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Summary

Main Entry: Southern Baptist Convention. Foreign Mission Board. Historical Files.

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Abstract: The Foreign Mission Board Historical Files contain various documents concerning the history of this entity of the SBC. Contents include nineteenth century annual reports as well as committee reports, nineteenth century correspondence between FMB leaders and leaders of the Convention, various FMB publications (Foreign Mission Journal, Home and Foreign Fields, The Commission, etc) from the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, reports of Southern Baptist Convention and Foreign Mission Board conferences, consultations, and planning sessions of the 1960s to 1980s related to missions strategy, correspondence of Corresponding and Executive Secretaries dating from 1847-1996.

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Historical Note

The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention organized in 1845 as a result of the unified American Baptists, under the Triennial Convention, splitting into Northern and Southern branches. The Foreign Mission Board sought to continue the mission activity of Baptists begun with the Triennial Convention on behalf of Baptists living in the South. The FMB opened its first mission in China then expanded to include Africa, Brazil, Italy, Mexico, and Japan in its work. Based out of Richmond Virginia, the Foreign Mission Board oversaw missionary work and served as a liaison between missionaries and the Convention. In 1997, the Southern Baptist Convention voted to change the name of the Foreign Mission Board to the International Mission Board. Today, the IMB works in hundreds of nations with a missionary force of nearly 5,000.

Scope and Content

The Foreign Mission Board Historical File contains materials spanning the years 1845-1990 that have sufficient historical value but do not clearly fit within the other major series of Foreign Mission Board records. The Historical File contains the Foreign

Mission Board's first annual report written in 1846. Other important documents from the nineteenth century are also included such as the annual report from 1849, committee reports concerning the missions to China, Africa and Brazil, and early FMB financial records. Correspondence related to topics such as the Baptist 75 Million Campaign (predecessor to the current Cooperative Program), interdenominational cooperation, "Colored Baptist Ministry," and missions education are included. Also included is correspondence from prominent Southern Baptists such as William B. Johnson, J.M. Frost, and other early SBC figures. Material by, and containing information regarding, FMB leaders such as James B. Taylor, Henry Allen Tupper, Robert J. Willingham, James F. Love, Charles E. Maddry, M. Theron Rankin, and Baker James Cauthen are also included in this collection. Manuscripts by, and about FMB missionaries and their experiences as well as books concerning the nature and theological foundations of missions are contained in this collection. Also includes reports related to missions strategy from the 1970's and 1980's. Finally, the Historical File also contains copies of many of the various publications of the Foreign Mission Board. Included are copies of *The Commission* ranging from the 1840's to the 1990's. Copies of *The Foreign Mission Journal* from 1874-1915, and its successor *Home and Foreign Fields* from 1916-1936 are included as well.

Arrangement

The arrangement of the boxes and files in this series is based on the box sequence of the FMB and IMB. The internal arrangement of each box has retained the arrangement given by the IMB which is generally alphabetical, then chronological.

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- 11.23: Manuscript Collection: Missionary to Brazil, Pauline White
- 11.24: Manuscript Collection: Missions—My Missions by Miriam Willis

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- 12.1: Manuscript Collection: A Century of Grace (Author's Copy) by Jane W. Lide-Chapters I-XIII
- 12.2: Manuscript Collection: A Century of Grace (Author's Copy) by Jane W. Lide-Chapters XIV-XXVI
- 12.3: Manuscript Collection: A Century of Grace (Before Editing) by Jane W. Lide
- 12.4: Manuscript Collection: A Century of Grace-Research Notebook I

