

# ERNEST A. JACKSON PAPERS

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### Summary

Main Entry: Ernest A. Jackson Papers

Date Span: 1899 – 1928

Abstract: Ernest A. Jackson, and his wife Janette, were Southern Baptist missionaries to Brazil from 1903 – 1928. They served in both the North and South Brazil mission districts. Jackson's papers consist mainly of correspondence, both personal and business related. The correspondence related to mission work includes information about activities, location of mission work, disagreements among missionaries, and financial matters. It also illustrates the work of early 20<sup>th</sup> century Baptist missionaries and their relationship to the Foreign Mission Board.

Size: .5 linear ft. (one box)

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### Biographical Sketch

Ernest A. Jackson and his wife Janette Beasley Jackson were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention as missionaries to Brazil in 1903. Ernest Jackson was born in Glade Springs, Virginia, August 13, 1877. He attended Roanoke College and Emory and Henry College. He later attended the Missionary Training Institute in Nyark, New York. Janette Beasley Jackson was born in Essex, Virginia. She was educated at Southside Institute in Burkeville, Virginia. She married Ernest Jackson December 21, 1902. They were appointed as missionaries on January 1, 1903.

Rev. Jackson served in both the North and South Brazil mission districts. He began his mission work in Santa Ritta in 1904. By 1914, he and his wife were assigned to the Bahia Mission. After a two year furlough due to illness, the Jacksons returned to Brazil in 1918 to work in the Victoria Mission in South Brazil. In 1922, they were in Campo Grande. From 1925 to 1928, they were in Rio de Janeiro. The Jacksons, with their son Carey, died in 1928 on their journey back to Brazil, from a furlough, when the Vestris shipwrecked and they drowned.

A. R. Crabtree in the annual report of the Foreign Mission Board in 1929 described Rev. Jackson in these words:

He traveled extensively, especially in the early part of his career, and was widely known and greatly beloved. He spoke Portuguese so perfectly that no one could recognize from his speech that he was a foreigner. He had a special gift for personal work, and there is a wide circle of believers in the north, south, east, and west in Brazil who were led to Christ

through personal conversation with Bro. Jackson, as well as by his fervent evangelistic preaching.

### **Scope and Content**

The collection consists mainly of correspondence to the Jacksons, and copies of letters from Ernest Jackson, and spans the years 1899 to 1928. Also included in the papers are clippings (English and Portuguese), programs, documents, a notebook, and photographs. The correspondence is both personal and business related. The correspondence relating to mission work includes reports about activities, location of mission work, disagreements among missionaries, and financial matters. The correspondence illustrates the work of early 20<sup>th</sup> century Baptist missionaries and their relationship to the Foreign Mission Board. Of special note are the letters to Jackson from Louis M. Reno in which he discusses their harsh disagreement. Correspondents with Jackson include:

L. T. Rites, Director of Brazil Baptist Publishing House  
 J. F. Love, Corresponding Secretary, Foreign Mission Board  
 Arthur O'Rear, friend from Missionary Alliance School  
 Lemuel C. Quarles  
 T. B. Ray, Foreign Mission Board  
 Louis M. Reno, Brazil missionary  
 W. B. Sherwood, Brazil missionary  
 Harry Whittington

The photographs include images of family members, friends from the Missionary Alliance Training School, Brazil Baptist, and S. D. Goude. The collection consists of ½ linear feet of material.

### **Arrangement**

Arranged in alphabetical order by folder title

### **Provenance**

Unknown

### **Preferred Citation**

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### **Access Restrictions**

None

### **Subject Terms**

Jackson, Ernest A., 1877 – 1928  
 Quarles, Lemuel C.  
 Reno, Loren Marion, 1872 – 1935  
 Love, James Franklin, 1859 – 1928  
 Ray, T. Bronson, 1868 – 1934  
 Southern Baptist Convention. Foreign Mission Board  
 Missions – Brazil  
 Missionaries – Correspondence, reminiscences, etc.

**Related Materials**

Southern Baptist Convention. Foreign Mission Board. Missionary Correspondence. AR 551-2 (Box 30), Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives

**Container List****Box 1**

- 1.1 Correspondence, 1875, 1899
- 1.2 Correspondence, 1900 – 1910
- 1.3 Correspondence, 1911 – 1912
- 1.4 Correspondence and program, 1913 – 1915
- 1.5 Correspondence, 1916
- 1.6 Correspondence, 1917
- 1.7 Correspondence and itinerary, 1918
- 1.8 Correspondence, 1919
- 1.9 Correspondence, 1920
- 1.10 Correspondence, 1921
- 1.11 Correspondence, 1922
- 1.12 Correspondence, programs, 1923
- 1.13 Correspondence, 1924
- 1.14 Correspondence, 1925
- 1.15 Correspondence, 1926
- 1.16 Correspondence, 1927
- 1.17 Correspondence, 1928
- 1.18 Correspondence, n.d.
- 1.19 Clippings
- 1.20 Documents and programs
- 1.21 Notebook/diary, 1924
- 1.22 Photographs – Brazil Baptists
- 1.23 Photographs – Cristal Springs
- 1.24 Photographs – Family members
- 1.25 Photographs – Goode, So Do
- 1.26 Photographs – Missionary Alliance Training School (friends)