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Descriptive Summary

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Call Number:

Title:

Cecil Elmo Hart Collection 1920-1980

Creator:

Hart, Cecil E. (Cecil Elmo), 1905-1987

Repository:

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Extent:

10 Linear Feet

Biographical History Abstract:

Cecil Hart was an active and faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. He was the first president of the Idaho Falls South LDS Stake serving in that capacity from June 30, 1946 to September 1964. From October 1964 to June 1967 Hart served as president of the LDS Church French Mission in Paris and was responsible for the LDS servicemen in France and the Mediterranean. From 1967 to 1970 he served as a Regional Representative for the Quorum of the Twelve. Hart was president of the Idaho Falls Temple from 1970-75. He has also served as stake patriarch of the South Idaho Falls LDS Stake and Chairman of the multi-stake Seminary Board. He served as Vice-President of the Idaho Falls LDS Hospital board of trustees and chairman of its executive committee. He was a member of the Ricks College Advisory Committee and a member of the college special committee on Nurse's Education Program. He was a member of the Teton Peaks Boy Scout Council executive board and a national representative. He was a recipient of the Silver Beaver Award.

Scope Abstract:

A majority of the collection pertains to his life as an active member of the LDS Church. Stake President, Regional Representative, Temple

President, and French Mission Correspondence, most of which is from the First Presidency.

Provenance

After the death of Cecil Hart this collection was donated to Ricks College. Archivist Blaine R. Bake accepted the collection on behalf of the college.

Access

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Biographical History

Cecil E. Hart was born Dec 19, 1905 in Menan, Idaho to John William Hart and Elizabeth Jane Hogge Hart. He graduated from Rigby High School in 1925 and attended Brigham Young University in Provo from 1925-1927. He then attended the University of Idaho in Moscow from 1930-1932, graduating with a Bachelors degree in business administration.

Cecil was called to serve an LDS mission from June 1927 to September 1929. On April 6, 1932 he married Vera Christian Pfost, with whom he had three children: Ray, John Cecil, and Joyce

Throughout his life Cecil was an active businessman. In 1946 he was president and manager of the Idaho Radio Corporation, and owner of KID radio station. Hart was the co-founder of The Bank of Commerce, and served as a director and chairman of the board for many years. He started out at Smith- Hart Chevrolet- Cadillac from 1933-1938 as an accountant. He was sales manager of the firm from 1938-1941, and general manager and partner in the company from 1941-1958 and later became president from 1958-1987. He was a past director of the Idaho Automobile Dealers Association and past president of the Idaho Falls Automobile Dealers Association

Cecil Hart was an active and faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. He was the first president of the Idaho Falls South LDS Stake serving in that capacity from June 30, 1946 to September 1964. From October 1964 to June 1967 Hart served as president of the LDS Church French Mission in Paris and was responsible for the LDS servicemen in France and the Mediterranean. From 1967 to 1970 he served as a Regional Representative for the Quorum of the Twelve. Hart was president of the Idaho Falls Temple from 1970-75. He has also served as stake patriarch of the South Idaho Falls LDS Stake and Chairman of the multi-stake Seminary Board. He served as Vice-President of the Idaho Falls LDS Hospital board of trustees and chairman of its executive committee. He was a member of the Ricks College Advisory Committee and a member of the college special committee on Nurse's Education Program. He was a member of the Teton Peaks Boy Scout Council executive board and a national representative. He was a recipient of the Silver Beaver Award.

Cecil Elmo Hart died June 27, 1987.

Scope and Content Note

The Cecil Hart Collection contains correspondence from his career as a car salesman for Hart Pontiac, as a member of the Board of Directors for the Bank of Commerce, and correspondence while he was owner of KID radio.

A majority of the correspondence consists of his life as an active member of the LDS Church. Stake President, Regional Representative, Temple President, and French Mission Correspondence, most of which is from the First Presidency.

Many postcards can be found in the collection, from Europe and the United States. Scrapbooks and family genealogical material is also included as well as many family photographs

Subject Tracings

Institutions

Idaho Radio Corporation

Hart Pontiac

People

Hart, Cecil E. (Cecil Elmo), 1905-1987

Places

Idaho Falls (Idaho)

Genre/Form

Letters

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