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Scope and Contents

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Biographical Summary

Born 7 August 1897, in Austin, Lonoke County, Arkansas, Leroy Carson Tedford was the tenth child of Mary Jane Burns and William Walker Tedford, a rural schoolteacher, farmer, and ordained minister. L. C. Tedford attended Lonoke High School and graduated with an A. B. degree from Ouachita College in 1924. He attended Southern Baptist Theological Seminary three years and graduated with a master's in theology. Tedford preached his first sermon at Second Baptist Church, Arkadelphia, in April 1920, and was ordained to the ministry at Hickory Plains, Arkansas in October 1921.

While a student at Ouachita College, Tedford served as pastor of several churches, including Elliot, Crossroads (near Smackover), Manning, Glenwood, and Rosboro. While a student in Louisville he served Woodlawn Church (Union County, KY); Zion (Henderson County); and Sand Creek (Decatur County, IN).

On finishing seminary, he returned to Arkansas where he pastored churches at Clarendon, Clarksville, Bentonville, Marion and Corning.

Tedford was interested in and researched Arkansas Baptist history and heritage, researching various churches and associations in Arkansas. Along with being an active pastor, he was a member of both the Arkansas Baptist Historical Commission and the Southern Baptist Historical Society.

In 1928, Tedford married Leila Eudora Thomas in Monroe, Arkansas. They had two sons, Thomas Lee Tedford and Harold Calvin Tedford. L. C. Tedford died on 25 July 1959 in Little Rock, and is buried in Roselawn Cemetery, Pulaski County.

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Baptists
Barnett, Juanita McMillan (1915-1987)
Blackmon, George Truett (1903-1979)
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Gravel Ridge (AR.)
Midkiff, John Thomas (1926-1987)
O'Neal, W. B. (1869-1938)
Paragould (AR.)
Pruden, James Wesley (1908-1979)
Pulaski Baptist Association
Southern Baptist Convention
Yates, James Foster (1926-2012)

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Box/Folder Contents Inventory

Box 3210

3210/001	Biographical materials on L. C. and Thomas L. Tedford.
3210/002	Correspondence, 1950-1959 and not dated.
3210/003	Arkansas Baptist association information cards, 1840-1958
3210/004	Current River Baptist Association history, typescript, original completed in 1947.
3210/005	History of Pilot View Church, handwritten manuscript, 2 pp.