

PAPERS OF FRANCIS MCCLELLAND URE  
1890-1987

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## **Biographical History**

Frances McClelland Ure (1890 - September 20, 1987) was a missionary and well-known teacher in personal evangelism. Ure was born in Allegheny, now the Northside section of Pittsburgh, in 1890 to Walter Ure, a Scottish immigrant and his wife Margaret Grove Ure. Her parents had six children, but only two survived until adulthood. Francis was the younger of those two sisters. During the American Civil War, President Lincoln appointed her father as Assistant Surgeon of United States Volunteers. By the time of Frances' birth, Walter Ure was a prominent physician in Pittsburgh. The family attended the 4th Presbyterian Church in Northside.

At the age of twenty-three, Francis Ure committed her life to the Lord through the personal evangelism of Dr. S.M. Zwemer, a Dutch Reformed missionary. Ms. Ure received her theological training from Washington Seminary, completing her program there in 1910. She was ordained as a pastor in the church, which she established on Long Island, Farmingdale Gospel Church. It was a branch of the Pittsburgh 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. The *Pittsburgh Gazette Times* (October 29<sup>th</sup>, 1926) carries her photograph. The photograph was titled "Missionaries."

When she returned from missionary service in the Belgian Congo, Ure took up her primary ministry – training individuals in personal evangelism. She taught classes for Sunday school teachers in many Assemblies of God and Open Bible Standard Churches. She was a well-recognized teacher in this field, and highly recommended by many prominent ministers. Ure traveled all over the country offering her courses. In addition to the curriculum, Ure composed a collection of poems called 'Stars in the Night' and Biblical choruses to be used in her personal evangelism classes.

## **Scope and Content**

The Papers of Frances McClelland 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 converted to Christianity through the ministry of Dr. S.M. Zweemer, a Dutch Reformed Missionary. She established a congregation on Long Island and became its pastor. Ure 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. Ure 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.

## **Subjects**

Pentecostalism

United States – History – Civil War, 1861-1865

Women clergy

## **Arrangement**

The collection has been organized into the following series:

### **Series I: Biographical Material (Box 1)**

Family correspondence, and personal documents.

### **Series II: Writings (Boxes 2-3)**

Compositions, Choruses. A collection of original song compositions with some copyright cards and typed choruses. Poems arranged chronologically.

### **Series III: Ministry (Boxes 4-5)**

Study material, ministry notices, ministries - study materials and notes prepared for personal evangelism, clippings of ministry notices and recommendations from church leaders.

### **Series IV: Correspondence (Box 6)**

Personal, pastoral and official correspondence with the churches.

### **Series V: Memorabilia, Photographs (Boxes 7, 12)**

### **Series VI: Study Notes, Collected Booklets, Tracts (Boxes 8-11)**

### **Series VII: Oversize**

Oversize memorabilia such as Ure's Washington Female Seminary diploma, Sunday School Award Certificates and posters for Ure's Personal Evangelism Course are in the Oversize Cabinet, drawer 10.

**Container List****Series I: Biographical Material. Box 1.****Box 1: Biographical Material**

Folder	Item	Date/Note
1.1	Walter Ure	Family History
1.2	Margaret Ure	Family History
1.3	Walter Ure	Biography
1.4	Family Papers	
1.5	John Ure	Shorter Catechism
1.6	Walter Ure	Commencement Notice
1.7	Correspondence	Walter Ure
1.8	Correspondence	Walter Ure
1.9	Correspondence	Walter Ure
1.10	Correspondence	Walter Ure
1.11	Frances Ure	Birth Certificate
1.12	David Ure	Death Notice
1.13	Correspondence	Margaret Ure
1.14	Correspondence	Margaret Ure
1.15	Correspondence	Margaret Ure
1.16	Correspondence	Mary
1.17	Frances Ure	Washington Seminary Commencement, Invitation.
1.18	Alex Ure	Publication License
1.19	Walter Ure	Death Notice
1.20	Correspondence	Margaret Ure
1.21	Correspondence	General
1.22	Ministry in Farmingdale	Paper Clippings
1.22a	Missionary?	Paper Clipping
1.23	Margaret Ure	Papers
1.24	Correspondence	Margaret Ure
1.25	Clippings	Handing over Old Flag
1.26	Margaret Ure	Ministry Notices
1.27	Margaret Ure	Papers
1.28	American Bible Society	Annuity Agreement.
1.29	Correspondence	Ruth Ure
1.30	Assemblies of God	Annuity Bond
1.31	Frances Ure	Testimony

