

Salem UMC Archives
Finding Aid for the
Robert Appel Papers

Descriptive Summary

Repository: Salem United Methodist Church Archives, 1200 S. Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, Missouri 63131. Phone: (314) 991-0546. Email: eterryhistory@gmail.com Website: salemstlouis.com

Creator: Robert Appel

Title: Robert Appel Papers

Dates: 1840s - 1995

Quantity: 3.8 linear feet

Language: English and German

Biographical Sketch

Robert Appel was born on September 15, 1921 in St. Louis, Missouri. He was raised in St. Louis and joined his parents as members of Salem. Mr. Appel's parents, George and Irene Appel, were loyal members of Salem, and played a large role in saving the church during the Great Depression of the 1930s.

During World War II, Mr. Appel entered the United States Army in 1942 and served with Company B, 7th Infantry Regiment, Third Division as a 30 Caliber light machine gunner. He was wounded in his neck on January 31, 1944 on the Anzio Beachhead, Italy. Mr. Appel was discharged honorably in 1945.

After the war, he returned to the United States and continued his active membership at Salem. He was employed by United Van Lines in the capacity of Personnel Manager (hiring and placement), as well as Advertising and Public Relations Manager for over 25 years. Robert Appel first married Jennie Louise Grant, and the couple had a daughter Robbie (Robbie Louise Rabanus). Mr. Appel's wed a second time to Lorraine Lemmons. He married once more, to Ms. Shirley Sneed.

Robert Appel was integral in building Salem's Archives by carefully collecting and saving valuable documents related to the church's history. He chronicled the church's history in his book *Salem – Congregations of the Faithful*, and educated Salem's membership as the longtime "church historian." Salem is indebted to Mr. Appel for his keen recognition of the importance of Salem's documented history and material culture, and his dedication to collecting it.

Scope and Content Notes

SERIES 01: Includes early, middle and final drafts of the manuscript for the book *Salem – Congregations of the Faithful*. The book is a history of the first 150 years of Salem United Methodist Church written by Robert Appel. Some pages of the manuscript drafts correspond with different pages of the book. The manuscript draft pages that correspond with different book pages are labeled as folder names. Manuscript graphics include

drawings, photos, and excerpts from church bulletins, church records, etc. Also included are a book index, created by the Special Collections Department of the St. Louis County Headquarters Library, and correspondence and material related to the book.

SERIES 02:

Includes a variety of material collected by Robert Appel; pamphlets, programs, index cards with notes, photos, etc.

Administrative Information

Source of Collection

This material was given to Archives by Robert Appel

Accruals

Accruals are ongoing

Processing Information

Compiled by Elizabeth Terry, 2009-2015

Restrictions

Access Restrictions

There is restricted material in this collection. For details, contact Salem's Archivist at 314-991-0546.

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Collection Contents

Series 01: Manuscript

Box 1

Folder 1. Early draft – manuscript

Early draft of the manuscript

Photo: men in suits, posing next church building, ca. 1920s

Folder 2. Early draft – manuscript

Early draft of the manuscript

Folder 3. Early draft – manuscript

Early draft of the manuscript

Folder 4. Early draft – manuscript

Early draft of the manuscript

Folder 1. Graphics – manuscript

Graphics for the manuscript

Folder 2. Graphics – manuscript

Graphics for the manuscript

A letter requesting the use of an article excerpt

Folder 3. Graphics – manuscript

Graphics for the manuscript

Photos

Box 2

Folder 1. Corresponds with cover – acknowledgements

Draft of the manuscript

Folder 2. Corresponds with cover – pg. 47

Draft of the manuscript

Folder 3. Corresponds with pg. 36 – pg. 104

Draft of the manuscript

Folder 4. Corresponds with pg. 104 – pg. 156

Draft of the manuscript

Folder 5. Corresponds with pg. 157 – pg. 197

Draft of the manuscript

Folder 6. Corresponds with pg. 198 – pg. 252

Draft of the manuscript

Folder 7. Corresponds with pg. 20 – pg. 116; cover – pg. 19

Draft of the manuscript

Folder 8. Corresponds with pg. 117 – pg. 201

Draft of the manuscript

Folder 9. Corresponds with pg. 253 – pg. 277

Draft of the manuscript

Folder 10. Corresponds with pg. 279 - end

Draft of the manuscript

Box 3Folder 1. Corresponds with cover – pg. 73

Final draft of the manuscript

Folder 2. Corresponds with pg. 77 – pg. 185

Final draft of the manuscript

Folder 3. Corresponds with pg. 186 - end

Final draft of the manuscript

Folder 1. Index

Index is grouped first by individuals, then by buildings and photos of people not individually identified

Box 4Folder 1. Correspondence

Correspondence related to *Salem - Congregations of the Faithful*. Includes requests for information regarding Salem's history.

Folder 2. Correspondence

Correspondence related to *Salem - Congregations of the Faithful*. Includes requests for information regarding Salem's history.

Folder 3. Correspondence

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Folder 4. Correspondence

Correspondence related to *Salem - Congregations of the Faithful*. Includes requests for information regarding Salem's history.

Folder 5. Correspondence

Correspondence related to *Salem - Congregations of the Faithful*. Includes requests for information regarding Salem's history. Includes correspondence with Reverend Miles Stotts.

Folder 6

Material used in and notes, information, and correspondence related to *Salem – Congregations of the Faithful*.

Folder 7

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Box 6

Printer's worksheets for *Salem - Congregations of the Faithful*

Series 02: Varied Material

Box 5

Folder 1. 150th Anniversary

Newspaper clippings, articles, bulletins, programs, etc.
Preparation notes and letters planning the celebration
Speaking notes

Folder 2. *Anzio Beachhead*

An Autobiography of a Soldier's Last Days of Combat on the Anzio Beachhead. Book written by Robert Appel.

Folder 3. Notes

Notes for presentations, articles, meetings, etc.

Folder 4. Recipes

Recipes and notes for potential "Old Church Recipe Book"

Folder 5. Membership speech

Notes for a speech on church membership

Folder 6. Book sales ****RESTRICTED****

Notes regarding sales of the book *Salem - Congregations of the Faithful*, including copies of checks, addresses, etc.

Folder 7. Meeting notes

Notes, letters, bulletins, etc. regarding National Christian Mission and Methodist Young People's Union organizations, of which Robert Appel was president, 1941.

Folder 8. 1995 Groundbreaking

Notes, letters, bulletins, programs, etc. regarding the celebration of the 1995 addition to the Salem church building.
Photos

Folder 9. Notes

Index cards with notes on Salem's history.

Folder 10. Presentations

Speeches / presentations on Salem's history.

Folder 11. Anecdotes

Brief stories about various incidents in Salem's history. Many appeared in Salem's newsletter, "Crossroads."

Folder 12. Miscellaneous

Groundbreaking ribbon, celebrating the 1995 addition to Salem's church building

March 18, 2012 Sunday bulletin, Salem UMC

February 5, 2012 Sunday bulletin, First UMC, Clearwater, Florida

Letter announcing Dr. Kerr's retirement and Pastor Terri Swan's appointment as Senior Pastor, February 27, 2011

Letter to Bob and Shirley Appel, requesting a donation for Dr. Kerr's retirement lunch

Bob Appel's letter to Elizabeth Terry. In it he gives his brief bio.

Folder 13. "Memories of Yesteryear"

Assorted writings by Robert Appel, including those in the Crossroads newsletter, 2004-2007.