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Descriptive Summary

Title: C. N. and Helen Hiebert Papers,

Date (inclusive): 1919-1983

Record Group No: M66

Creator: Hiebert, C. N. (Cornelius N.), 1881-1975

Hiebert, Helen, 1893-1983

Extent: 3.3 linear ft.; 7 sound tape reels; 2 sound tape cassettes

Repository: Center for Mennonite Brethren Studies (Fresno, Calif.).

Fresno, California

Language: English.

Access

Collection is open for research.

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Biography

Cornelius N. Hiebert was born 24 March 1881 near Mountain Lake, Minnesota, to Nicholas C. and Mary Wiens Hiebert. He attended public schools in Mountain Lake from 1888 until 1901 and in 1902 began work as a Bible colporteur and evangelist.

During 1921-1922 Hiebert attended the Bible Institute of Los Angeles. Shortly after completing his work there he and his wife Tina moved to Winnipeg, Manitoba, where he became the pastor of the North End Mennonite Brethren Church (today known as Elmwood Mennonite Brethren Church). The Hieberts left the North End church in 1941 and he worked as an evangelist for several years after that.

In 1942 Tina Hiebert died. The following year C. N. Hiebert married his late wife's sister, Helen Harms. She was born 24 May 1893 near Lehigh, Kansas, and was later a member of the Medford (Okla.) Mennonite Brethren Church. Helen attended Tabor College in Hillsboro, Kansas, and taught school for twenty-six years after completing her studies there.

From 1948 to 1950 the Hieberts ministered in South America among Mennonite settlers there and from 1952 to 1954 as missionaries to Germany under the Mennonite Brethren Board of Foreign Missions. Between overseas assignments and after their return from Germany the Hieberts lived in Hillsboro, Kansas.

After his retirement from active ministry, the Hieberts moved to Reedley, California in about 1956. C. N. Hiebert died in Reedley on 26 January 1975; Helen Hiebert died there on 2 March 1983.

Additional information about C. N. and Helen Hiebert may found in a book written by his daughter Esther Hiebert Horch entitled, *C. N. Hiebert Was My Father* (Winnipeg: Board of Publications of the Canadian Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches, 1979).

Scope and Content

This record group contains sermon outline notes, class notes, autobiographical material, clippings, annotated Bibles, sound tape reels and sound tape cassettes, diaries, scrapbooks, photographs and other material relating to C. N. and Helen Hiebert.

Organization and Arrangement of the Collection

This record group is organized into two subgroups:

Title: I. C. N. Hiebert Papers, 1919-1975;

Title: II. Helen Harms Hiebert Papers, 1948-1983.

Languages Appearing in the Collection

Some sermon outlines are in German Gothic script.

Series 1: C. N. Hiebert Papers

Box Boxes 1-3	Sermon outline notes
Box Box 4	Sermon outline notes Children's sermon outline notes List of persons baptized and married, 1919-1941 Class notes Obituary and funeral sermon for Tina Harms Hiebert, 1942 Autobiographical material Clippings
Box Box 5	Annotated Bibles Funeral program and obituary, 1975 Photographs--Paraguay Photographs--Europe Photographs--Other
Box Box 6	Sound tape reels sermons (6 reels) 80th birthday celebration, 1961 Sound tape cassettes Funeral in Reedley, 1975 Memorial service in Winnipeg , 1975
	Series 2: Helen Harms Hiebert Papers
Box Box 7	South America diary and scrapbook, 1948-1950
Box Box 8	Diary: "Our Work in Europe From 1952 to 1954," 1952-1954 Scrapbooks: "The Story of Paul" "The Story of My Father, David Harms," 1968 Funeral program, 1983