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Biographical History

The daughter of Baptist minister Henry C. Applegarth and his Quaker wife Mary Tyson, Margaret Tyson Applegarth (1886-1976) was a popular speaker and prolific writer. Best known for her missionary stories, Applegarth wrote over thirty works including children's stories, daily devotionals, sermon illustrations, plays, and essays on Christian themes.

Margaret Applegarth graduated from the University of Rochester (Phi Beta Kappa) in 1908. In 1942, she was granted the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters by Denison University. In 1957, she received the Upper Room citation in World Christian Fellowship. A lifelong Baptist, Applegarth became an honorary life member of women's societies in four other denominations: Methodist, Presbyterian, Reformed, and American Lutheran. She wrote for the World Council of Churches Council on Missions, the National Council of Churches, the Methodist Church, the Missions Council of the Congregational Christian Churches, and the United Presbyterian Church in the USA.

Applegarth's books include *Heirlooms*, a collection of her poems and prose; *Twelve Baskets Full*, on the subject of Christian stewardship; and *Men as Trees Walking*, a collection of original stories of a devotional nature. Her booklets include:

“They Also Serve,” an appeal for funding of the John Milton Foundation for the Blind formed for the purpose of creating Braille texts for Protestant readers;

the first; “The Secret of His Presence” written as a guide for a “Quiet Day” of prayer for the Woman's Division of Christian Service;

“Just Like You,” a booklet on Christ-likeness for children; and

“They All Began to Sing,” 4 stories of children in Argentina.

Scope and Content

The Papers of Margaret T Applegarth, 1886-1976 consist of the working files of the prolific speaker and writer, Margaret Applegarth. The collection includes clippings, booklets and notes used in Applegarth's writing, speaking, and correspondence related to these ministries. Also included is a collection of her published and unpublished writings, a small collection of personal correspondence and family memorabilia, and several biographical sketches of Miss Applegarth. Applegarth's personal book collection of her own writings are heavily annotated and cut for use in teaching. In most cases, additional unmarked copies have been kept with the collection.

Subjects

Juvenile literature

Missionaries

Missionary stories

Religious poetry – Women authors

Riverside Church (New York, N.Y.)
Women authors, American – 20th century

Arrangement

The collection has been organized into the following series:

- Series I: Correspondence, Biographical Documents, and Photos (Box 1)
- Series II: Materials collected for Speaking and Writing (Boxes 2-3)
- Series III: Published Books, Pamphlets, Leaflets and 1 poster (Boxes 3-4)
- Series IV: The Writings of Margaret Applegarth (Boxes 4-11)

Series Description

Series I: Correspondence, Biographical Documents, and Photos (Box 1)

This series includes all correspondence, both personal and related to publication or speaking engagements, as well as biographical sketches and photographs. In addition, included in the book collection, Box 3, are Bibles and mementoes of biographical interest.

Series II: Materials collected for Speaking and Writing (Boxes 2-3)

This series is a collection of materials gathered for writing and speaking projects, Applegarth's handwritten notes, sketches for story illustrations, and working drafts for many articles, stories and chapters of several of her books. They are organized according to topic or working title and chapter title, as noted by Ms. Applegarth.

Series III: Published Books, Pamphlets, Leaflets and 1 poster (Boxes 3-4)

This series includes books, pamphlets and songbooks collected and used by Ms. Applegarth in her speaking and writing, as well as her personal Bibles and devotional works.

Series IV: The Writings of Margaret Applegarth (Boxes 4-11)

This series includes both published and unpublished works, handwritten drafts, notes for stories and speaking engagements, original stories written for youth serials, prayer and worship service suggestions and drafts, as well as a collection of poems, stories, and quotations gathered in anticipation of the publication of a book whose working title was "King of Kings, Lord of Lords."

Many of the books in this collection were Ms. Applegarth's personal copies and contain her annotations. She cut and annotated pages to use in teaching and then reinserted them in the books.