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1.32	Correspondence	Russell Spittler
1.33	Correspondence	Russell Spittler
1.34	Papers	Power of Attorney
1.35	Correspondence	Russell Spittler for Ure
1.36	Correspondence	Russell Spittler for Ure
1.37	Bank Check Book	
1.38	Insurance papers	
1.39	Last Will and Testament	
1.40	Certificate of death	
1.41	Printed Photograph of Head stone	
1.42	Correspondence	Russell Spittler for Ure
1.43	Correspondence	Russell Spittler for Ure
1.44	Contact Addresses	
1.45	Contact Addresses	
1.46	Medical & Social Security Papers	
1.47	Funeral Papers	
1.48	Condolence Letters at Mary's Death	

**Series II: Writings, 1919-1940s. Boxes 2-3.****Box 2: Writings, Compositions**

Folder	Item	Date/Note
2.1	Honored	Compositions
2.2	Blessed Savior of the Living God	Compositions
2.3	Our Savior and Healer	Compositions
2.4	This World's Need	Compositions
2.5	He'll Carry Your Burden	Compositions
2.6	Bend Me	Compositions
2.7	Obey and Pray	Compositions
2.8	A Call to Worship	Compositions
2.9	Come Quickly	Compositions
2.10	The Same as Yesterday	Compositions
2.11	Christmas Again	Compositions
2.12	Our Portion	Compositions
2.13	Do Not Fear	Compositions
2.14	Let Me Thy Glory See	Compositions
2.15	We Want to Be Ready	Compositions
2.16	A Prayer Breathed to Him	Compositions
2.17	There is None Beside Him	Compositions
2.18	Under His Control	Compositions
2.19	On Thee I Call	Compositions

2.20	Into Thy Service	Compositions
2.21	Let Us be Glad	Compositions
2.22	Lift Up our Hearts	Compositions
2.23	A Victor Be	Compositions
2.24	Thou O Lord	Compositions
2.25	A Prayer	Compositions
2.26	I Love Thee Lord	Compositions
2.27	I am Believing Thee Now	Compositions
2.28	Only Help	Compositions
2.29	His Wondrous Salvation Plan	Compositions
2.30	Look for Him	Compositions
2.31	Touch with a Coal	Compositions
2.32	Jesus Christ My Savior	Compositions
2.33	Thou Shalt Walk with me in White	Compositions
2.34	Jesus to the End	Compositions
2.35	It on the Way	Compositions
2.36	Jesus Will Lead	Compositions
2.37	Jesus the Same Today	Compositions
2.38	Like a Ship	Compositions
2.39	Glorious Lord of Bethlehem	Compositions
2.40	Give Thou me Courage	Compositions
2.41	Wondrous Truth	Compositions
2.42	More than Conqu'rors	Compositions
2.43	Our Savior and Healer	Compositions
2.44	Our Savior Adored	Compositions
2.45	When Our Lord Comes Back	Compositions
2.46	Jesus is Coming Again	Compositions
2.47	Let's Bring the Children In	Compositions
2.48	A Prayer	Compositions
2.49	Even as the Scripture Saith	Compositions
2.50	At Calvary	Compositions
2.51	It Pays	Compositions
2.52	Prayer	Compositions
2.53	My Savior	Compositions
2.54	A New Year	Compositions
2.55	I have Peace	Compositions
2.56	Our Life's Sea	Compositions
2.57	A Turning of the Tide	Compositions
2.58		Gospel Choruses
2.59	For Personal Work	Choruses
2.60	Book	Choruses
2.61	Single Leaves	Choruses
2.62	List	Choruses
2.63	Hand Written	Choruses
2.64		Choruses

