

COLLECTION 20: Papers of Francis McClelland Ure, 1890-1987

Administrative Information

Title:

Papers of Francis McClelland Ure, 1890-1987

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The gift of Dr. Russell Spittler who was her executor from 1983 until the time of her death, 9/20/1987.

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Biography

Best known for her popular Personal Evangelism courses, Frances McClelland Ure (1890-1987) was born in Allegheny, now the Northside section of Pittsburgh, in 1890 to Walter Ure, a Scottish immigrant and his wife Margaret Grove Ure. She was the younger of two sisters who survived out of the six children. During the Civil war her father had been appointed as Assistant Surgeon of United States Volunteers by President Lincoln. By the time of Frances' birth he was a prominent physician in Pittsburgh. The family attended the 4th Presbyterian Church in Northside.

At the age of twenty-three she committed her life to the Lord through the personal evangelism of Dr. S.M. Zwemer, a Dutch Reformed Missionary. Ms. Ure received her theological training from Washington Seminary, completing her program there in 1910.

She was ordained as a pastor in the church which she established on Long Island, Farmingdale Gospel Church, a branch of the Pittsburg Bible Institute. There was a mention at her farewell when she left Farmingdale that she would be going as a missionary to Belgian Congo for five years. The Pittsburgh Gazette Times October 29th 1926 carries her photograph, which is titled Missionaries.

Returned from missionary service in the Belgian Congo, she took up her primary ministry - training in personal evangelism. She taught classes for Sunday school teachers in many Assemblies of God and Open Bible Standard Churches, specializing in Personal Evangelism. She was a well-recognized teacher in this field, highly recommended by many prominent ministers and traveled all over the country offering her courses.

She composed a collection of poems called 'Stars in the Night,' as well as Biblical choruses which she used in her personal evangelism classes.

Scope and Content

The papers of Frances Ure (1890-1987) provide insight into the role of women in the Pentecostal movement. Ure grew up in Pittsburgh and received her theological training from Washington Female Seminary in 1910. She was converted through the ministry of Dr. S.M. Zweemer, a Dutch Reformed Missionary. She established a congregation on Long Island and became its pastor. She also served as pastor of Farmingdale Gospel Church, which was a branch of the Pittsburgh Bible Institute. Later she left that ministry in order to develop teacher training classes. She taught classes for Sunday school teachers in many Assemblies of God and Open Bible Standard Churches.

The collection of this itinerant Pentecostal evangelist includes teaching outlines, sermons notes, church bulletins, advertisements of upcoming meetings, poems (a few of which are published), financial and medical records. Also part of the collection are the wartime correspondence and military medals of Ure's father, Walter Ure, who served in the Union Army as a physician during the Civil War.

Subjects:

Pentecostalism
 United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865
 Women clergy

Arrangement

The papers of Frances Ure are organized into 12 boxes consisting of 6 series as follows:

Series I: BIOGRAPHICAL MATERIAL

Family correspondence, and personal documents. (Box 1)

Series II: WRITINGS

Subseries 1: Compositions, Choruses. A collection of original song compositions with some copyright cards and typed choruses. (Box 2)

Subseries 2: Poems arranged chronologically. (Box 3)

Series III: MINISTRY

Study Material, Ministry Notices, Ministries - study materials and notes prepared for personal evangelism, clippings of ministry notices and recommendations from Church leaders. (Box 4-5)

Series IV: CORRESPONDENCE

Personal, pastoral and official correspondence with the Churches. (Box 6 and 9)

Series V: STUDY NOTES, COLLECTED BOOKLETS and TRACTS

(Box 8-11)

Series VI: MEMORABILIA, PHOTOGRAPHS

Bibles, badges and other mementos, as well as photographs, original Birth certificate, & an oversized handwritten poem (Box 12)

Oversize memorabilia such as Ure's Washington Female Seminary diploma, Sunday School Award Certificates and posters for Ure's Personal Evangelism Course are to be found in the Oversize Cabinet, drawer 10.