- 12.5: Manuscript Collection: A Century of Grace-Research Notebook II
- 12.6: Manuscript Collection: A Century of Grace-Research Notebook III
- 12.7: Manuscript Collection: A Century of Grace-Research Notebook IV
- 12.8: Manuscript Collection: A Century of Grace-Research Notebook V
- 12.9: Manuscript Collection: A Century of Grace-Research Notes from Anna B. Hartwell
- 12.10: Manuscript Collection: A Century of Grace-Research Notes-FMB Reports, 1948-1949
- 12.11: Manuscript Collection: Quarles, L. Cleveland-Sermon Notes, Sunday School Lessons
- 12.12: Contributed in Full: the Life of Arthur Samuel Gillespie by Pauline Pittard Gillespie
- 12.13: Letters and Statements from Missionaries Who Were in China at the Time of the Japanese War and During the Rise of Communist Power Which Resulted in the Dispersion of the Missionaries by J.T. Williams
- 12.14: I Was There: a Story of the Experiences of Southern Baptist Missionaries in China During the Period of War and Communist Conquest

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- 13.1: The Foreign Mission Journal: July 1874, March 1875
- 13.2: The Foreign Mission Journal: May, December 1877
- 13.3: The Foreign Mission Journal: February-September, November-December 1878
- 13.4: The Foreign Mission Journal: January, March-April, September-October 1879
- 13.5: The Foreign Mission Journal: January-March 1880
- 13.6: The Foreign Mission Journal: July 1883; June, August, September, December 1884; September 1885
- 13.7: The Foreign Mission Journal: May-July, November 1887
- 13.8: The Foreign Mission Journal: July 1888; various copies from the 1890's
- 13.9: The Foreign Mission Journal: February, October 1889
- 13.10: The Foreign Mission Journal: October-December 1892
- 13.11: The Foreign Mission Journal: January-June 1893
- 13.12: The Foreign Mission Journal: August-December 1893
- 13.13: The Foreign Mission Journal: January-June 1894
- 13.14: The Foreign Mission Journal: July-December 1894
- 13.15: The Foreign Mission Journal: January-June 1895
- 13.16: The Foreign Mission Journal/The Mission Journal: July-December 1895
- 13.17: The Mission Journal: January-June 1896
- 13.18: The Foreign Mission Journal: July-December 1896
- 13.19: The Foreign Mission Journal: January-June 1897
- 13.20: The Foreign Mission Journal: July-December 1897
- 13.21: The Foreign Mission Journal: January-June 1898
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- 13.28: The Foreign Mission Journal: July-December 1901
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- 14.1: The Foreign Mission Journal: January-June 1904
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- 15.1: Home and Foreign Fields: Nov. 1916-Oct. 1917, Volume 1
15.2: Home and Foreign Fields: Nov. 1917-Oct. 1918, Volume 2
15.3: Home and Foreign Fields: Nov. 1918-Oct. 1919, Volumes 2-3
15.4: Home and Foreign Fields: Nov. 1919-Oct. 1920, Volumes 3-4
15.5: Home and Foreign Fields: Nov. 1920-Oct. 1921, Volumes 4-5
15.6: Home and Foreign Fields: Nov. 1921-Oct. 1922, Volumes 5-6
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15.9: Home and Foreign Fields: Jan.-Dec. 1925, Volume 9

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- 16.1: Home and Foreign Fields: Jan.-Dec. 1926, Volume 10
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- 16.3: Home and Foreign Fields: Jan.-Dec. 1928, Volume 12
- 16.4: Home and Foreign Fields: Jan.-Dec. 1929, Volume 13
- 16.5: Home and Foreign Fields: Jan.-Dec. 1930, Volume 14
- 16.6: Home and Foreign Fields: Jan.-Dec. 1931, Volume 15
- 16.7: Home and Foreign Fields: Jan.-Dec. 1932, Volume 16
- 16.8: Home and Foreign Fields: Jan.-Dec. 1933, Volume 17
- 16.9: Home and Foreign Fields: Jan.-Dec. 1934, Volume 18
- 16.10: Home and Foreign Fields: Jan.-Dec. 1935, Volume 19
- 16.11: Home and Foreign Fields: Jan.-Dec. 1936, Volume 20