

**Inventory of the
Ernest Eugene Lee Collection**

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E. E. Lee

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Summary

Main Entry: Ernest Eugene Lee Collection

Date Span: 1908 – 1955

Abstract: Collection consists of correspondence, addresses, articles, programs, and other material concerning the early development and history of the Baptist Young People's Union with which Lee worked from 1908 to 1946 as a field secretary for the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Size: 3.5 linear ft. (8 document boxes)

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Biographical Sketch

A descendant of General Henry (Lighthorse Harry) Lee, Ernest Eugene Lee was born in Ripley, Tennessee September 26, 1876. While he was still an infant, his family moved to Covington, Georgia. At the age of fifteen, Lee was baptized in a fish pond in his family's backyard. After graduating from Emory University in 1896, Lee moved to St. Louis, Missouri, where he joined a BYPU for the first time. Following a bout with pneumonia, Lee moved to Dallas, Texas, where he was elected president of the inaugural BYPU organized at First Baptist Church, San Angelo, Texas. After serving as the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Bacone Indian University, Lee married Ava Rice Bomar in 1903.

In 1906, Lee was elected state BYPU secretary of Texas. He worked in collaboration with Corresponding Secretary J. B. Gambrell to organize 200 new unions. Two years later, Lee was elected as the first Southwide BYPU field secretary for the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Over the course of his long career, Lee traveled extensively, logging more than a million miles. In addition to his duties as field secretary, Lee kept up a voluminous correspondence with young people all over the country. Throughout his life, he enjoyed and participated in many sports, including baseball, golf, and tennis.

In 1946, E.E. Lee retired and returned to his boyhood home of Covington, Georgia. He died there on December 21, 1962.

Scope and Content Note

The Ernest Eugene Lee Collection (3.5 linear ft.) consists primarily of programs, pamphlets, correspondence, and reports. It features a significant run on BYPU programs, important early pamphlets about BYPU organization and field work, and reports of field work. In addition, the collection includes correspondence, Sunday School Board business and policy materials, and covers Lee's denominational activities from 1908 to 1955.

The major topics and issues included in the papers are: the early history and development of the Baptist Young People's Union, the Baptist Training Union, church work with youth, and the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Included in the correspondence files are letters from Baptist leaders such as: O.K. Armstrong, W.O. Carver, Corinne Byrd, W. A. Criswell, J.M. Frost, T.C. Gardner, W.A. Harrell, Brooks Hays, Jerry E. Lambdin, Blanche Linthicum, Clarence M. Managan, Helen McCullough (missionary to China), Perry Morgan, Joe B. Moseley, Henry Alford Porter, Edwin S. Preston, J. M Price, L. R. Scarborough, H.H. Snuggs (missionary to China), and George W. Truett.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged in alphabetical order by folder title.

Provenance

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Access Restrictions

None

Subject Terms

Lee, Ernest Eugene, 1876-1962
Armstrong, O. K.
Gardner, T. C.
Lambdin, Jerry E.
McCullough, Helen
Scarborough, L. R.
Snuggs, H. H.
Truett, George W.
Southern Baptist Convention. Sunday School Board.
Baptist Young People's Union.
Baptist Training Union.
Church work with children.
Church work with young adults.
Church work with youth.

Youth in church work.

Related Materials

Lee, E. E. *Intermediate B.Y.P.U. Manual*. Sunday School Board, Southern Baptist Convention, 1934.

Lee, E. E. *The Baptist Intermediate Union Manual*. Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, 1946.

Church Training Department Collection, AR 795-549

Baptist Training Union Magazine, MF 555 and Serials collection

Container List

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- 1.2 Addresses – The Cap-Stone of the BYPU, The Work of the Officers, Training, The Kingdom and Sons of the Kingdom, Development of Power, Magnify His Name in the Weekly Meeting Program, The Spirit of the Game, Elements of Success in a BYPU, Flowers of Friendship (with H.H. Hobbs), Faithfulness in Service (by Frank H. Leavell)
- 1.3 Articles – Me and My Beginnings, Me and My Experience, This'n That'n You
- 1.4 BYPU vs. BTS
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- 6.1 Catalog, 1920 - 1921 – Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
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- 8.11 Sunday School Board – Reports to the SBC, 1935 – 1941; BTU Study Course Awards; Teacher Training in Southern Baptist Educational Institutions (P.E. Burroughs, 1920 - 1921); Names of people who came to the Sunday School Board during Frost's time who were still in service in 1940