Charles E. and Grace Payton Fuller Collection

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Descriptive Summary
Title: Charles E. and Grace Payton Fuller Collection
Dates: 1892-2009
Collection Number: CFT00011
Creator/Collector: Fuller, Charles Edward, 1887-1968
Fuller, Grace (Payton) Mrs.
Fuller, Henry, 1846 – Global Broadcasting Association
Extent: 112 Boxes
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Abstract: Charles E. Fuller (1887-1969) was a pioneer of evangelism by radio and co-founder of Fuller Theological Seminary. The collection deals primarily with his radio ministries, the Pilgrims' Hour and the Old-Fashioned Revival Hour (OFRH), and the founding of Fuller Theological Seminary. Material includes program notes and sound recordings spanning over forty years, letters sent by radio listeners, and the "Heart to Heart" newsletter sent out to OFRH listeners.
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Biography/Administrative History
Charles E. Fuller (1887-1968) was a pioneer of evangelism by radio and co-founder of Fuller Theological Seminary. In 1929, Charles Fuller began his radio ministry from Calvary Church of Placentia. The program evolved into the "Radio Bible Class" and "Pilgrim's Hour." In 1937, "Pilgrim's Hour" became the "Old Fashioned Revival Hour." By 1941, OFRH was heard every Sunday across the North America as well as in Europe, Africa and Asia over the Mutual Broadcasting System. At its height, the program estimated an audience of over twenty million listeners, and required an annual budget of over $1.7 million. The broadcast was awarded the "Gold Microphone" by the American Broadcasting Company and the "Award of Merit" by the National Religious Broadcasters in 1960. During the 1940's he also directed a large contingent of itinerant evangelists through the sponsorship of the Fuller Evangelistic Foundation, of which he was President. Also through this foundation a Bible College of Missions and Evangelism which would become Fuller Theological Seminary was established, opening in the Fall of 1947.
Scope and Content of Collection
The Charles E. and Grace Payton Fuller Collection, 1892-2009 documents the life and ministry of Charles E. Fuller (1887-1969) and Grace Payton Fuller (1886-1966). The collection deals primarily with their radio ministries, the Pilgrims' Hour and the Old-Fashioned Revival Hour (OFRH), and the founding of Fuller Theological Seminary. Material includes program notes and sound recordings spanning over forty years, letters sent by radio listeners, and the "Heart to Heart" newsletter sent out to OFRH listeners. The papers of Grace Payton Fuller, which chronicle her life before her marriage to Fuller and the vital role she played in their radio ministry, are also housed in the collection.
Indexing Terms
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Fuller Theological Seminary
Long Beach (Calif.)

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