Descriptive Summary

Title: Papers of Francis McClelland Ure
Dates: 1890-1987
Collection Number: CFT00020
Creator/Collector: Ure, Francis McClelland
Extent: 12 Boxes, 6 linear feet
Repository: Fuller Theological Seminary-David Allan Hubbard Library Archives
Pasadena, California 91182

Abstract: 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 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.

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

Biography/Administrative History
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 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. 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.

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