

**INVENTORY TO THE  
E. ALLISON HERRON COLLECTION**

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#### **I. Biographical sketch**

E. A. Herron was born in West Monroe, Louisiana, February 10, 1900. He and his family moved to Roswell, New Mexico when he was eleven. At the age of 14, Herron was converted to the Baptist faith (his parents were Presbyterians) and became active in Sunday School work both as a leader and a student. He was active in the Roswell First Baptist Church, serving as Sunday School Superintendent and a deacon. He left Roswell to attend the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville. The depression shortened his seminary education and Herron returned to Roswell.

In 1933 he was appointed Superintendent of the Baptist Convention in New Mexico, where he served until his transfer to a similar position in Alabama in 1945. Herron returned to New Mexico in 1950 as manager of the Sunday School Board conference center at Glorieta.

Under Herron's leadership, Glorieta held its initial meeting August 7-13, 1952, with 1,417 person from 18 states registered for pioneer week. Glorieta grew from an assembly with one tent to a center covering 2,500 acres and with over 150 buildings in 1966 when Herron retired.

Herron married Bonnie Bell in 1925. They had one son E. Allison Herron, Jr., born in 1926.

Herron died in 1985 in Cottonwood, Arizona.

See biographical folder in Archives for more information.

#### **II. Scope and content**

The E. Allison Herron Collection is a variety of types of material related to Herron and the Glorieta Conference Center in New Mexico. Herron planned to write a history of the conference but never completed the project. Some of the material in the collection is related to his research on the Glorieta history. The collection includes articles, clippings, publications, New Mexico Baptist Association annuals and various subject files related to Glorieta. Of special note is a transcript of an oral history interview conducted with several individuals on the history of Glorieta.

The files are arranged alphabetically and include .5 linear ft. of material. The collection spans the dates, 1921-1981. The collection was a gift from Mrs. E. A. Herron, Cottonwood, Arizona.

### **III. Manuscript Listing**

Box 1

Folder

1. Articles -Glorieta
2. Articles -"Glorieta a Baptist Showcase"
3. Biographical data -Herron (compiled by Betty Danielson)
4. Brochures (mostly related to Glorieta)
5. Correspondence, 1964, 1981
6. Clippings -Glorieta
7. Gardens and Grounds of Glorieta (includes Ferguson article)
8. Glorieta Baptist Church (articles, photographs, notes)
9. Glorieta information -articles, clippings, notes - "Growth, 1953-66. "
10. History of Glorieta -Interview by Hubert Smothers
11. History -Glorieta (Herron manuscript)
12. "Lest we forget" -facts about Glorieta
13. Map -Glorieta
14. New Mexico Baptist Annual, 1944
15. New Mexico Baptist Annual, 1949
16. Origins of Glorieta
18. Portrait presentation -Herron
19. Retirement
20. Short, Mark- (successor to Herron at Glorieta)
21. Sketch -Danielson of Herron
22. Southern Baptist Convention Handbook, 1921
23. Staff -Glorieta
24. Stagg, Harry