Container List

Series I: Correspondence, Biographical Documents, and Photos, 1918-2006. Box 1.

Box 1: Correspondence, Biographical Documents, and Photos

Folder	Item	Date/Note
1	MTA "To Father" –with clippings re play "A Stitch in Time"	1918
2	Frank Eckerson, missionary to China, MTA, correspondence	03 January 1922
3	E.H. Crane – separated from <i>The Honorable Japanese Fan</i>	1923
4	J. Roane Lumpkin, <i>publisher True-Blue Magazine</i>	1931
4	Charles C. Shoemaker, The Penn Publishing Co. Philadelphia	1931
4	Allen T. Frazier, Rev. – separated from <i>Please Stand By</i>	1935
4	Mrs. T.C. Gardner –story teller, adapted "The Pot of God"	n.d.
5	Ruth Ransom, clipping –separated from <i>Going to Jerusalem</i>	1936
6	Letters and clippings separated from <i>Three-Cornered Continent</i>	1935
7	Nan Weeks of Foreign Mission Board to MTA, correspondence	02 February 1943
7	Nan Weeks of Foreign Mission Board to MTA, correspondence	15 February 1943
7	Nan Weeks of Foreign Mission Board to MTA, correspondence	08 April 1943
7	Nan Weeks to MTA, correspondence	17 December 1943
7	Nan Weeks to MTA, correspondence	27 January 1944
7	Nan Weeks to MTA, correspondence	01 February 1944
8	MTA to Margaret Clements re her Bible Story	07 September 1947
9-11	Maude Blackstone requesting a prayer for peace for Convention	08 March
12	Edith Eberle to Wm. Baumheckel re <i>Men as Trees Walking</i>	18 February 1953
12	Fred C. Becker to R.E. Walcott re Applegarth book sales	16 February 1953
12	H.B. Holloway to MTA re book sales at Indianapolis Mission	16 February 1953
12	H.B. Holloway to MTA re "Illustrated Luke" for the Mission	16 February 1953
12	Jesse M. Bader, Churches of Christ, to MTA re Indianapolis	20 February 1953
13	David Cook Publishers to MTA, correspondence	29 June 1953
13	David Cook Publishers to MTA, correspondence	29 October 1953
14	George S. Stoneback, correspondence	n.d.
15	Martha Edens to C. Eichenberger re article in memoriam of MTA in Jan 1977 issue of <i>The Church Woman</i>	11 March 1977
16	Henry C. Applegarth, biographical	Clipping, sermon
17-18	Articles about Margaret T. Applegarth	
19	Applegarth in other archives	2006
20	Biographical resources	
21	Memberships, leadership roles	
22	Cimade – "Ecumenism in Evangelism" by Max Alain Chevallier	1948
23	National Council of Churches meeting agenda	Notes
24	First Baptist Church Wednesday Evening Prayer Service	
25	American Committee for WCC, notes. Program for Annual Baptist Conference, Green Lake, WI	23-27 June 1949
26	Reviews of Applegarth's work	

27	Articles with Applegarth's quotations or citations	Photocopies
28	Books with Applegarth mentioned as recommendation	Photocopies
29-31	Riverside Church, New York	
32	World Council of Churches news release, "Mexico 1963 – Hopes and Anticipations" by John Sadiq	08 November 1963
33	Worship service bulletins	
34	Frank Laubach on Christian journalism, Address	1952, note
35	Applegarth's writings mentioned in other publications	<i>Today</i> , devotional
36	Clippings separated from <i>More Short Missionary Stories</i> – announcement of a play, "Wait a Minute" from this book	Presbyterian Missions funding
37	Art plates separated from <i>Twelve Baskets Full</i>	
38	Front and back flap proofs for <i>Heirlooms</i>	3 copies

Series II: Materials collected for Speaking and Writing, Inclusive Dates. Boxes 2-3.

Scope and Content Note

Folders labeled and grouped according to Applegarth's filing system.

