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Summary Information

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Biographical/Historical Note

Laurence Watts Harvison was born in Newark, Arkansas, on November 15, 1893, to William Hiram and Emma Watts Harvison. Hiram later became terminally ill with tuberculosis and the family moved to Sulphur Rock, Arkansas. Laurence was four years old when his father died. His mother moved the family close to her sisters at Junction City, Arkansas. There, Emma met and married Samuel Lee Muse, who owned and operated a general store.

Laurence Harvison attended school in Junction City and in 1908, entered Arkansas College (now Lyon College) in Batesville, Arkansas. He graduated in 1912. The next year he taught in Clarendon, Arkansas, and then entered Austin Theological Seminary in Austin, Texas. By 1916, he received his Bachelor of Divinity and enrolled in McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago, Illinois. In 1917, Harvison was ordained as a minister of the Presbyterian Church. He served as minister at the Mount Pleasant Church in Kingston, Ohio. When the United States entered World War I, Harvison joined the United States Army and the Chaplain Corps. He was discharged on February 20, 1919.

After the war, Harvison served as the minister at Murdoch and Pleasant Plain churches in Ohio. He married Lydia Barr Crouse in Kingston, Ohio, on May 7, 1920. In 1922, he pastored the Sixth Presbyterian Church in Cincinnati. Harvison received a Master of Arts in Philosophy from the University of Cincinnati in 1925. A daughter, Nancy, was born the same year. In 1930, Harvison became minister of the First Federated Church of Cincinnati, a merger of the Sixth Presbyterian Church and the McKendree Methodist Church. His last church was the Federated Church of Harvey, Illinois, in 1941. He died in Chicago on February 2, 1949.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains correspondence, both personal and professional, writings, photographs, and memorabilia of Laurence Harvison.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Revision Description

Photographs were originally glued to sheets of paper and separated into the GenPhotoFile. They did not appear in the record. These were removed and re-housed. Photograph files added to box 5 and to finding aid on 6/7/2018. 6/7/2018

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Nancy Harvison Hooker, Hanover, New Hampshire, 2004.

Personal

Collection Inventory

Personal	
	Box
1. Undated: Harvison-Watts family history	1
2. Undated: Midwest Who's Who Biography, Laurence Watts Harvison	
3. 1933: Diary, trip to New York, New York	
Correspondence	
4. 1908	
5. 1909	
6. 1910	
7. 1911	
8. 1912 January-June	
9. 1912 July-August	

Correspondence

10. 1912 September 5-22

11. 1912 September 22-30

12. 1912 October

13. 1912 November 2-18

14. 1912 November 18-30

15. 1912 December and undated

16. 1913 January

17. 1913 February

18. 1913 March

19. 1913 April-May

20. 1913 June-August

21. 1913 September-November

Box

22. 1914 January-February

2

Correspondence

23. 1914 March-May

24. 1914 June

25. 1914 July

26. 1914 August 3-11

27. 1914 August 16-25

28. 1914 October

29. 1914 November

30. 1914 December

31. 1914 undated

32. 1915 January

33. 1915 February

34. 1915 March

35. 1915 April

36. 1915 May-September

Correspondence

37. 1915 October 2-10

38. 1915 October 13-25

39. 1915 November

40. 1915 December

Box

41. 1916 January

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42. 1916 February

43. 1916 March

44. 1916 April-May

45. 1916 June

46. 1916 July-August

47. 1916 September-October

48. 1916 November-December

49. 1917 January-February

Other

50. 1917 March-April

51. 1917 June-July

52. 1917 August-September

53. 1917 October-December

54. 1918

55. 1919

56. 1922

57. 1925-1926

58. 1933 October 6 and 1935 September 24: Letters to and from Franklin D. Roosevelt

59. 1943-1945

60. 1949: To Mrs. Harvison on the death of Laurence W. Harvison

61. Undated

Other

62. 1899-1949: Photographs (photocopies)

Diplomas

63. 1908-1912: Arkansas College, Batesville, Arkansas

64. 1914: "The Historical Christmas and the Biblical Christmas" by L.W. Harvison

65. 1918: World War I

66. 1920: Marriage certificate

67. 1925: Masters thesis, "The Dualistic Structure of Experience" draft copy

68. 1949: Obituary

Diplomas

Box

69. 1904 December 16: In recognition of faithful study of the Shorter Catechism

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70. 1912 June 5: Arkansas College

71. 1916 May 11: Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Bachelor of Divinity

