

Sydney D. Smith Collection

Papers, 1940-1986 (Predominantly,  
1960-1986)

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The papers of Sydney D. Smith were placed in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs in April of 1989 by Mr. Smith, and were opened for research in February of 1994.

Sydney Smith was born in Los Angeles, California and attended Pomona College, U.S.C., U.C.L.A. and the University of London. In 1941, Mr. Smith was drafted into the United States Air Force, where he served throughout the Second World War and rose to the rank of captain. Upon his discharge from the Air Force, Mr. Smith embarked upon a ten year career in retail sales. In 1956, Mr. Smith was baptized into the Presbyterian Church and devoted himself to the church and the California Migrant Ministry. He served as a church administrator in southern California from 1956-1969. Later, Mr. Smith became the founding director of Pasadena's Community Housing Service from 1969 until his retirement in 1978.

The papers of Mr. Smith consist of an accumulation of research material compiled for his book on the migrant ministries entitled, *Faith Community and the Farm Workers*.

There are 28 oral history tapes contained in this collection. However, there are certain restrictions which apply. For more information about these tapes, see the reference archivist.

Important subjects covered in the collection are:

Strikes and lockouts-Vineyard laborers-California-Delano  
Religion and labor  
United Farm Workers Union  
Women church officers

Among the important correspondents are:

Cesar Chavez	Dean Collins
Wayne C. Hartmire	Elsie Farris

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Oral history transcripts of persons involved with the California Migrant Ministry. Research material used in the writing of Mr. Smith's book on the Migrant Ministry is also included.

Non-Manuscript material:

Approximately 15 photographs and 28 oral history tapes have been placed in the Archives Audio-Visual Collection.

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Correspondence and chapter drafts relating to Mr. Smith's book on the Migrant Ministry. Chapter drafts focus on the development of Mr. Smith's thesis.

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