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I. Biographical sketch.

William Lewis Howse, Jr., served as longtime director of the Sunday School Board's (now LifeWay Christian Resources) Education Division and professor at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Howse was born in 1905, the son of a Baptist minister. He graduated from Union University (B.A., 1926), Baylor University (M.A., 1932), and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (M.R.E., 1934 and D.R.E., 1937).

While instructor, then professor, at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, 1932-1954, he served as educational director for the Broadway Baptist Church in Ft. Worth, Texas, from 1935-1945. During his teaching days at Southwestern he also served the Polytechnic Baptist Church, the University Baptist Church and the First Baptist Church of Dallas. From 1954 to his retirement in 1971 he directed the Educational Division of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

After retirement, he served with the Foreign Mission Board of the SBC as long-range planning consultant for the Middle America and Caribbean office. He died on December 27, 1977.

II. Scope and Content note

The collection of papers document aspects of Howse's ministry as a leader in religious education in Southern Baptist life. This collection focuses on the period of time he served as a seminary professor and church educational director.

The collection includes two document boxes of material (1 linear ft.). The files are arranged in alphabetical order by folder title. The collection consists of correspondence, programs, clippings, related to his work with Texas Baptists, Southwestern Baptist Religious Education Association, and at Ridgecrest Assembly. Included in the collection is information on Broadway Baptist Church in Ft. Worth, Texas. In particular, the collection includes information on the Texas Baptist Sunday School Conventions and the Texas Baptist Training Union Conventions. Significant correspondence is included from Baptist leaders as Granville Shelby Hopkins and Truman Cleveland Gardner.

The collection was donated to the Historical Commission archives by W. L. Howse, Jr. in 1962. This collection was microfilmed by the Commission (MF 1078).

III. Folder listing

- 1-1 Arkansas Baptist Assembly – Programs, 1941-1950
- 1-2 Arkansas Baptist Sunday School Convention – Program, 1949
- 1-3 Baptist student meeting programs, 1940-1947
- 1-4 Baptist Training Union meeting programs, 1936-1948
- 1-5 Baptist World Alliance, 1939
- 1-6 Dallas County Training Union revival, 1940
- 1-7 Educational workers conference programs, 1934-1953
- 1-8 Ridgecrest Assembly, 1937
- 1-9 Southwestern Baptist Religious Education Association, 1941
- 1-10 Southwestern Baptist Religious Education Association programs, 1929-1953
- 1-11 Southwide Baptist Young People's Union, 1929-1930
- 1-12 Sunday School Clinic programs, 1935-1958
- 1-13 Sunday School Conference – Ridgecrest, 1939
- 1-14 Texas Baptist Student Convention programs, 1935-1952
- 1-15 Texas Baptist Sunday School Convention programs, 1937-1958
- 1-16 Texas Baptist Sunday School Convention, 1948

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- 2-1 Texas Baptist Sunday School Convention, 1949
- 2-2 Texas Baptist Training Union Convention, 1938-39
- 2-3 Texas Baptist Training Union Convention, 1940
- 2-4 Texas Baptist Training Union Convention- Correspondence, 1941
- 2-5 Texas Baptist Training Union Convention- Correspondence, 1941
- 2-6 Texas Baptist Training Union Programs, 1938-1957
- 2-7 Training Union Assembly – Ridgecrest, 1943-1944