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Biographical History

John Monroe Vayhinger was born January 27, 1916 in Upland, IN and died on June 11, 2006. He was the son of Paul Honson and Harriet Estelle (Palmer) Vayhinger. He married Ruth Imler on September 17, 1939. Vayhinger earned an AB from Taylor University in 1937, and was a student at Asbury Theological Seminary from 1937-1939 (no degree listed). Vayhinger earned a BD in 1940 and a Master of Arts Degree from Drew Theological Seminary in 1951. He also earned an MA in 1948 and a PhD in 1956 from Columbia University.

Vayhinger is noted for authoring *Before Divorce* (1972) and *Casebook for Pastoral Counseling* (1962). He also served as a United Methodist psychologist, educator and evangelist. He was a faculty member at Asbury Theological Seminary from 1981-1984. He has collections at various institutions including Taylor University and Asbury Theological Seminary. He donated the bulk of his massive library to Asbury Seminary.

Highlights of his career include working as a pastor within the United Methodist Church in Connecticut, Indiana, New York, and Colorado from 1938-1968. He also served professorships at West Virginia University (1949-51); Garrett Theological Seminary (1958-1964); the Anderson University School of Theology (1968-1981); and Asbury Theological Seminary (1981-1984).

Vayhinger served as the Director of Institutional Ministries with the Indiana Council of Churches in Indianapolis from 1968-1981. He also served as chairperson of the Pastoral Counseling Institute in Atlanta, GA beginning in 1985.

For more information, see Vayhinger, John Monroe. (2016). In Marquis Who's Who (Ed.), *Who was who in America: with world notables* (26th ed.). New Providence, NJ: Marquis Who's Who LLC.

“... minister, educator, clinical psychologist, United Methodist Church; b. Upland, Ind. Jan. 27, 1916; s. Paul Johnson and Harriet Estelle (Palmer) V. ; A. B. Taylor University, 1937; B.D. Cumlaude, Drew Theological Seminary, 1940, M. A. 1951, M. A. Columbia University, 1948, Ph. D., 1956,” from “Who’s Who in Religion.” 3rd Edition 1985.

Related Collections

Progressive Era Reformers, Monroe and Culla Vayhinger, Taylor University, The PALNI.

John Monroe Vayhinger collection, B.L. Fisher Library, Asbury Theological Seminary.

Scope and Content

The John Monroe Vayhinger Collection contains later material, writings and research. It also contains personal information including class materials from his education at Taylor and Columbia. The bulk of the contents range from 1992-2002. The records are related to an “Odds/Ends” class. There are some catalogs related to Taylor and Columbia. The last box contains audiotapes from class lectures and conferences.

Subjects

Divorce
Marriage counseling
Methodism
Pastoral counseling
Psychotherapists
United Methodist Church

Arrangement

The collection has been organized into the following series:

- Series I: Files – Notes, Writings, and Research (Boxes 1-14)
- Series II: Notebooks, Class Record Books, and Print Works (Boxes 15-18)
- Series III: Audio Cassette Tapes (Box 19)

Container List**Series I: Files – Notes, Writings, and Research, 1989-2004. Boxes 1-14.****Boxes 1-14: Files – Notes, Writings, and Research**

Boxes	Description	Date/Note
1	Files (Notes, Writings, and Research) for Odds/Ends Sunday Class at United Methodist Church.	1989-1994
2	Files (Notes, Writings, and Research) for Odds/Ends Sunday Class at United Methodist Church.	1994-1995
3	Files (Notes, Writings, and Research) for Odds/Ends Sunday Class at United Methodist Church.	1995-1996
4	Files (Notes, Writings, and Research) for Odds/Ends Sunday Class at United Methodist Church.	1996-1997
5	Files (Notes, Writings, and Research) for Odds/Ends Sunday Class at United Methodist Church.	1997-1998
6	Files (Notes, Writings, and Research) for Odds/Ends Sunday Class at United Methodist Church.	1998-1999
7	Files (Notes, Writings, and Research) for Odds/Ends Sunday Class at United Methodist Church.	1999-2000
8	Files (Notes, Writings, and Research) for Odds/Ends Sunday Class at United Methodist Church.	2000
9	Files (Notes, Writings, and Research) for Odds/Ends Sunday Class at United Methodist Church.	2001
10	Files (Notes, Writings, and Research) for Odds/Ends Sunday Class at United Methodist Church.	2001-2002
11	Files (Notes, Writings, and Research) for Odds/Ends Sunday Class at United Methodist Church.	2002-2003
12	Files (Notes, Writings, and Research) for Odds/Ends Sunday Class at United Methodist Church.	2003
13	Files (Notes, Writings, and Research) for Odds/Ends Sunday Class at United Methodist Church.	2003-2004
14	Miscellaneous: VHS, print book, Garrett bulletins, unfiled papers	

Series II: Notebooks, Class Record Books, and Print Works, 1989-2004. Boxes 15-18.**Box 15: Notebooks**

Item	Description	Date/Note
1	Notebook 1. First Semester, 1940-1941. Includes Literary Criticism. Catalogue of the Private Library of John Vayhinger.	1938-1941
2	Notebook 2. Chaplain (1st Lt.) John M Vayhinger. Records of services. Clippings, prayers, and poems.	1944
3	Notebook 3. Ministry Studies Board. Prospectus, newsletters, and published guides.	1965-1966
4	Notebook 4. Clippings and reprinted articles re: AIDS.	1986-1989

Box 16: Class Record Books, 1949-1982

Box 17: Academic Catalogs & Bulletins

Item	Description	Date/Note
	Columbia University, 1945-1949.	3 items.
	Drew Theological Seminary, 1942-1950.	5 items.
	Fuller Theological Seminary, 1964-65/1965-66.	1 item.
	Garrett Biblical Institute, 1939-1964.	23 items.
	Life School of Theology, 1965-1967.	1 item.
	Oberlin College, 1959-1962.	4 items.
	South Bend-Mishawaka Center, Indiana University, 1953-1959.	26 items.
	Taylor University, 1937.	1 item.

Box 18: Printed Works

Item	Description	Date/Note
	Columbia University, Annual Commencement, 1948-1949.	3 items.
	Garrett Biblical Institute, Bulletins & ephemera, 1954, 1961-1962.	4 items.
	West Virginia Wesleyan College Bulletin, 1949-1951.	2 items.
	A Basic Bibliography for Ministers, Union Theological Seminary.	1 item.
	Church and Ministry in Transition. Richard Caemmerer and Erwin Lueker. Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis Missouri, 1965.	1 item.
	Men Married to Ministers. Laura Deming & Jack Stubbs. The Alban Institute, New York City, NY, 1986.	1 item.
	The Psychological Examination of Candidates for the Ministry. Gotthard Booth. Academy of Religion and Mental Health, New York, NY.	26 items.
	Research on Clergymen: Factors influencing decisions for religious service and effectiveness in the vocation. James E Dittes. Religious Education Association, New York, NY, 1962.	1 item.
	Scripture Readings and Sermon Outlines. Russell R. Byrum. Gospel Trumpet Company, Anderson Indiana, 1922.	1 item.
	The Skeptical Inquirer. "Science and the Paranormal: Essays by Asimov, De Camp, Sagan, and Kurtz." Vol X No. 3. Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal. Buffalo, NY, Spring 1986.	1 item.
	Ephemera (church programs, church newsletters, event announcements)	19 files.

Series III: Audio Cassette Tapes. Box 19.

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