

JOHN T. COURTNEY COLLECTION
BAPT MSS #11
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INTRODUCTION: This collection was given by Sara Vansetters, Rev. Courtney's daughter in 2003. (See Also Acc. #B94-02).

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 4 BOXES (2 cubic feet)

HISTORICAL / BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH: John Thomas Courtney graduated Jefferson City, TN High School in 1931 and then briefly attended Carson-Newman College in 1931. He eventually returned and graduated in 1942. While attending college, he held part time pastorates. He also served as Superintendent of Sunday Schools for of the Jefferson County Association of Baptists. He then went on to pastor two half-time churches while attending the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary where he graduated in 1945. On May 1, 1945 he became pastor of the South Knoxville Baptist Church. Courtney married Mary May who also attended Carson-Newman in 1938, and 1940-42.

INCLUSIVE DATES: 1945 - 1950

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTES: The collection consists primarily of sermons preached by Courtney between 1945 and 1950 at South Knoxville Baptist Church, but also at Middle Creek and White Mills Baptist churches. The sermons are mostly in outline form.

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Notes
Programs / Pamphlets
Sermons

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