions for Celebrating the IPHC Centennial at Your Local Church

- Publicize the event with local media. Notify media about the national centennial and your local celebration.
- Run a series of short articles or interesting facts titled *Centennial Moments* in your church bulletin.
- Dress church choir in period clothes and sing century-old hymns.
- Contact the IPHC Archives and Research Center to purchase a centennial video.
- Plan a centennial month. Showcase historical vignettes of prominent IPHC figures in your Sunday services.
- Set up a “Centennial Moments” display in church foyer. Highlight major events, founder(s), pastors, members, educators, missionaries, evangelists, etc.
- Present a multimedia history of IPHC, your conference, your local church.
- Engage sister churches; seek reconciliation, offer affirmation.



# International Pentecostal Holiness Church Heritage Society

The need for financial supporters of the IPHC Archives and Research Center led us to found the **International Pentecostal Holiness Church Heritage Society** for which we are seeking charter members.

## To Become A Member

Membership dues in the **Society** will be \$250 per quadriennium and will entitle members to:

- A 4-year subscription to *LEGACY*.
- An attractive certificate suitable for framing.
- Member's engraved name on the **IPHC Heritage Society Honor Roll** which is prominently displayed in our new Archives and Research Center facility.

These memberships will be renewed at the beginning of each new quadriennium. Lifetime memberships may be acquired for a onetime \$1,000 gift. Married couples qualify for the same cost of membership. *(For example, Dr. & Mrs. Harold D. Hunter would pay \$250 per quadriennium or \$1,000 for a lifetime membership.)*

The \$250 membership may be two separate \$125 payments; the \$1,000 lifetime membership may be paid in four installments of \$250. Subscriptions to *LEGACY* and certificate issuance will become effective with the first payment. Membership must be paid in full, however, before engraving of name on Honor Roll.



## In Memoria

The **IPHC Heritage Society** offers *In Memoria* inscriptions for a deceased individual or married couple. You may memorialize family, friends and leaders who have greatly influenced your life with a onetime donation of \$250. The honoree's name will be engraved on a special section of the Honor Roll. What a wonderful way to honor those pioneers who played a great role in the heritage we are preserving.

## Why a Heritage Society?

Expenses for basic staffing at the IPHC Archives and Research Center are part of the RDC commitment. However, many costs that relate to document restoration, equipment (microfiche, microfilm, camera, computer hardware and software, etc.) needs and maintenance, development of film, library shelving, storage containers, etc., make the burden more than RDC resources can support.

Therefore, we call on those who understand the importance of preserving our heritage and keeping open the doors of a viable research center for Pentecostal Holiness members, friends and interested scholars, to step forward. Become an IPHC Heritage Partner today with a membership and show your support. Membership fees are tax deductible. Call Mrs. Kaye Oxley at (405) 787-7110 (ext. 3132) or write to the Archives and Research Center to receive information and an application.



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Thanks to these who have joined  
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## Document Contributions

● **Edna Parker-Dunn, NC:** Copy of her book titled *Just Me (Vignettes of a Missionary Wife)* - autobiography covering the 45 years she served alongside her husband, John, as IPHC missionaries to four continents.

● **Irene O. DeFontes-Baltimore, MA:** Copy of her book titled *People of the Night* - autobiography covering the years she served as an IPHC missionary nurse to the people of South Africa from 1946-1963.

● **Bert Synan-Royston, GA:** Centennial information and a brick from the original church building of the 100-year-old IPHC congregation in Royston.

● **Grace Bachelor-Baltimore, MA:** Old copy of *Lifeline* magazine from the days our IPHC youth were called "Lifeliners."

● **Charles Jones-Oklahoma City, OK:** Copy of his book titled *Black Holiness - A Guide to the Study of Black Participation in Wesleyan Perfectionist and Glossolalic Pentecostal Movements* (a bibliography of black Holiness churches).

● **Roberta Shealy-Winterville, GA:** Copies of old *Advocates*.

● **Carl Sexton-Liberty, SC:** Various items from churches in the Upper South Carolina Conference.

● **Louise Smith-Chocowinity, NC:** Book titled *The Devil* published in 1907 by G.F. Taylor; copy of the 1911 *Discipline*.

● **Smith Haley-Macon, GA:** Inserts to his historical notebooks which are a part of the Smith Haley Collection here in the IPHC Archives & Research Center.

● **Dorothy Gilbert-Oklahoma City, OK:** 1957 California Conference camp meeting picture.

● **Hazel Wetman-Ontario, Canada:** Various tracts, newspaper articles, notes from The Full Gospel Tabernacle in Mount Dennis, Ontario; 1931 *Minutes of the Second Annual Session of the Ontario Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church*; 1929 *Discipline*; 1942 edition of Salvation Army New Testament w/songs.

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