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## Inventory of the John S. Hadsell Westminster House Collection

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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 Hadsell to write *A Sacred Space: The Story of Westminster House, Berkeley, a history of the Presbyterian campus ministry at University of California, Berkeley in the 20th century.*

**Physical location:** 7/G/4

**Languages:** Languages represented in the collection: English

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### Preferred Citation

John S. Hadsell Westminster House collection, GTU 2006-7-02. Graduate Theological Union Archives, Berkeley, CA.

### 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 the financial support of various contributors.

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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	<b>Biographies ca.1900-1999</b>
box-folder 1:2	<b>A Sacred Space in galley form 1999</b>
box-folder 1:3	<b>Histories, includes dedication bulletins 1926-1999</b>
box-folder 1:4	<b>Interviews and correspondence 1998-1999</b>
box-folder 1:5	<b>Notes, correspondence, search for donations 1998-1999</b>
box-folder 1:6	<b>Old Minutes 1907-1914</b>
box-folder 1:7	<b>Responses and file disc backup of book 1999</b>
box-folder 1:8	<b>Session minutes 1876-1935</b>
box-folder 1:9	<b>Will, James F Worley 1973</b>
box-folder 1:10	<b>Calvin Club 1936-1946</b>
box-folder 1:11	<b>W House 1994-1996</b>

box 1:12-20    **Publications 1876-2000**

**Physical Description:** 9 folders

box-folder 1:12    **A Sacred Space 2000**  
box-folder 1:13    **Cal Report, Special 125th Anniversary Edition 1993**  
box-folder 1:14    **New Wine: A Report of the Commission on the Danforth Study of Campus Ministry 1969**  
box-folder 1:15    **The Church and Higher Education 1969**  
box-folder 1:16    **The Campus Ministry: The Context, History, and Practice of United Presbyterian Campus Christian Life 1961**  
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    **History of the Association of Presbyterian University Pastors, 1930-1965: A Study of a Specialized Clergy Organization With Interpretations for the Future 1985**