2.65	Book?	Choruses
2.66	Collected	Choruses
2.67		Choruses

**Box 3: Writings, Collected Poems**

Folder	Item	Date/Note
3.1	Christmas	Poems
3.2	1919	Poems
3.3	1920's	Poems
3.4	1930's	Poems
3.5	On Her Sister Mary's Death	Poems
3.6	1940's	Poems
3.7	List of Published Poems	Poems
3.8-16	Handwritten & typed poems	Poems
3.17-31	Published poems	Poems
3.32	Book: Stars in the Night (original & 2 copies)	Poems
3.33-51	Collected Poems	Poems

**Series III: Ministry. Boxes 4-5.****Box 4: Study Notes**

Folder	Item	Date/Note
4.1-48	Study Notes	
4.49-56	Study Notes	Tracts

**Box 5: Ministry**

Folder	Item	Date/Note
5.1	Study Notes	
5.2	Study Notes	
5.3	Study Notes	
5.4	Study Notes	
5.5	Study Notes	
5.6	Study Notes	
5.7	Ministry Notices	
5.8	Ministry Notices	
5.9	Ministry Notices	
5.10	Ministry Notices	
5.11	Ministry Notices	
5.12	Ministry Notices	
5.13	Ministry Notices	
5.14-36	Ministry	

5.37	Church Bulletins	
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**Series IV: Correspondence. Box 6.****Box 6: Correspondence**

Folder	Item	Date/Note
6.1-22	General	Correspondence
6.23	Greeting with Photograph	Correspondence
6.24	Open Bible Standard Churches	Correspondence
6.25	Open Bible Standard Churches	Correspondence
6.26	Open Bible Standard Churches	Correspondence
6.27	Open Bible Standard Churches	Correspondence & Address 1966 book
6.28	Assemblies of God	Correspondence
6.29	Assemblies of God	Correspondence
6.30-78	Greetings	Correspondence
	General	Correspondence

**Series V: Memorabilia, Photographs. Boxes 7 and 12.****Box 7: Memorabilia**

Folder	Item	Date/Note
7.1	Cards, Ribbons & Badges – Oral Roberts Crusade, National Sunday School Convention, Billy Graham Crusade, Open Bible Standard Churches 7.2Conferences, Church of God General Assembly, Pentecostal Fellowship of North America, AG Sunday School Convention	
7.2	Address book	
7.3	Walter Ure, M.D.	Notepad with office hours, address, phone number
7.4	New Testament & Psalms	Full of notes, clippings
7.5	Blue Books of phone #'s	
7.6	Holy Bible	Annotated
7.7	Booklets – Words of Silver from the Bible, Words of Gold from the Bible	
7.8	Moffat New Testament	Annotated
7.9	King James Bible	Annotated
7.10	Notebook	Full of clippings and notes

7.11	Walter Ure's military insignia and medal	Grand Army of the Republic, 1861 Veteran
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**Box 12: Photographs and the poem "Jaine" by Francis Ure****Series VI: Study Notes, Collected Booklets, Tracts. Boxes 8-11.****Boxes 8-9: Study Notes****Box 10: Booklets & Song Books**

