

PAULINE WILLINGHAM MOORE

PAPERS

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First Yugoslavian Baptist Women's Conference, 1957

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Summary

Main Entry: Pauline Willingham Moore Papers

Date Span: 1939 – 1979

Abstract: Southern Baptist missionary involved in mission work in Yugoslavia, Hungary, and with the United Relief and Rehabilitation Administration in Egypt. She and husband, John Allen Moore, founded and taught at the Baptist Theological Seminary in Ruschlikon, Switzerland. Collection contains newsletters from Moore to family and friends in the United States, 1941 – 1979.

Size: .5 linear ft.

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Biographical Sketch

Pauline Willingham Moore was born in Macon, Georgia, May 4, 1912. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Wesleyan College in Macon in 1933 and her Master of Religious Education from the Woman's Missionary Union Training School in Louisville, Kentucky in 1938. In 1939, Moore was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board, and on January 9, 1940, she married John Allen Moore in Rome, Italy.

Moore worked with women in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, from 1940 – 1941, and in Budapest, Hungary, 1941 – 1942, after being forced to flee Yugoslavia when the German army attacked the country during World War II. Moore worked among Yugoslavian refugees with the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration in Egypt, 1944 – 1945.

Pauline and John Allen Moore were among the founders and first teachers at the Baptist Theological Seminary in Ruschlikon, Switzerland, which opened in 1949. She taught English and participated actively in campus life and the Ruschlikon Baptist Church. During the time she was stationed at Ruschlikon, Pauline and John Allen Moore made several extended trips to Yugoslavia where they spoke in churches and visited Baptists. In 1955, the Moores spent six months working among Baptists in Yugoslavia. Difficulties in obtaining permission to remain in the country for longer periods frustrated their dream of devoting themselves full-time to this work. The Moores worked among Hungarian refugees in Vienna, from 1956 to 1957, and then returned to Ruschlikon.

Pauline Moore is the author of *They Have Soul* (Nashville: Convention Press, 1972; Call number in Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives: BV 2855 M6 T5 1972), and numerous articles on her work in Yugoslavia and Switzerland.

The Moores retired to Brownwood, Texas, in 1978, but they continued to be involved in missions through writing, speaking, and other projects. The Moores have two children, Edward and Marilyn, adopted in 1951.

Scope and Content Note

The collection includes newsletters sent from Moore to the United States. Each gives an account of the Moore's current work, news of their family and friends, and prayer requests. The newsletters cover the period 1941 – 1979 and provide glimpses into the life of a missionary, as well as a unique account of circumstances in Europe, particularly Yugoslavia, during and following World War II.

Two folders contain articles by and about Pauline and John Allen Moore that depict their lives and work. The "Miscellaneous" folder contains materials related to their early work in Yugoslavia, their flight from the country in 1941, and their work among Hungarian refugees in Vienna following the Soviet invasion of Hungary in 1956. The "Photos" folder includes several photos of Yugoslavian and European Baptist Women's meetings and of a 1946 meeting between Baptist missionaries and President Harry Truman, in Washington, DC. The collection occupies 0.5 linear feet.

For further information on Pauline Moore in the Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives, see the John Allen Moore Papers (AR 752); The John Allen Moores: Good News in War and Peace (BV 2855.6 .M66 B87 1985); and Ruschlikon: The Establishment and Early Development of an International Baptist Theological Seminary in the Heart of Post-War Europe, by Carol Gale Woodfin (BV 4070 .R83 W66 1987).

Arrangement

Arranged in alphabetical order by folder title

Provenance

Donated by Pauline Moore, 1991.

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Access Restrictions

None

Subject Terms

Baptist Theological Seminary, Ruschlikon, Switzerland

Missions – Yugoslavia

Missions – Hungary

Missionaries – Correspondence, reminiscences, etc.

War relief

Refugees

Theological seminaries, Baptist

Yugoslavia – Religious life

Europe – Church life – 20th century

Related Materials

John David Hughey Papers, AR 711. Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives.

John Allen Moore Papers, AR 752. Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives.

Container List**Box 1**

- 1.1 Articles by and about Pauline and John Allen Moore and their work, 1941 –1975
- 1.2 Articles by and about Pauline and John Allen Moore and their work, 1941 – 1975
- 1.3 Miscellaneous (includes early work in Yugoslavia, flight during the war, and work among Hungarian refugees), 1941 – 1956
- 1.4 Missionary News Letters, 1941 – 1968
- 1.5 Missionary News Letters, 1969 – 1979
- 1.6 Photos, 1939 – 1960
- 1.7 Ruschlikon – Seminary and Church Materials, 1948 – 1973