

**WILLIAM LEWIS HOWSE, JR.
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Summary

Main Entry: William Lewis Howse, Jr. Papers

Date Span: 1929 – 1958

Abstract: William Howse was a long-time professor at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and director of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's Education Division. The collection documents his ministry as a religious leader in Southern Baptist education, especially the time he served as a seminary professor and church educational director. The papers also include correspondence, programs, and notes regarding Howse's responsibilities with Texas Sunday School and Training Union conferences and meetings.

Size: One linear ft. (2 boxes)

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Biographical Sketch

William Lewis Howse, Jr., served as longtime director of the Sunday School Board's (now LifeWay Christian Resources) Education Division and professor at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Howse was born in 1905, the son of a Baptist minister. He graduated from Union University (B.A., 1926), Baylor University (M.A., 1932), and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (M.R.E., 1934 and D.R.E., 1937).

While he was an instructor and then professor at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, 1932 – 1954, Howse served as educational director for the Broadway Baptist Church in Ft. Worth, Texas, from 1935 – 1945. During his teaching days at Southwestern, he also served the Polytechnic Baptist Church, the University Baptist Church, and the First Baptist Church of Dallas. From 1954 to his retirement in 1971, he directed the Educational Division of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

After retirement, Howse served with the Foreign Mission Board of the SBC as long-range planning consultant for the Middle America and Caribbean office. He died December 27, 1977.

Scope and Content note

The collection of papers documents aspects of Howse's ministry as a leader in religious education in Southern Baptist life. The collection focuses on the period of time he served as a seminary professor and church educational director.

The collection includes two document boxes of material (1 linear ft.). The files are arranged in alphabetical order by folder title. The collection consists of correspondence, programs, and clippings related to his work with Texas Baptists, Southwestern Baptist Religious Education Association, and Ridgecrest Assembly. Included in the collection is information on Broadway Baptist Church in Ft. Worth, Texas. In particular, the collection includes information on the Texas Baptist Sunday School Conventions and the Texas Baptist Training Union Conventions. Significant correspondence is included from Baptist leaders such as Granville Shelby Hopkins and Truman Cleveland Gardner.

The collection was donated to the Historical Commission archives by W. L. Howse, Jr. in 1962 and was microfilmed by the Commission (MF 1078).

Arrangement

Arranged in alphabetical order by folder title

Provenance

Donated to the Historical Commission (Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives) by W. L. Howse, Jr. in 1962

Preferred Citation

William Lewis Howse, Jr. Papers, Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives, Nashville, Tennessee

Access Restrictions

None

Subject Terms

Gardner, Truman Cleveland, 1888 – 1868

Hopkins, Granville Shelby, 1878 –

Baptist General Convention of Texas. Training Union Department.

Baptists – Texas

Sunday schools – Texas

Related Materials

William Lewis Howse Papers. Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives, AR 795-275. Part of the records of the Sunday School Board, SBC.

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- 1.1 Arkansas Baptist Assembly – Programs, 1941 – 1950
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- 1.6 Dallas County Training Union revival, 1940
- 1.7 Educational workers conference programs, 1934 – 1953
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- 1.13 Sunday School Conference – Ridgecrest, 1939
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- 1.15 Texas Baptist Sunday School Convention programs, 1937 – 1958
- 1.16 Texas Baptist Sunday School Convention, 1948

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- 2.1 Texas Baptist Sunday School Convention, 1949
- 2.2 Texas Baptist Training Union Convention, 1938 – 1939
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- 2.5 Texas Baptist Training Union Convention – Correspondence, 1941
- 2.6 Texas Baptist Training Union Programs, 1938 – 1957
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