72. 1925 June 13: University of Cincinnati, Master of Arts

Professional

Correspondence

Contracts and licenses

Box

73. 1914

5

74. 1915

75. 1936

76. 1947

Contracts and licenses

77. 1912: Teacher's license, Union and Monroe counties

78. 1912: Teachers contract, Monroe County, Arkansas

79. 1917: Certificate of Licensure, Minister's License

80. 1920: February 29, Call for pastor, Bethel Presbyterian Church

81. 1922 June 18: Call for pastor, Sixth Presbyterian Church

First Federated Church

82. 1930-1965: Notes from the first meeting to newsclippings on the closure

83. 1934-1935: Correspondence

Other

84. 1936-1938: Correspondence

85. 1939: Correspondence

86. 1940: Correspondence and sermon

Other

87. 1934: John Dewey's "A Common Faith," includes writing of L.W. Harvison

88. 1938: Writings, L.W. Harvison

89. 1940: Writings, L.W. Harvison

90. 1940: University of Cincinnati, Ohio, Teachers College bulletin

91. 1941-1946: Federated Church, Harvey, Illinois

92. 1942-1949: Sermons

93. 1948: "Sesquicentennial History of the Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church"

94. Undated: Writings, L.W. Harvison

Photographs

Photographs

95. Photograph copies

96. Photographs 0001-0007

PH.LWH.0001 Laurence Watts Harvison, Margaret Ray Harvison, Arline Ramsay, Edwin Ramsay, John Watts Harris in front row. Junction City, Arkansas, c. 1899.

PH.LWH.0002 Margaret Ray Harvison pushing John Watts Harris, Junction City, Arkansas, c. 1899.

PH.LWH.0003 Arline Ramsay, Margaret Ray Harvison, Edwin Ramsay, holding John Watts Harris. Laurence Watts Harvison in back row. Junction City, Arkansas, c. 1899.

PH.LWH.0004 One of a number of photographs taken by Mr. Kilmer, a member of the Harvey Federated Church in January of 1949. These were the last pictures taken of Laurence Watts Harvison before he died on February 2, 1949.

PH.LWH.0005 Federated Church, Harvey, Illinois, 1946.

PH. LWH.0006 Laurence Watts Harvison, the Ford coupe, the Presbyterian Church, Murdock, Ohio, c. 1920.

PH.LWH.0007 The Manse and the Church at Murdock, Ohio, c. 1920.

97. Photographs 0008-0015

PH.LWH.0008 Junction City, Arkansas, c. 1949. Back row: Stella Harris, Marie Watts, Emma Watts, Harvison Muse, Vera Hammett Ramsey, Edwin Ramsey, Winslow Watts. Front row: Stella Caroline Edwards

Photographs

PH.LWH.0009 Marie Watts, first cousin of Laurence Watts Harvison, c. 1912.

PH.LWH.0010 Unidentified group, possibly Young Men's Christian Association at Arkansas College. Laurence Watts Harvison is in the second row, second from the left. circa 1911 or 1912.

PH.LWH.0011 Three pictures of Laurence Watts Harvison during the Arkansas College years.

PH.LWH.0012 Laurence W. Harvison

PH.LWH.0013 A pastel drawing of Emma Watts Harvison Muse, done in 1940 by Caroline Estelle Harris.

PH.LWH.0014 Austin Theological Seminary. Laurence Watts Harvison, first row, seated, third from right. Edward Paisley, Laurence Watts Harvison's lifetime friend, back row, standing, third from left.

PH.LWH.0015 Photograph of Laurence Watts Harvison, November 1914 (twenty-first birthday picture).

98. Photographs 0016-0018

PH.LWH.0016 Reverend Laurence Harvison, taken for his twenty-first birthday, November 15, 1914.

PH.LWH.0017 John Watts Harris looking at the band and audience on the porch of the Interstate Hotel, Junction City, Arkansas, c. 1905.

PH.LWH.0018 Two images on one print: Laurence Watts Harvison, holding his nephew, Alexander Smith, Junction City, Arkansas, c. March 1919. Laurence Watts Harvison, holding his nephew,

Photographs

Alexander Smith, Emma Watts Harvison Muse, Margaret Ray Harvison Smith, Junction City, Arkansas, c. March 1919

99. Photographs 0019-0027

PH.LWH.0019 Clarendon (Ark.) Public School, L.W. Harvison, third from right. 1913

PH.LWH.0020 Senior class of the Austin Theological Seminary.

PH.LWH.0021 "We are seven," Senior class A.C. 1912, L.W. Harvison, Hazel Alexander, Thos Smyley, Christine Murphy, Ray Hinkle, E. Sloan, and P. Ward.

PH.LWH.0022 Erosophic Literary Society, 1908-09.

PH.LWH.0023 Young Men's Christian Association, Arkansas College, 1909.

PH.LWH.0024 Index Staff, A.C. 1912.

PH.LWH.0025 Index Staff, 1910-1911.

PH.LWH.0026 Erosophic Literary Society, 1910-11.

PH.LWH.0027 Erosophic Literary Society, A.C., 1912.