

Inventory to the Gladys Keith Collection

AR 894



Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives
February, 2018

Inventory to the Gladys Keith Collection

AR 894

Summary

Main entry: Gladys Keith Collection

Date Span: 1944-1971

Abstract: Collection of correspondence, clippings, articles, and other material documenting the work of Gladys Keith in the Rachel Sims Mission in New Orleans, Louisiana. The correspondence includes letters to and from administrators at the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Other correspondence is from partners and friends in the mission work in New Orleans. The collection includes articles and letters of tribute to her mission work. A file of photographs is also part of the collection.

Size: .5 linear ft. (1 document box)

Collection #: AR 894

Biographical Sketch

Gladys Keith was born near Kilmichael, Mississippi on February 1, 1905. She attended Blue Mountain College (1925-1928) and the Baptist Bible Institute (B.R.E. 1944). She taught school in Mississippi for six years. In 1935 she went to work at Rachel Sims Mission in New Orleans, and was appointed as a missionary of the Home Mission Board the following year. During her years of service, 1936-1960, a new building was erected for the Rachel Sims Mission, three other mission centers were developed, and a Baptist church was organized on the riverfront. After retirement, Keith lived in Mississippi. She died in Kilmichael, Mississippi on August 19, 1970.

Scope and Content Note

Collection of correspondence, clippings, articles, and other material documenting the work of Gladys Keith in the Rachel Sims Mission in New Orleans, Louisiana. The correspondence includes letters to and from administrators at the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Other correspondence is from partners and friends in the mission work in New Orleans. The collection includes articles and letters of tribute to her mission work. A file of photographs is also part of the collection.

The collection documents the work of the Home Mission Board in the New Orleans area during the mid-20th century. In particular, the work of the Rachel Sims Mission and the development of the Riverfront Baptist Mission. The collection provides insight to social service ministries provided by the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged in alphabetical order by folder title.

Provenance

Donated by Jesse K. Grace, Route 1, West, Mississippi. April, 1982.

Preferred Citation

Gladys Keith Collection, Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives, Nashville, Tennessee.

Access Restrictions

None

Subject Terms

Keith, Gladys, 1905-1970

Rachel Sims Memorial Mission (New Orleans, La.)
Riverfront Baptist Church (New Orleans, La.)
Southern Baptist Convention – Home Mission Board.

Baptists – Missions - New Orleans
City missions
Social service
Social settlements – New Orleans.

Related Materials

Gladys Keith, Baptist History File, Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives

Lawrence, Una Roberts. Papers. AR 631. Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives.

Rivers, Loretta Gail. *Southern Baptist settlement work in New Orleans, 1946-1969*. Ph.D. diss., Tulane University, 2008.

Wagon, Marilyn S. *Light on the Riverfront: The story of Gladys Keith*. Nashville, Tennessee: Broadman Press, 1967.

Container List

Box 1

- 1.1 Clippings
- 1.2 Correspondence, 1960-1971
- 1.3 Correspondence – Corder, Loyd (Home Mission Board), 1954-1956
- 1.4 Correspondence – Dowis, S. F. (Home Mission Board), 1952
- 1.5 Correspondence – Eddleman, H. Leo (New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary), 1960
- 1.6 Correspondence – Grey, J. D., 1955-1960
- 1.7 Correspondence – Hunt, Alma (Woman's Missionary Union), 1948-1950
- 1.8 Correspondence – Hutchison, Margaret (Oklahoma Woman's Missionary Union), 1949
- 1.9 Correspondence – Lowrey, Lawrence T. (Blue Mountain College, Mississippi), 1953-1954
- 1.10 Correspondence – Magness Memorial Baptist Church, McMinnville, Tennessee, June 22, 1971
- 1.11 Correspondence – Mallory, Kathleen (Woman's Missionary Union), 1945
- 1.12 Correspondence – Martin, George R. (Mrs.), 1950
- 1.13 Correspondence – Patterson, E.N. (Grand Canyon College), 1960
- 1.14 Correspondence – Provence, Ruth (North Carolina Woman's Missionary Union), 1948
- 1.15 Correspondence – Redford, Courts (Home Mission Board), 1954-1960
- 1.16 Correspondence – Riverfront Missions, 1949-1957
- 1.17 Correspondence – Robinson, Edwina (Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union), 1945-1960
- 1.18 Correspondence – Taylor, Frances (Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union), 1944

- 1.19 Correspondence – White, Blanche (Virginia Woman’s Missionary Union), 1947
- 1.20 Experience of Miss Amelia Rappold at the Rachel Sims Mission in New Orleans
- 1.21 First Baptist Church, Winona, Mississippi- Newsletter, September 15, 1966
- 1.22 Gladys Keith - Missionary and True Friend
- 1.23 Light on the Riverfront
- 1.24 Photographs
- 1.25 Rachel Sims Memorial Good Will Center
- 1.26 Rachel Sims Mission (Pamphlets)
- 1.27 Riverfront Baptist Missions (Pamphlet), 1949
- 1.28 Riverfront Missions – Clippings
- 1.29 Riverfront Missions – Photographs
- 1.30 Speaking Engagement’s, 1948
- 1.31 Speaking Engagement’s – This is Your Mission (Gladys Keith)
- 1.32 Tell Magazine, February 1957 (Feature on Rachel Sims Memorial Mission)
- 1.33 This Amazing Christ, Gladys Keith), October 17, 1947
- 1.34 Tribute to Gladys Keith – This is Your Life
- 1.35 Vesper Service on My 9th Anniversary (Gladys Keith)