Item	Title	Date/Note
1	AG. <i>Caring: the Benevolences Story</i> . Springfield: Benevolences Department.	
2	American Bible Society. <i>The History of the English Bible (with Picture Postcards PC#1)</i>	
3	American Bible Society. <i>The Bible and the American Bible Society</i> .	
4	Baron, David. <i>Israel's Inalienable Possessions</i> . New York: American Board of Missions to the Jews, 1943, 1968.	
5	Barrows, Cliff. <i>Billy Graham Song Book (New York crusade '70)</i>	
6	Booth-Clibborn, Samuel H. <i>Should a Christian fight? An Appeal to Christian Young Men of All Nations</i> . Swengel, PA: Bible Truth Depot.	
7	Christenson, Larry. <i>Speaking in Tongues a Gift for the Body of Christ</i> . London: The Fountain Trust.	
8	Crawford, Percy B. <i>Pinebrook Praises (Number 3)</i> Philadelphia: Young People's Church of the Air.	
9	Ferm, Robert O. <i>They Met God at the New York Crusade</i> . Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, 1957.	
10	Flower, Alice Reynolds. <i>According to the Pattern</i> . Springfield: Gospel Publishing House.	
11	Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International. <i>Five Questions Answered on The Baptism in the Holy Spirit and Glossolalia</i> . Los Angeles: FGBMFI Seminars, Third Printing.	
12	Gardner, Velmer. <i>Seven Scriptural Signs that Jesus will come in our time!</i> Los Angeles: FGBMFI.	
13	Gordon, S.D. <i>The Quiet Time</i> . London: Fleming H. Revell	
14	Graham, Billy. <i>There's Hope – Christ is Coming Back: Three Sermons preached in 1979</i> .	
15	Hamilton, Gavin. <i>The Great Tribulation</i> . New York: Loizeaux Brothers, Bible Truth Depot, 1944.	
16	Jensen, Jerry. <i>Physicians Examine the Baptism in the Holy Spirit</i> . Los Angeles: FGBMFI, 1967.	
17	J.T.C. <i>The Beast</i> . Montrose, CA: Rusthoi Publications.	
18	<i>John, The Gospel of</i> . Grand Rapids: Faith, Prayer & Tract League.	

19	Lohmann, Fred. <i>Seven Fundamentals of the Christian Faith</i> . St. Louis: Trinity Tabernacle.	
20	Luther, Iva Fern. <i>Born to Die</i> . Long Beach: Gospel Drama House, 1949.	
21	McCormick, J.N. <i>Christ or Caesar?</i> Georgetown, Ill: Gospel Messages	
22	Modersohn, Ernst. <i>A Child's Life</i> .	
23	Montgomery, G.H. <i>You Can Live in an Atmosphere of Faith</i> . Kansas City: Defenders of the Christian Faith.	
24	Noebel, David A. " <i>Christian Rock</i> ": <i>The New Paganism in the Church</i> . Tulsa: American Christian College.	
25	Osborn, T.L. <i>Blessing Passport 1976: God's Pact of Plenty</i> . Osborn Foundation.	
26	Rusthoi, Ralph W. <i>Handbook for Christian Workers</i> . Montrose, CA: Soul Winning Publications.	
27	Searle, Walter. <i>David Brainerd's Personal Testimony in His Own Thrilling Words</i> . London: Oliphants Ltd.	
28	Voss, Herman, ed. <i>Motion Songs for boys and Girls No.1</i> . Grand Rapids: Singtime Publishing.	
29	Ward, C.M. <i>The Bobby Black Story</i> . Springfield: AG.	
30	Ward, C.M. <i>Colonel Sanders Begins a New Life</i> . Springfield: Revivaltime.	
31	Ward, C.M. <i>The Governor Who Prays</i> . Springfield: AG.	
32	Ward, C.M. <i>Nation's Top Innkeeper Serves Christ</i> . Springfield: Revivaltime.	
33	Ward, C.M. <i>What Happened to J.C. Penney</i> . Springfield: AG.	
34	Wilkerson, David. <i>What Every Teenager Should Know About Drugs</i> . Massapequa, NY: David Wilkerson Youth Crusades.	
35	Wyatt, Thomas. <i>Wings of Healing Over Africa</i> . Portland: Wings of Healing.	
36	n.a. <i>A Jew, A Book and a Miracle. A Musician's Transformation. A Rabbi Finds the Messiah</i> . Philadelphia: The Million Testaments Campaigns.	
	Clergy Fare Certificates – Western, Eastern, New England & Southern Bureau, 1960-69	
	<i>The Shield</i> (1971), Long Island Bible Institute Catalog 1967-68, 1971-72, Yearbook 1971, L.I.B.I. Newsletter Feb. 1971	
	Open Bible Standard Churches – Tithing records, Standards of Progress booklets, Trained to Serve leaflets	
	Miscellaneous illustrations	collected

**Box 11: Tracts****Series VII: Oversize.**

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