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Bert Carson Armstead,  
Jr., Papers, 1923-1989;  
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Bert Armstead (1950-1989) was historian of Avenue L Baptist Church in Galveston. A graduate of Central High School, he earned his bachelor and master's degrees in history at Texas Southern University. He was employed at Texas Southern University as a professor of history before his death.

These papers consist primarily of historical information he collected about Avenue L Baptist Church, as well as printed matter of the church and other Afro-American institutions in Galveston and elsewhere.

Also included are papers of Armstead's grandmother, Ada Hill, who was active in the Women's Mt. Olive District Convention of Texas; of Clara Armstead, his mother; and of Ruth Hall, church organist. Ada Hill's papers are acidic and, in many instances, have been interleaved with acid-free paper.

Reference should also be made to Special Collection #120, Avenue L Baptist Church Collection, which contains photographs of events, persons, and subjects connected with the church, and to the Museum.

The following artifacts have been transferred to the Museum:

- Two napkins commemorating 100th anniversary of Central High School, 1885-1985
- One napkin commemorating 144th anniversary of First Baptist Church
- Lincoln District Association of Texas badge, M[oses]. L. Price, superintendent, n.d.
- Texas State Flag
- Avenue L Baptist Church badges, Congress of Christian Workers, August 20-23, 1963, and 59th annual session, August 12-16, 1974
- Two plates commemorating Avenue L Baptist Church, ca. 1954-55

BERT CARSON ARMSTEAD, JR., PAPERS  
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<u>Box</u>	<u>FF</u>	<u>Subgroups</u>	<u>Dates</u>
1		BERT CARSON ARMSTEAD, JR., PAPERS	
		<u>Subgroups</u>	
		Avenue L Missionary Baptist Church	
	1-2	Historical Features	
	3-6	General Correspondence (primarily letters of congratulation from state and federal officials re church anniversaries) <u>see also</u> "Proclamations"	1976, 1982-86
		Writings	
	7-11	Research Material	nd
	12	Miscellaneous	nd
	13	Photocopied Material (clippings, photographs, and printed matter)	1928-64, nd
		Project Files	
	14	143rd Anniversary Invitation List	1983
	15-16	Anniversaries, Commemorations, etc.	1984-86
	17	Financial Records	1958-59
		Subject Series	
	18	Afro-American Baptists Avenue L Baptist Church. Missionary Society Units #1 and #2	nd
	19	Baldwin Electronic Organ	1955-60
	20	Baptist World Alliance	1944-72
	21-22	Boy Scouts of America Chapter	1946-77
	23	Churches	1933-72
	24	Cole, Smith W. R.	nd
	25	Congregation Members (includes thirty-year and forty-to-fifty year members)	nd
	26	Deeds of Trust (Tanner brothers)	nd
2	1-10	Estey Pipe Organ (includes photocopied correspondence between Estey Organ Company and Henry M. Williams of Avenue L Baptist Church,	



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2		BERT CARSON ARMSTEAD, JR., PAPERS (cont.) <u>Subgroups</u> Avenue L Baptist Church (cont.) Subject Series (cont.) Estey Pipe Organ (cont.) 1916-56)	
	11	Funeral Services see also "Printed Matter, Programs, Funeral Services" and "Printed Matter (of others), Programs, Funeral Services")	
	12	Historical Marker McKeen, Richard E.	1972-83
	13-14	Printed Matter	1958-78, nd
	15	Clippings	1972-79, nd
	16	Miscellany	1978, nd
3	1	National Baptist Brotherhood Union	1957
	2	Old Folks Home (Avenue K— 2823) (matron: Mary Kemp)	nd
	3	Onzella Singers' Musicale	1945-55
	4	Possible Architects of Avenue L Baptist Church (1916) (include Tanner brothers and Vertner Tandy)	nd
	5	Prince, Green L.	1956, 1982
	6-9	Prince, Green L.— Commemorative Service— Program Plan	1923-84
	10	Proclamations see also Texas. Senate flag transferred to Museum	1983-86
	11	Prujansky, Nathan	1966-83
	12	Resolutions (re: Moses L. Price)	1984
	13-15	Unsung Afro-American Heroes (includes Thomas D. Armstrong, Abner Willard McDonald, Theasel Henderson, Giles Thomas Armstead, Hattie Williams, Irma Ward, Costello James, Leola Evans Brooks, Gertrude C. Pierce, Mamie Gordon Cook, Louis M. Sanches, and Vertner Tandy)	1943-88, nd
	16	Washington, James Henry	nd



