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**Finding Aid for the
William H. Berry Papers
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Arkadelphia, AR 71998*

Repository: Archives and Special Collections, Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, AR

Creator: William H. Berry

Title: William H. Berry Papers

Inclusive Dates: 1972-1974

Quantity: 0.25 c.f.

Abstract

Materials belonging to William H. Berry, a Ouachita graduate and retired missionary. Includes a letter to Frances Crawford, Registrar and later Alumni director at Ouachita Baptist University, a post-retirement draft of an autobiography describing his adventures as a missionary, and a “missionary index” providing photographs and demographic information of various missions throughout the world.

Identification: OBU.2019.005

Language: English

Acquisition Information: Donated by Berry via Frances Crawford, 1973.

Access Restrictions: These papers are open for research. Non-Circulating, in-house use only.

Preferred Citation: William H. Berry papers, Archives and Special Collections, Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, AR.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains materials belonging to William H. Berry: a letter from himself to Francis Crawford, a post-retirement draft of an autobiography describing his adventures as a missionary, and a “missionary index” providing photographs and demographical information of various missions throughout the world. Microfilm copy of “Confessions of a Missionary,” is located in MF Drawer 13.

Biographical Summary

William Hafford Berry was born in Magazine, Arkansas, on July 27, 1894. He was an early graduate of Ouachita, earning his B.A. degree from the graduating class of 1920. He continued his studies at the University of Chicago and the University of Missouri College of Journalism.

Prior to his tenure as a full-time foreign missionary, Berry was an educator and minister. He and his wife, Olga, were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern

Baptist Convention in 1922 and left for Brazil the following year. The Berry family remained in Brazil for decades, with at least one member living there for a 70-year period.

William H. Berry passed in Memphis, Tennessee on July 30, 1994 at age 100, having celebrated his 100th birthday just three days prior. At that time, he was the oldest living emeritus missionary of what became the International Mission Board.

Subject Terms

Autobiography

Baptist universities and colleges

Baptists

Letters

Missionary stories

Photographs

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Box/Folder Contents Inventory

Box 3219

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“Confessions of a Missionary” Index, 1972

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Letter to Francis Crawford, 30 Jan 1973.

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“The Outline Summary of an Autobiography” by W.H. Berry, 1974