Guide to the R. E. Dawkins Letter
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Summary Information

Repository
W.S. Hoole Special Collections Library, The University of Alabama

Title
R. E. Dawkins Letter

Date
1950s

Extent
0.05 Linear feet (1 letter)

Language
English

Abstract
Reverend R. E. Dawkins writes an open letter "To Whom It May Concern" demanding that T. M. Jolly appear at The Gospel Tabernacle in Kansas City, Kansas, on April 3, 4, or 5, 1956, while a national gathering of the brethren is meeting, to provide reasons as to why he should not be "dis-fellowshipped" from their movement.

Preferred Citation note
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**Biographical/Historical note**

Reverend R. (Reynolds) E. Dawkins established the Gospel Tabernacle in Kansas City, Missouri, in 1932. The Movement referred to in the R. E. Dawkins Letter is that established by W. (William) M. Sowders and was primarily centered in the United States south and midwest.

T. M. Jolly was a prominent member of the movement and, at the time of the writing of the R. E. Dawkins Letter, was a Trustee of the Gospel of the Kingdom Campground at Shepherdsville, Kentucky. According to www.tmjolly.com (accessed March 29, 2011) Thomas Miles Jolly was born on September 9, 1910, in Carbondale, Illinois. At an early age Jolly was familiar with and embraced the message of the Pentecostal Church. Jolly and W. M. Sowers were personally and professionally very close; Jolly oversaw Sowers's funeral in 1952. Throughout his life, Jolly was very active in ministries in Kentucky, Illinois, and Missouri. T. M. Jolly died on May 30, 1994.

**Scope and Contents note**

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**Administrative Information**

**Publication Information**

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**Restrictions**

None
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