Box Inventory***Box 1: Biographical Material***

File	Title	Other Information
1.1	Walter Ure	Family History
1.2	Margaret Ure	Family History
1.3	Walter Ure	Biography
1.4	Family Papers	
1.5	John Ure	Shorter Catechism
1.6	Walter Ure	Commencement Notice
1.7	Correspondence	Walter Ure
1.8	Correspondence	Walter Ure
1.9	Correspondence	Walter Ure

1.10	Correspondence	Walter Ure
1.11	Frances Ure	Birth Certificate
1.12	David Ure	Death Notice
1.13	Correspondence	Margaret Ure
1.14	Correspondence	Margaret Ure
1.15	Correspondence	Margaret Ure
1.16	Correspondence	Mary
1.17	Frances Ure	Washington Seminary Commencement, Invitation.
1.18	Alex Ure	Publication License
1.19	Walter Ure	Death Notice
1.20	Correspondence	Margaret Ure
1.21	Correspondence	General
1.22	Ministry in Farmingdale	Paper Clippings
1.22a	Missionary?	Paper Clipping
1.23	Margaret Ure	Papers
1.24	Correspondence	Margaret Ure
1.25	Clippings	Handing over Old Flag
1.26	Margaret Ure	Ministry Notices
1.27	Margaret Ure	Papers
1.28	American Bible Society	Annuity Agreement.
1.29	Correspondence	Ruth Ure
1.30	Assemblies of God	Annuity Bond
1.31	Frances Ure	Testimony
1.32	Correspondence	Russell Spittler
1.33	Correspondence	Russell Spittler
1.34	Papers	Power of Attorney
1.35	Correspondence	Russell Spittler for Ure
1.36	Correspondence	Russell Spittler for Ure
1.37	Bank Check Book	1.37
1.38	Insurance papers	1.38
1.39	Last Will and Testament	1.39
1.40	Certificate of death	1.40
1.41	Printed Photograph of Head stone	1.41
1.42	Correspondence	Russell Spittler for Ure
1.43	Correspondence	Russell Spittler for Ure
1.44	Contact Addresses	1.44
1.45	Contact Addresses	1.45
1.46	Medical & Social Security Papers	1.46
1.47	Funeral Papers	1.47
1.48	Condolence Letters at Mary's Death	1.48

Box 2: Writings

File	Title	Other Information
2.1	Compositions	Honored

2.2	Compositions	Blessed Savior of the Living God
2.3	Compositions	Our Savior and Healer
2.4	Compositions	This World's Need
2.5	Compositions	He'll Carry Your Burden
2.6	Compositions	Bend Me
2.7	Compositions	Obey and Pray
2.8	Compositions	A Call to Worship
2.9	Compositions	Come Quickly
2.10	Compositions	The Same as Yesterday
2.11	Compositions	Christmas Again
2.12	Compositions	Our Portion
2.13	Compositions	Do Not Fear
2.14	Compositions	Let Me Thy Glory See
2.15	Compositions	We Want to Be Ready
2.16	Compositions	A Prayer Breathed to Him
2.17	Compositions	There is None Beside Him
2.18	Compositions	Under His Control
2.19	Compositions	On Thee I Call
2.20	Compositions	Into Thy Service
2.21	Compositions	Let Us be Glad
2.22	Compositions	Lift Up our Hearts
2.23	Compositions	A Victor Be
2.24	Compositions	Thou O Lord
2.25	Compositions	A Prayer
2.26	Compositions	I Love Thee Lord
2.27	Compositions	I am Believing Thee Now
2.28	Compositions	Only Help
2.29	Compositions	His Wondrous Salvation Plan
2.30	Compositions	Look for Him
2.31	Compositions	Touch with a Coal
2.32	Compositions	Jesus Christ My Savior
2.33	Compositions	Thou Shalt Walk with me in White
2.34	Compositions	Jesus to the End
2.35	Compositions	It on the Way
2.36	Compositions	Jesus Will Lead
2.37	Compositions	Jesus the Same Today
2.38	Compositions	Like a Ship
2.39	Compositions	Glorious Lord of Bethlehem
2.40	Compositions	Give Thou me Courage
2.41	Compositions	Wondrous Truth
2.42	Compositions	More than Conqu'rors
2.43	Compositions	Our Savior and Healer
2.44	Compositions	Our Savior Adored
2.45	Compositions	When Our Lord Comes Back

