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Bill Wallace, Medical missionary to China

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#### **Summary**

Main entry: Jesse Fletcher – Bill Wallace Research Collection

Abstract: Collection of material related to Fletcher's research on the life of Bill Wallace, medical missionary to China from 1937 to 1951. The collection includes letters to Fletcher about Wallace, memoirs of co-workers of Wallace, news clippings, letters to and from Wallace, and Fletcher's research notes.

Date span: 1934-1961

Size: .5 linear ft.

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#### **Biographical Note**

Southern Baptist pastor, educator, administrator, and historian. Fletcher was born on April 9, 1931, in San Antonio, Texas. He is a graduate of Texas A&M University and Southwestern Seminary, where he received master's and doctorate degrees. Prior to becoming the 12<sup>th</sup> president of Hardin-Simmons University, he served in an administrative role with the Foreign Mission Board of the SBC from 1960 to 1975. He was pastor of First Baptist Church in Knoxville, Tennessee, 1975-1977.

Fletcher is president-emeritus of Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, where he served as president from 1977-1991. Fletcher also is widely known as author of 10 books, including *Bill Wallace of China*, a classic book about Baptist missions, and *The Southern Baptist Convention*, which was published during the SBC's sesquicentennial.

#### **Scope and Content Note**

The collection includes material acquired by Fletcher while conducting research on the biographical volume on Bill Wallace, a Southern Baptist missionary to China. William (Bill) Wallace was a Southern Baptist medical missionary in China from 1935 to his death in 1951. He served as a doctor in the Stout Memorial Hospital. He died while imprisoned by Chinese Communists.

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**Arrangement**

The collection is arranged in alphabetical order by folder title.

**Provenance**

Donated by the International Mission Board Archives, 2009.

**Preferred Citation**

Jesse Fletcher-Bill Wallace Research Collection, Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives, Nashville, Tennessee.

**Access Restrictions**

None

**Subject Terms**

Cauthen, Baker James

Hayes, Everley

Peters, H. Dewey

Snuggs, Grace M.

Wa, Fuk (Flora)

Wallace, William Lindsay, 1908-1951

Webster, Roland

Wright, Lucy B.

Stout Memorial Hospital (Wuchow, China).

Southern Baptist Convention. Foreign Mission Board.

Missionaries - Correspondence, reminiscences, etc.

Missions - China.

Missions, medical - China

**Related materials**

Fletcher, Jesse. *Bill Wallace of China*. Broadman Press, 1963

Wallace, William Lindsay, 1908-1951. Collection. MF 7089.

Wallace, William Lindsay, 1908-1951. Missionary Papers. In Foreign Mission Board.

Missionary Correspondence, AR 551-2 (Box 126) 5 folders

**Folder listing**

Box 1

Folder

1. Beddoe, Robert E. – Letters, 1934, 1944
2. Cauthen, Baker James – Letter to Theron Rankin, 1950
3. Clippings/stories
4. Hayes, Everley – Letter concerning Wallace's arrest and death, 1951
5. Peters, H. Dewey – Memories of Dr. William Wallace, 1961
6. Research notes, 1936-1951
7. Research notes, 1946-1948

8. Research notes, 1949
9. Research notes, 1950
10. Snuggs, Grace M. – Letter to Fletcher, 1961
11. Wa, Fuk (Flora) – Letter to Lucy Wright, 1961
12. Webster, Roland – Letter to Fletcher, 1961
13. West, Gene N. (Mrs. T.E.) – Memories of Bill Wallace, 1961
14. Wright, Lucy B. – Letters and memories, 1940-1961