

From: Monty Lynn lynnm@acu.edu
Subject: Re: ACU papers
Date: November 23, 2021 at 7:10 PM
To: Mac Ice mx13a@acu.edu

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Mac,

What a wonderfully expressed note to Dick Ady. Thanks.

I mentioned to Enoch and Jeannine Thweat's granddaughter that Dick was visiting with you and she relayed that her grandparents are also considering donating their papers to the CRC collection. I will check back with them in the spring and will pass the baton to you if things progress. These two families plus Edward Short were all missionaries to Taiwan.

Have a great Thanksgiving.

Monty

On Tue, Nov 23, 2021 at 4:04 PM Mac Ice <mx13a@acu.edu> wrote:

Thanks Dick, with Monty copied in,

The questions you ask and concerns you raise are entirely appropriate. Thank you for the additional clarifying information. Since you are actively using your materials, I encourage you do so with only one request. That you and your family consider ACU archives as a willing steward of them when the time comes that you are no longer using them. There is no rush on our end. When you are ready to think about it again, we can certainly talk further. It sounds like you have a vigorous ministry underway with more writing to do. I wish you the best as you document your life in your memoirs. That itself will become a document worth preserving as a witness to God's work in his church.

I hope you and yours have a fine Thanksgiving!

Grace and peace,
Mac

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Mac Ice
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On Nov 11, 2021, at 12:15 AM, Weiady <weiady@aol.com> wrote:

Dear Mac,

Thank you for introducing me to your efforts to catalog historical documents pertaining to the Restoration Movement. Future generations will value your archives and learn from them. History that, otherwise, would be lost forever will be available to anyone who is interested. I can only imagine the magnitude of the task you have undertaken.

I would be happy to share my documents with you, but I hesitate to give ACU sole ownership of them. If I live long enough, I plan to use them as a source of information while writing my memoirs. At this point, I am willing to give copies of the original documents, but I am not inclined to part with the original documents. Is that a deal-breaker?

Also, I should mention that I am almost ready to start writing another book for the WEI curriculum. That will consume virtually all of my spare time during the next few months. At the present, the bulk of my time is spent reading and answering more than 100 email communications from WEI Internet teachers and students all over the world. It may be six months before I will be able to work on this very important project.

In view of the limitations that I have specified, are you still interested in my future participation in your history making and history saving ministry. I am deeply interested in what you are doing, and I would like to contribute to it if at all possible.

I praise God for the privilege of meeting you via email and Monty Lynn. May God bless you as pursue your monumental ministry.

With appreciation and brotherly love,

Richard (Dick) Ady

-----Original Message-----

From: Mac Ice <mxi13a@acu.edu>
To: Dick Ady <weady@aol.com>
Cc: Monty Lynn <lynnm@acu.edu>
Sent: Wed, Nov 10, 2021 9:43 am
Subject: Re: ACU papers

Thanks Monty and Dick,

It is good to meet you, Dick, even if through email. I echo Monty's sentiments below that the materials in your personal papers will shed light on aspects of our shared history. I especially underscore Monty's observation that they will also fill a gap in our collection. We are all going the way of all flesh, so it is important to think in careful and intentional ways about what will become of the records of our ministry. Your papers would be a welcome addition to the collection here.

Below are some links that I hope will prove useful in your plans. I realize you are still actively engaged in ministry thus your materials is still in use, and that this might seem like a tall order to think about this while you have more pressing obligations. So, please do not feel any pressure, I only want to give some information, and I am happy to answer questions either via email or by phone, at any time.

This link summarizes what we collect and preserve: <https://blogs.acu.edu/specialcollections/about/what-does-special-collections-collect-a-brief-guide-for-donors-and-patrons/>

These two links describe in further detail how we prepare sets of archival materials to ensure they are available for research: <https://blogs.acu.edu/specialcollections/?s=what+is+processing&submit=Search#.YRAvy9NKjBI> and <https://blogs.acu.edu/specialcollections/2020/08/12/ask-the-archivist-what-is-a-finding-aid/#.YRAvxdNKjBI>

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I hope this is helpful. Please let me know if I can assist further
Mac

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On Nov 9, 2021, at 4:23 PM, Monty Lynn <lynnm@acu.edu> wrote:

Dick,

I am bringing Mac Ice into the loop so he can fill in details beyond my knowledge and assist with the paper collection process.

I appreciate your friendship with our family for over six decades and your ministry for longer. I've probably not told you that I have a scar on my back where I fell on a tree stump in your front yard next to Central, just before a Sunday evening service. (There were no consequences from the fall!) So, I have a physical imprint as well as a spiritual one from your labors. I'm glad to have both.

Blessings to you and Maudine,

Monty

Forwarded Conversation

Subject: ACU papers

From: Monty Lynn <lynnm@acu.edu>

Date: Tue, Nov 9, 2021 at 1:10 PM

To: Dick Ady <weiady@aol.com>

Dick,

I don't know if you've considered it or not, but I wonder if you might have some correspondence and papers that shed light on Taiwan missions, World English Institute, Oregon churches, etc., that might be preserved in the Center for Restoration Studies at ACU.

The Center has papers from over 400 ministers and missionaries that students and scholars can study. As a beneficiary and observer of your ministry, it seems to me there's a hole without yours in the collection! McGarvey "Mac" Ice (mac.ice@acu.edu) is the archivist and curator of the Center, should you wish to reach out to him. I know he would be eager to hear from you.

Dad is grieving but adjusting. We enjoy our long-distance conversations and our occasional tripsto Nashville. I hope you are doing well. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and Maudine.

Monty

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From: Weiady <weiady@aol.com>

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Hi, Monty.

What a pleasant surprise it is to receive your welcome email. I, too, have grieved with you and Karen and Mac over your mother's death. She was one of the finest, most beloved Christian woman I have ever known. Everyone who knew her loved her. I still can't believe she's not with us. However, none of us would bring her back to suffer agonizing pain. In her case, it was true that "death came as an angel of mercy." She is now at peace with the Lord, and, and it will not be long until some of us will see her again.

Thank you for inviting me to provide documents for the Center of Restoration Studies at ACU. I do have monthly newsletters, *China for Christ*, and weekly reports that I sent to the twenty-eight churches on the west coast who supported us while we were in Taiwan. I could make copies of these documents and send them mac.ice@acu.edu if that would help fill the bill. I also have old copies of *WEI Update* newsletters that I could send, and I could put the center on our mailing list and send them newsletters that will be published in the future. I could also send a brief history of WEI as an outgrowth of our Taiwan mission.

As busy as I am, it may take me awhile to gather and copy all these documents, but if you think they would serve a useful purpose, I will gladly take the time.

I pray that you and your nuclear family are will and happy. Maudine and are getting old. She is suffering from Alzheimer's, but I am still going strong at ninety. My mother lived to be 100+, so I may have a few more good years, Lord willing.

May God bless you in your important ministry, Monty. You will always have a warm spot in our hearts.

***** Forwarded Conversation *****

With appreciation and brotherly love,
Dick and Maudine