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Descriptive Summary

Title: John S. Hadsell Westminster House Collection
Dates: 1876-2000
Collection number: GTU 2006-7-02
Creator: Hadsell, John S. (John Sydney), 1921-
Creator: Westminster House
Collection Size: .5 linear feet(1 archives box)
Repository: The Graduate Theological Union. Library.
Berkeley, CA 94709

Abstract: The collection contains notes, interviews, correspondence, pamphlets and other materials used by John Hadsell to write A sacred space: the story of Westminster House, Berkeley, the Presbyterian campus ministry alongside the University of California, Berkeley.

Physical location: 7/G/4
Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English

Access
Collection is open for research.

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Acquisition Information
John S. Hadsell donated the collection in July 2006.

Biography / Administrative History
The collection contains reference materials used by John S. Hadsell during the writing of A Sacred Space: The Story of the Westminster House, Berkeley. He was unable to find a publisher. The book was self-published in 2000 with financial support from various contributors.

Westminster House is the Presbyterian Student Center at University of California, Berkeley. The Presbyterian Synod of California established a campus ministry in 1911. The next year they purchased a 12-room house at 2700 Bancroft Way. Initially, the house served as the home for the campus minister. In 1915, the facility opened to student housing. Originally called the Presbyterian House, it was renamed Westminster, honoring the Westminster Confession of Faith produced by the Westminster Assembly in England in the 17th century. From the beginning, ministers and students were active in the campus and community. The most turbulent period took place during the sixties and seventies. Students were active in
many of the causes for social justice and briefly founded a commune. Hadsell grew up in Berkeley and attended the University of California. Following his graduation in 1943, he served as an officer on the USS Washington. After the war, he worked for the Boy Scouts of America. He received a bachelor’s of divinity degree from San Francisco Theological Seminary and a doctorate in education from Columbia University. Hadsell served as Presbyterian campus minister at San Francisco State from 1955-59 and at UC-Berkeley from 1959-70. He taught at the San Francisco Theological Seminary from 1970 to 1987. Hadsell has written several other books. With Richard Coote, he wrote San Francisco Theological Seminary: the shaping of a western school of the church, 1871-1998 and wrote and edited several histories of local Presbyterian churches.

Scope and Content of Collection
The collection contains the book A Sacred Space: The Story of Westminster House, Berkeley; notes; clippings; pamphlets; newspaper and magazine articles; correspondence; and interviews.

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Subjects
Westminster House (University of California, Berkeley)
University of California, Berkeley--Students.
Presbyterian Church--Missions--California--Berkeley.
College students--Religious life.
Universities and colleges--Religion.
Church work with students--Presbyterian Church.
Church and college.
Hadsell, John S.

Other Finding Aids
GTU 94-11-04, CMHE (Cooperative Ministry of Higher Education) in Northern California and Nevada

Box 1 : 1-11  Histories, Interviews, and Correspondence 1907-1999
Physical Description: 11 folders

box-folder 1:1  Biographies ca.1900-1999
box-folder 1:2  A Sacred Space in galley form 1999
box-folder 1:3  Histories, includes dedication bulletins 1926-1999
box-folder 1:5  Notes, correspondence, search for donations 1998-1999
box-folder 1:6  Old Minutes 1907-1914
box-folder 1:7  Responses and file disc backup of book 1999
box-folder 1:8  Session minutes 1876-1935
box-folder 1:9  Will, James F Worley 1973
box-folder 1:10  Calvin Club 1936-1946
box 1:12-20  Publications 1876-2000
Physical Description: 9 folders

box-folder 1:12  A Sacred Space 2000
box-folder 1:15  The Church and Higher Education 1969
box-folder 1:17  By Faith: Christian Students among the Cloud of Witnesses 1991
box-folder 1:18  Is the United Presbyterian Church Being Destroyed from Within? 1973
box-folder 1:19  On Being Faithful: The Continuing Mission of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) 1995
box-folder 1:20