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Summary

Main Entry: Wayne Womack Adams Collection

Date Span: 1908 – 1945

Abstract: Collection includes six folders of materials related to the work of Wayne Womack Adams, Southern Baptist Convention Foreign Mission Board missionary to China. The material includes subject files about the China Inland Mission, leprosy, and Manchuria. It also contains correspondence to and from Adams and the Foreign Mission Board, International Christian Leprosy Mission, and the Russian Missionary and Relief Service.

Size: 1.5 linear ft. (1 flat document box)

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Biographical Sketch

Southern Baptist missionary, pastor, and evangelist Wayne Womack Adams was born April 21, 1877, in Danville, Virginia. His parents were James Madison and Mary Emma (Williams) Adams. His father sold real estate and worked on the family farm; his mother was a housewife. In 1883, the family moved to Monett, Missouri. Adams was converted in 1891 at age fourteen. He was baptized in May, 1896 at Prairie Baptist Church in Monett, Missouri.

Wayne W. Adams was educated at the Baptist College in Pierce City Missouri, the Cheney Normal School in Cheney, Washington, and the University of Washington. He received a Th.M. degree from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1908. Upon graduation, Adams was appointed a missionary to China through the Foreign Mission Board. Mr. Adams was the answer to an appeal to the Board for a helper in Tengchow made by Lottie Moon. Upon arrival in China, Adams married Mary Floy White in Tengchow, Shantung, on October 28, 1909. He served along with his wife in Tengchow from 1908 until his retirement from the Foreign Mission Board in 1943. As part of his work in China, Adams directed a school for boys for one year and served as president of the North China Mission. He worked alongside Lottie Moon in Tengchow and carefully selected Scriptures for printing in Chinese to be distributed in preaching. Adams died in Birmingham, Alabama, December 10, 1951.

Scope and Content Note

The Wayne Womack Adams Collection (1.5 linear ft.) consists of six folders of materials related to Adams' work in Tengchow China. The collection includes subject files about the China Inland Mission, leprosy, and Manchuria. The collection also contains correspondence to and from Adams to the Foreign Mission Board, China Inland Mission, International Christian Leprosy Mission, and the Baptist mission in Shantung, China, and Adams' family. Prominent individuals included in the correspondence include Harold C. Etter, W. H. Faust, Robert Hall Glover, J. F. Love, Charles E. Maddry, Ivan Neprash, M. T. Rankin, and R. J. Willingham. The correspondence describe the salvation experiences of Chinese persons to whom Adams preached and ministered, medicine and public health in China, and appeals for financial support from the Board.

A 16mm microfilm version of the Wayne Womack Adams Collection is available on MF # 7609.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged in alphabetical order by folder title.

Provenance

Donated by the International Mission Board, Southern Baptist Convention, 2009.

Preferred Citation

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Access Restrictions

None

Subject Terms

Adams, Wayne Womack, 1877-1951.
 Glover, Robert Hall, 1871-1947
 Maddry, Charles Edward, 1876-1962
 Neprash, Ivan V.
 Rankin, Milledge Theron, 1894-1953
 Willingham, R. J. (Robert Josiah), 1854-1914
 China – Religion .
 Leprosy – China.
 Missionaries – Correspondence, reminiscences, etc.
 Missions – China .
 Missions, Foreign.
 Southern Baptist Convention. Foreign Mission Board.

Related Materials

Southern Baptist Convention., International Mission Board., Correspondence Files., Wayne Womack Adams Files. SBHLA # AR 551-2, Box 144.

Container List

Box 1

- 1.1 China Inland Mission – Tribes
- 1.2 Correspondence, 1908 – 1949
- 1.3 Evangelism Tracts
- 1.4 Foreign Missions in China, 1938
- 1.5 Leprosy Work in China, 1935 – 1945
- 1.6 Manchuria, August 15, 1939