

# W. Maynard Sparks Papers

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### Biographical Note

W. Maynard Sparks (1906-1999) was an Evangelical United Brethren bishop. He graduated from Lebanon Valley College in 1927, United Theological Seminary in 1930, and from the University of Pittsburgh in 1936. He was licensed as a Quarterly Conference minister in 1919, granted a license to preach in 1923 by the Allegheny Conference of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, and ordained by that conference in 1930. In 1931 he married Blanche M. Frank. Sparks pastored for sixteen years in western Pennsylvania and then elected Superintendent of the Allegheny Conference of the Evangelical United Brethren Church in 1946. He served in this position until 1950. In 1950 he was elected to the faculty of Lebanon Valley College to serve as Assistant Professor of Religion. In 1958 he was elected bishop and assigned to the Western Area where he resided in Sacramento, California. Sparks later served in the Seattle Area. Sparks also served overseas in Sierra Leone (1961-1967), Germany and Switzerland (1965), and Brazil (1967). He was also a member of the Commission on Church Union. Sparks died August 17, 1999.

### Scope Note

Bishop Sparks correspondence concerns Sierra Leone from 1966 until 1973. The oral history interview was conducted as part of the Center for the Study of Evangelical United Brethren History, Oral History Program. This program was part of the EUB Heritage Project. The interview was conducted by John R. Knecht on February 21, 1981, in Sacramento, California. There is one cassette tape with this interview as well as a twenty-one page typed transcript.

### Arrangement

Material has been arranged in the following manner. The folders are arranged by record type and topic.

### Related Materials

Portland Episcopal Area Records and Seattle Episcopal Area Records

### Access Restrictions

No restrictions.

### Restrictions on Use

No restrictions to access.

### Preferred Citation

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### Index Terms

#### *Subject Geographic*

Africa

California



Pennsylvania  
Sierra Leone.

***Genre***

Correspondence  
Oral Histories.

***Subject - Corporate Names***

Evangelical United Brethren Church

## Container List

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