

**Finding Aid for the
Arkansas Women's Missionary Union records,
accretion, 1919-1990
ABSC.2025.005
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Repository: Archives and Special Collections, Ouachita Baptist University

Creator: Arkansas Women's Missionary Union

Title: Arkansas Women's Missionary Union papers, accretion

Dates: 1919-1990

Quantity: 1.09 c.f.; 2 archival boxes

Abstract: Organizational records, including governance documents, annual reports, event calendars and lists of officers, of the Arkansas WMU, a branch of a national auxiliary of the Southern Baptist Convention. The WMU was founded in 1888. WMU is the largest Protestant missions organization for women in the world. Records also include manuscripts written by Lila Pye, a state officer, and correspondence between Una Roberts Lawrence and the Osage Indian Baptist Church mission in Pawhuska, Oklahoma, biographies of Baptist leaders, photographs, photograph albums and scrapbooks about the WMU and various youth camps, including the Royal Ambassadors, the Girls' Auxiliary, and the Young Men's Conference.

Identification: ABSC.2025.005

Languages: English

Acquisition Information: Donated by the AWMU, July 2025.

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Scope and Contents

Organizational records, correspondence, scrapbooks, photographs and photograph albums, and manuscripts.

Historical summary

The Arkansas auxiliary of the Women's Missionary Union was established circa 1888. Dixie Farrior Jackson served as Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer from 1914-1929. Lila Westbrook Pye served as Corresponding Secretary from 1929-1937. Pye was author of the organization's Golden Jubilee history in 1938.

For more information see: Lila Westbrook Pye, *The Yield of Golden Years: a history of the Baptist Women's Missionary Union of Arkansas* (1938), SPEC COL 286.1767 P995y; and Jane B. Watson, *Labourers Together: A History of the Arkansas Women's Missionary Union* (1987). SPEC COL 266.6132 W339L.

Subject Terms

Camps

Church campus

Indians of North America—Missions—Oklahoma

Jackson, Dixie Farrior (1860-1929)

Missions

Osage Indians

Pawhuska (OK.)

Pye, Lila Westbrook (1891-1972)

Roberts, Una Lawrence (1893-1972)

Women in church work—Southern Baptist Convention

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Box/Folder Contents Inventory

Box 3458

3458/001	Proposed by-laws, not dated.
3458/002	Policy and supplements, Executive Board, 1967, 1970, 1971, 1973, 1976.
3458/003	Executive board minutes, 28 May 1935.
3458/004	State officer lists, 1967-1974.
3458/005	Financial and annual reports, 1967-1972.
3458/006	Typed letter from [T. J. Ramsey] to Baptist Campaign, Arkansas Commission, 18 October 1919.
3458/007	Correspondence between Una Roberts Lawrence and Mr. and Mrs. A. Worthington, Osage Indian Baptist Church, Pawhuska, OK, 1932 and 1935; and typed manuscript entitled, "Death Visits the Osage Mission," circa 1936.
3458/008	Calendars of events, 1970, 1973, 1974, and 1975.
3458/009	Biographical sketches, not dated: 1. E. L. Compere 2. David Orr 3. C. H. Robinson
3458/010	Dixie Farrior [Mrs. J. G.] Jackson Memorial Fund flyer, circa 1929 or 1935.
3458/011	Newspaper clipping re. WMU officers, 1971.
3458/012	Camp Waseka photograph album, 1926.
3458/013	Camp Laughing Water memory book, 1929.
3458/014	B/W Photographs: 1. Elsie Harrison 2. Mrs. J. G. Jackson 3. Margaret Hutchinson 4. 1926 annual meeting 5. Sunbeams 6. Unidentified group 7. Unidentified group

3458/015	18 color photographs of unidentified event; some names are given, circa 1980s.
3458/016	Typed manuscripts by Lila [Mrs. W. D.] Pye, not dated.
3458/017	WMU pamphlets, not dated.
Loose	Lila [Mrs. W. D.] Pye scrapbook, 1929-1937.
Loose	Lila [Mrs. W. D.] Pye scrapbook, 1957-1963.

Box 3459

Baptist Advance, 10 January 1929. Announcing death of Dixie Farrior Jackson, AWMU Corresponding Secretary.

Scrapbook, 1988-1990 with programs and photographs.

Scrapbook, circa 1920s-1940s of church camps for Royal Ambassadors, Girls Auxiliary, and Young Men's Conference. Photographs, program, and lists of attendees. **Very fragile. Handle carefully.**