

# Inventory to the John and Margaret Lowe

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John and Margaret Lowe's home in China

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#### Summary

Main Entry: John and Margaret Lowe Collection

Date Span: 1908-1949

Abstract: Southern Baptist missionaries to China. Collection includes biographical information, correspondence, manuscripts, newspaper clippings, photographs, prayer poems, and writings related to the Lowes' missionary service in China from 1898-1941. The majority of the collection covers the 1920s-1940s.

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

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#### Biographical Sketch

John William Lowe (1868-1948) was born October 2, 1868, in St. Joseph, Missouri. He was converted at age fifteen and was baptized and joined New Salem Church in Daviess County, Missouri. He graduated from William Jewell College (1893) and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (1897). He completed courses in medicine from the Kentucky School of Medicine in Louisville, Kentucky, and was appointed a missionary to North China by the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1898, where he served until 1941. He died at age 79 on May 6, 1948, in Richmond, Virginia.

Margaret Savage Lowe (1868-1949) was born September 17, 1868, in DeKalb County, Missouri. She was converted at age fourteen and was baptized into the membership of Edinburgh Baptist Church. She attended Grand River College, Lexington Baptist College, and Baylor Female College (Belton, Texas), where she received the A. B. degree in 1897. She married John William Lowe in September 1897, after which she spent one year in Louisville, Kentucky, studying medicine. She and her husband were appointed missionaries of the SBC Foreign Mission Board in 1898. John and Margaret Lowe had five children. Margaret died at the age of 80 in Richmond, Virginia, on April 9, 1949.

#### Scope and Content Note

The collection includes a variety of material, although the bulk of the collection covers the 1920s-1940s and consists of correspondence (from both Lowes) and writings of John Lowe. The papers also include biographical information, manuscripts, newspaper clippings, photographs, and prayer poems related to the Lowes' mission service in North China. Most of the

correspondence are mimeograph copies of letters the Lowes wrote to friends and family. Correspondence from John Abernathy of the North China Mission and Mrs. C. B. Moore are also included in the collection. Writings in the collection detail the beginnings and scope of Southern Baptist missions in the North China region.

### **Arrangement**

The collection is arranged in alphabetical order by folder title.

### **Provenance**

Donated by Jane Clancy Debenport, 2000.

### **Preferred Citation**

John and Margaret Lowe Collection, Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives, Nashville, Tennessee.

### **Access Restrictions**

None

### **Subject Terms**

Lowe, John, 1868-1948.

Lowe, Margaret, 1868-1949.

China – religion.

Missions – China.

Missions, Foreign.

### **Container Listing**

- 1.1 Biographical Information
- 1.2 Correspondence, 1908
- 1.3 Correspondence, 1920s
- 1.4 Correspondence, 1930s
- 1.5 Correspondence, 1940s
- 1.6 Correspondence, Undated
- 1.7 Correspondence (John Abernathy, North China Mission), 1930
- 1.8 Correspondence (Mrs. C. B. Moore), 1931
- 1.9 Invitations, 1920s-1930s
- 1.10 Manuscript – Home Mission Board
- 1.11 Manuscript – Opening Work in Laichowfu
- 1.12 Newspaper Clippings, 1920s-1940s
- 1.13 Pamphlets (Harbin, Manchuria, by C. E. James)
- 1.14 Pamphlets (Published by SBC Home Mission Board), 1920s
- 1.15 Pamphlets (Published by SBC Foreign Mission Board), 1940s
- 1.16 Pamphlets (Published by SBC Woman's Missionary Union), ca. 1940s
- 1.17 Photographs
- 1.18 Scrapbook Items, 1920s-1930s
- 1.19 Prayer Poems

- 1.20 Teaching Card, New Year
- 1.21 Writings – A Chinese Christian of Reality
- 1.22 Writings – An Earnest Christian
- 1.23 Writings – Movement Among Baptists in China
- 1.24 Writings – Opening Work in Laichowfu
- 1.25 Writings – Tsingtau, Kuan Hai Road, February 22, 1929