2.46	Compositions	Jesus is Coming Again
2.47	Compositions	Let's Bring the Children In
2.48	Compositions	A Prayer
2.49	Compositions	Even as the Scripture Saith
2.50	Compositions	At Calvary
2.51	Compositions	It Pays
2.52	Compositions	Prayer
2.53	Compositions	My Savior
2.54	Compositions	A New Year
2.55	Compositions	I have Peace
2.56	Compositions	Our Life's Sea
2.57	Compositions	A Turning of the Tide
2.58	Gospel Choruses	
2.59	Choruses	For Personal Work
2.60	Choruses	Book
2.61	Choruses	Single Leaves
2.62	Choruses	List
2.63	Choruses	Hand Written
2.64	Choruses	
2.65	Choruses	Book?
2.66	Choruses	Collected
2.67	Choruses	

Box 3: Writings & Collected Poems

File	Title	Other Information
3.1	Poems	Christmas
3.2	Poems	1919
3.3	Poems	1920's
3.4	Poems	1930's
3.5	Poems	On Her Sister Mary's Death
3.6	Poems	1940's
3.7	Poems	List of Published Poems
3.8-16	Poems	Handwritten & typed
3.17-31	Poems	Published
3.32	Poems	Book: Stars in the Night (original & 2 copies)
3.33-51	Poems	Collected Poems

Box 4: Study Notes

File	Title	Other Information
4.1-48	Study Notes	
4.49-56	Study Notes	Tracts

Box 5: Ministry

File	Title	Other Information
5.1	Study Notes	

5.2	Study Notes	
5.3	Study Notes	
5.4	Study Notes	
5.5	Study Notes	
5.6	Study Notes	
5.7	Ministry Notices	
5.8	Ministry Notices	
5.9	Ministry Notices	
5.10	Ministry Notices	
5.11	Ministry Notices	
5.12	Ministry Notices	
5.13	Ministry Notices	
5.14-36	Ministry	
5.37	Church Bulletins	

Box 6: Correspondence

File	Title	Other Information
6.1- 22	Correspondence	General
6.23	Correspondence	Greeting with Photograph
6.24	Correspondence	Open Bible Standard Churches
6.25	Correspondence	Open Bible Standard Churches
6.26	Correspondence	Open Bible Standard Churches
6.27	Correspondence & Address 1966 book	Open Bible Standard Churches
6.28	Correspondence	Assemblies of God
6.29	Correspondence	Assemblies of God
6.30-78	Correspondence	Greetings

Box 7: Memorabilia

File	Title	Other Information
7.1	Cards, Ribbons & Badges	Oral Roberts Crusade, National Sunday School Convention, Billy Graham Crusade, Open Bible Standard Churches 7.2Conferences, Church of God General Assembly, Pentecostal Fellowship of North America, AG Sunday School Convention
7.2	Address book	
7.3	Walter Ure, M.D.	Notepad with office hours, address, phone number
7.4	New Testament & Psalms	Full of notes, clippings
7.5	Blue Books of phone #'s	
7.6	Holy Bible	Annotated
7.7	Booklets	Words of Silver from the Bible, Words of Gold from the Bible
7.8	Moffat New Testament	Annotated

7.9	King James Bible	Annotated
7.10	Notebook	Full of clippings and notes
7.11	Walter Ure's military insignia and medal	Grand Army of the Republic, 1861 Veteran