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3		BERT CARSON ARMSTEAD, JR., PAPERS (cont.) <u>Subgroups</u> Avenue L Baptist Church (cont.) Subject Series (cont.)	
	17	Williams, Hattie & Frank Printed Matter	nd
	18	Invitations Programs	1975-85
	19-23	Anniversary Founding of Avenue L Baptist Church	1974, 1981-89
4	1-4	Installation of Richard E. McKeen & Wife	1957-77
	5	Annual Brotherhood Program	1961
	6	Commemorative Services Funeral Services	1983-86
	7	Armstead, Bert Carson Armstead, Bert Carson Jr. Bell, William Hill, Ada Wilson Howard, Elsie Gant McKeen, Esther C. McKeen, Laura Mae McKeen, Richard E. Prince, Green L. Thomas, Stanley Waverly Jr. "Bull"	1972 1989 1959 1968 1964 1968 1980 1978 1956 1968
	8	Historical Marker Dedication	1982
	9	Worship Services	1943-85
	10	Miscellaneous	1944-87
	11	Miscellaneous Printed Matter (of others) <u>see also</u> "Subject Series, Unsung Afro-American Heroes" Programs Funeral Services	1966-85, nd
	12	Anthony, Eddie Ray Armstead, Giles Thomas Brown, Gertrude C. Speed Hebert, Nando Juan Josey, Algie Malone, Marshall Monroe Moore, Wattie F.	1986 1984 1984 1987 1988 1983 1979



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4		BERT CARSON ARMSTEAD, JR., PAPERS (cont.)	
		<u>Subgroups</u>	
		Avenue L Baptist Church (cont.)	
		Printed Matter (of others) (cont.)	
		Programs (cont.)	
		Funeral Services (cont.)	
12		Prince, Green L. (Mrs.)	1972
		Shiro, Charles Astor	1988
		Smith, Mary Louise	1987
		Terry, Robert J.	1987
		Williams, Teary M. (Mrs.)	1929
		Williams, Warren Harding	1986
		Womack, Chavus Matthew Jr.	1970
		Institutions	
13		Community Music Center of Houston	[1984]- 1985
		Dallas County Historical Commission	1977
14		First Baptist Church Galveston Historical Foundation	1984 [1984]
15		Knights of Pythias. Texas	1952
16		Lincoln District Association	1929, 1933, 1961
17		St. Luke's United Methodist Church (Houston)	1988
		State Congress of Christian Workers Texas Association of Negro Musicians	1974 1939
		Texas Southern University	1988
18		Tulane Avenue Baptist Church Brotherhood Union	1957
		University of Washington	1987
19-25		Clippings	1916-75
5	1-5	Clippings	1976-88
	6	Certificates	1985



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5		BERT CARSON ARMSTEAD, JR., PAPERS (cont.)	
		<u>Subgroups</u>	
		Avenue L Baptist Church (cont.)	
	7	Certificates (awarded by others to Avenue L Baptist Church)	1983-86
	8	<u>Subgroup</u> Anniversary Program Committee	1983-88
		Central High School	
	9	Research Material	nd
		Subject Series	
	10	Centennial	1985
	11	Graduation Class Rosters	1892-1943
		Printed Matter	
		Programs	
	12	Commencement	1952-68
	13	Miscellaneous	1954-85
	14	Miscellaneous	1949, 1978-79
		Printed Matter (of others)	
	15	Reedy Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church (includes testimonial banquet program honoring Leon A. Morgan)	1978, 1985
	16	Newsclippings	1932, 1961-87, nd
	17	Galveston County Historical Commission (re: Nando Juan Hebert)	1987-88
		Texas Southern University. Ex-Students Association	
		Subject Series	
	18	Galveston Alumni	nd
		CLARA MAE ARMSTEAD PAPERS	
		<u>Subgroup</u>	
		Avenue L Baptist Church	
	19	General Correspondence	1985
		Project File	
	20	Church Plates <u>see also</u> Museum for two sample plates	1954-55
		<u>Subgroup</u>	
	21-22	Women's Missionary Society	1944-84



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5		RUTH THOMAS HALL PAPERS	
		<u>Subgroup</u>	
		Avenue L Baptist Church. Senior	
		Choir (Choirs #1 and #2)	
	23	Biographical Features	
	24	Programs	1943-84, nd
		Programs (of performances at	
		other institutions)	
	25	Carver (George	
		Washington) School	1946
		Mt. Olive Baptist Church	nd
		National Music Week	1940
		Strode Funeral Home	1957
	26	Clippings	1974-83
	27	Miscellany	1942, 1945, nd
6		FRANK HARPER, JR., PAPERS	
	1	Funeral Record	1939
		ADA HILL PAPERS	
		<u>Subgroup</u>	
		Women's Mt. Olive District	
		Convention of Texas	
	2	Historical Features	
	3-4	Minutes	1924-29
	5-8	Reports	1927-30, nd
	9-12	Speeches	1927, 1930, nd
	13	Financial Records	1927, 1929, nd
	14	Printed Matter	1923-30
	15	Miscellany	
	16	ALICE PATTERSON PAPERS	1985
		FRANK WILLIAMS PAPERS	
	17	Funeral Register	1954
		HATTIE WILLIAMS PAPERS	
	18	General Correspondence	1975, 1983, nd
		Subject Series	
	19	Condolences (re: death of	
		Frank Williams)	1954
		Funeral Services	
	20	Davis, Henrietta	1974
		Phifer, Laura B.	1979
		Robinson, John Henry	1972
		Thomas, Freeman "Buddy"	1967
	21	Proclamation--"Hattie	
		Williams Day"	1983



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6		HATTIE WILLIAMS PAPERS (cont.)	
	22	Printed Matter	1977-78, nd
	23	Newsclippings	[1965]- 1980, nd
	24	Awards & Certificates	1980, nd
	25	Miscellany	nd



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