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Pastor, Gettysburg Presbyterian Church, 1957-86; presided at the funerals of Dwight Eisenhower in 1969 and Mamie Eisenhower in 1979.

DESCRIPTION: First contact with the Eisenhowers; meetings with President arranged through Robert Schulz; Rusty Brown; the Eisenhowers' attendance at church services; Eisenhower's favorite hymns; donation of fifty-star flag to the Gettysburg church; nature of Eisenhower's faith; dedication of the new Gettysburg Presbyterian Church in 1963; religious background of the Eisenhower family; Billy Graham and Layton Ford; influence on Eisenhower of the ecumenical style of military religious services; Eisenhower's interest in American youth; Eisenhower funeral services at National Cathedral and in Abilene; Lyndon Johnson at the funeral; Mamie Eisenhower's funeral; Eisenhower Lounge at the Gettysburg church.

[Eisenhower Library Oral History Project, interview by Dan Holt and James Leyerzapf, June 11, 1998]