Descriptive Summary

Title: Cadle Tabernacle Audio Collection

Dates: c.1939-1941

Collection Number: CFT00033

Creator/Collector: E. Howard Cadle
B.R. Lakin
Cadle Tabernacle (Indianapolis, IN)

Extent: 3 Boxes, 1.50 linear feet

Online items available at https://digitalcommons.fuller.edu/cadletabernacle/

Repository: Fuller Theological Seminary-David Allan Hubbard Library Archives
Pasadena, California 91182

Abstract: The Cadle Tabernacle Audio Collection consists of 16-inch electrical transcriptions and compact discs (CDs) with audio transfers of "The Nation's Family Prayer Period" radio broadcasts. The original air dates range from c. 1939 - c.1941. Transfers to compact discs occurred c. 2013.

Language of Material: English

Access

Scholarly use within parameters of copyright law. Reproductions are not permitted except for digital preservation.

Preferred Citation

Cadle Tabernacle Audio Collection. Fuller Theological Seminary-David Allan Hubbard Library Archives

Biography/Administrative History

Cadle Tabernacle (1921-1968) was a church built in Indianapolis, Indiana in 1921 by E. Howard Cadle, and named in honor of his mother, Loretta "Etta" Cadle. The building was built at the intersection of New Jersey and Ohio Streets across from Indianapolis City Hall. The building served as a center for evangelical programs and broadcasts on the Cincinnati, Ohio radio station WLW in the 1930s. With a seating capacity of 10,000 with a choir loft capacity of 1400, it was billed as the largest religious building in the world at the time. Cadle’s radio program, "The Nation's Family Prayer Period", reached an estimated 30 million people between 1931-1950s. Throughout its broadcasting history, coverage ranged across the Midwestern United States, Mexico, and Canada via 16” inch electrical transcriptions and shortwave radio stations. Monday through Saturday programs were 15 minutes long, and Sunday programs were 30 minutes long.

Scope and Content of Collection

The Cadle Tabernacle Audio Collection consists of 16-inch electrical transcriptions and compact discs (CDs) with audio transfers of "The Nation's Family Prayer Period" radio broadcasts. The original air dates ranged from c. 1939 - c.1941. The compact discs were created by Read G. Burgan of RGB Digital c. 2013. Most discs are commercially pressed, though some are made from lacquer. Most discs play from the outside rim towards the center. The discs’ conditions range from fair to poor. Some paper labels differ from the matrix numbers engraved in the discs. None of the lacquer discs have labels and no matrix numbers. Some labels also have notes indicating when the broadcasts aired at a particular radio station, but no indication of the original recording date.

Indexing Terms

Evangelistic sermons
Religious broadcasting
Cadle Tabernacle (Indianapolis, Ind.)

Finding Aid for Cadle Tabernacle Audio Collection