Box 8: Study Notes

Box 9: Study Notes

Box 10: Booklets & Song Books

Item	Description
1	AG. <i>Caring: the Benevolences Story</i> . Springfield: Benevolences Department.
2	American Bible Society. <i>The History of the English Bible (with Picture Postcards PC#1)</i>
3	American Bible Society. <i>The Bible and the American Bible Society</i> .
4	Baron, David. <i>Israel's Inalienable Possessions</i> . New York: American Board of Missions to the Jews, 1943, 1968.
5	Barrows, Cliff. <i>Billy Graham Song Book (New York crusade '70)</i>
6	Booth-Clibborn, Samuel H. <i>Should a Christian fight? An Appeal to Christian Young Men of All Nations</i> . Swengel, PA: Bible Truth Depot.
7	Christenson, Larry. <i>Speaking in Tongues a Gift for the Body of Christ</i> . London: The Fountain Trust.
8	Crawford, Percy B. <i>Pinebrook Praises (Number 3)</i> Philadelphia: Young People's Church of the Air.
9	Ferm, Robert O. <i>They Met God at the New York Crusade</i> . Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, 1957.
10	Flower, Alice Reynolds. <i>According to the Pattern</i> . Springfield: Gospel Publishing House.
11	Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International. <i>Five Questions Answered on The Baptism in the Holy Spirit and Glossolalia</i> . Los Angeles: FGBMFI Seminars, Third Printing.
12	Gardner, Velmer. <i>Seven Scriptural Signs that Jesus will come in our time!</i> Los Angeles: FGBMFI.
13	Gordon, S.D. <i>The Quiet Time</i> . London: Fleming H. Revell
14	Graham, Billy. <i>There's Hope – Christ is Coming Back: Three Sermons preached in 1979</i> .
15	Hamilton, Gavin. <i>The Great Tribulation</i> . New York: Loizeaux Brothers, Bible Truth Depot, 1944.
16	Jensen, Jerry. <i>Physicians Examine the Baptism in the Holy Spirit</i> . Los Angeles: FGBMFI, 1967.
17	J.T.C. <i>The Beast</i> . Montrose, CA: Rusthoi Publications.
18	<i>John, The Gospel of</i> . Grand Rapids: Faith, Prayer & Tract League.
19	Lohmann, Fred. <i>Seven Fundamentals of the Christian Faith</i> . St. Louis: Trinity Tabernacle.
20	Luther, Iva Fern. <i>Born to Die</i> . Long Beach: Gospel Drama House, 1949.

21	McCormick, J.N. <i>Christ or Caesar?</i> Georgetown, Ill: Gospel Messages
22	Modersohn, Ernst. <i>A Child's Life</i> .
23	Montgomery, G.H. <i>You Can Live in an Atmosphere of Faith</i> . Kansas City: Defenders of the Christian Faith.
24	Noebel, David A. " <i>Christian Rock</i> ": <i>The New Paganism in the Church</i> . Tulsa: American Christian College.
25	Osborn, T.L. <i>Blessing Passport 1976: God's Pact of Plenty</i> . Osborn Foundation.
26	Rusthoi, Ralph W. <i>Handbook for Christian Workers</i> . Montrose, CA: Soul Winning Publications.
27	Searle, Walter. <i>David Brainerd's Personal Testimony in His Own Thrilling Words</i> . London: Oliphants Ltd.
28	Voss, Herman, ed. <i>Motion Songs for boys and Girls No.1</i> . Grand Rapids: Singtime Publishing.
29	Ward, C.M. <i>The Bobby Black Story</i> . Springfield: AG.
30	Ward, C.M. <i>Colonel Sanders Begins a New Life</i> . Springfield: Revivaltime.
31	Ward, C.M. <i>The Governor Who Prays</i> . Springfield: AG.
32	Ward, C.M. <i>Nation's Top Innkeeper Serves Christ</i> . Springfield: Revivaltime.
33	Ward, C.M. <i>What Happened to J.C. Penney</i> . Springfield: AG.
34	Wilkerson, David. <i>What Every Teenager Should Know About Drugs</i> . Massapequa, NY: David Wilkerson Youth Crusades.
35	Wyatt, Thomas. <i>Wings of Healing Over Africa</i> . Portland: Wings of Healing.
36	n.a. <i>A Jew, A Book and a Miracle. A Musician's Transformation. A Rabbi Finds the Messiah</i> . Philadelphia: The Million Testaments Campaigns.

Clergy Fare Certificates	Western, Eastern, New England & Southern Bureau, 1960-69
The Shield 1971	Long Island Bible Institute Catalog 1967-68, 1971-72, Yearbook 1971, L.I.B.I. Newsletter Feb. 1971
Open Bible Standard Churches	Tithing records, Standards of Progress booklets, Trained to Serve leaflets
Collected	Miscellaneous Illustrations

Box 11: Tracts

Box 12: Photographs & the Poem "Janie" by Francis Ure