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Summary Information

Repository: Ouachita Baptist University Library

Title: Jim and Alice Mayo collection of Dr. R. G. Lee materials

Date: 1950-1978

Extent: 0.1 Cubic feet 1 document box

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Biographical/Historical Note

Robert Greene Lee began his career on a farm near Fort Mill, South Carolina, where he was born in 1886. His poor but religious parents were David and Sarah Lee. Early in life, he felt the call to be a preacher, and in spite of many obstacles he heeded that call. He won many scholastic and oratory honors at the Furman Preparatory School and Furman University, Greenville, South Carolina, where he graduated with an A.B. degree in 1913. Shortly thereafter Lee married Bula Gentry. He took postgraduate work at the Chicago Law School, receiving a Ph.D. in international law in 1919.

He was ordained at his boyhood church at Fort Mill, South Carolina, in 1910. His first full-time pastorate was at Edgefield, South Carolina. This was followed by pastorates at First Baptist Church, Chester, South Carolina; First Baptist Church, New Orleans, Louisiana; and Citadel Square Baptist Church, Charleston, South Carolina. He was pastor of the Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee, from December, 1927, to April 10, 1960. Lee preached his famous sermon, PAYDAY...SOME DAY, over 1,200 times in the United States and other countries.

He died July 20, 1978, at his home in Memphis, Tennessee.

Scope and Contents

These materials collected by Jim and Alice Mayo include Bellevue Baptist Church bulletins and directory, Sunday School class notes, programs from special services and Dr. Lee's resignation from Bellevue Baptist Church, newspaper articles and biographical material about Lee, and articles and tracts written by Lee.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Ouachita Baptist University Library 8/09/2011

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Personal Name(s)

• Lee, Bula Gentry
• Lee, Robert Greene (R.G.), Dr., 1886-1978

Subject(s)

• Baptists.

Bibliography

Collection Inventory

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