Box 2: Materials collected for Speaking and Writing

Folder	Item	Date/Note
1	Incurably, Autobiographical, "Seneca", "Bridge"	
2	History, Great Men	
3	Notes for Worship	
4	Collected notes of other authors' writings	
5	Musings from Margaret	
6	Collected prayers	
7	Notes	
8	Notes – Ideas Notebook	
9	McCracken "Dvorak", "Thunder", "Tertullian", "Pen and Ink", "In Budapest"	
10	Abe Lincoln	
11	O to be Early Eng	
12	Nature	
13	Way, Corn, Food	
14	Change	
15	Lord's Prayer, Prayer	
16	Nature, trees	
17	Birds	
18	Face	
19	Bible and Child	
20	American Indians	
21-22	Women	
23	Notes, clippings, ideas	
24	Tree	
25	Prejudice	

26	War, Peace	
27	Books that have changed the world	
28	Motherhood	
29	Corinthians	
30-31	Music	
32	Hope	
33	Death	
34	Leaven for Moment by Moment	
35	Alexandrian Library	
36	Letters, Cornelia Spencer's writing campaign to save U. So. Carolina	
37	Peter: The Incomplete Angler at the Breakfast Table	
38	[Haunting?] as a Parsifal Amen	

Box 3: Materials collected for Speaking and Writing

Folder	Item	Date/Note
1	Copies	
2	Print material – ideas for books	1930s
3	Christmas – Love	1937
4	Print material	1940s
5	Day Apart Service	
6	United Nations – Christian Century article	1953
7	Print material	1950s
8	Print material	1960s
9	Wills, Goodwill	
10	Iona	
11	Landscape, Ps of 10 Thunderstorms	
12	Gospel according to...	
13	Illustrations	
14	Inventions	
15	Collected from Couder's Reader	
16	Religions	
17	Collected quotations, notes	
18	Article on children and silent prayer	
19	Quotations on pain, thanks, death	
20	China	
21	EXPT General. The Witness by George Boyle. Calvin by Richard Armstrong.	
22	For They Also Serve	
23	"Ideas surely to be used in books", Thought for the Day	
24	Stories	
25	Giving	
26	Notes and sketches	
27	Famous child musicians	Writings
28	Ole Bull and the Hornet	Writings

29	How to Yodel	Writings
30	O You Little Piccolo Player	Writings
31	In God We Trust	Writings
32	Healthy, Wealthy, and Wise	Writings
33	Katy – Did	Writings
34	Do Re Me	Writings
35	Famous Child Missionaries	Writings
36	Birds in the Bible	Writings
37	A Japanese Proverb	Writings
38	A Strange Election	Writings
39	Manuscript	Writings
40	Purchased – for illustrations. Photographs	

Series III: Published Books, Pamphlets, Leaflets and 1 poster. Boxes 3-4.

Box 3: Collected Books, Bibles, Pamphlets

Item	Title	Date/Note
	Songbooks	
1	<i>Songs of Many Nations</i> Cooperative Recreation Service	
2	<i>Hymns of the Rural Spirit</i> , Commission on Worship, Federal Council of Churches	1947
3	<i>Southland Spirituals</i>	1936
4	<i>Selected Hymns for the Northfield Conference</i>	
5	<i>Little Songs on Big Subjects</i>	
6	<i>Hymns: The National Christian Mission</i>	
	Books	
7	n.a., <i>A Guide to Prayer</i> , Division of Evangelism, (Riverside Dr., New York: Board of National Missions, United Presbyterian Church U.S.A., n.d.)	
8	Bible	
9	Crafts, Mrs. W.F. and H.P. Main, <i>Little Pilgrim Songs</i> , New York and Chicago: Biglow and Main (1883)	
10	Drummond, Henry, <i>The Greatest Thing in the World</i> , (Cincinnati: Forward Movement, Episcopal Church, 1943)	
11	Hemans, Felicia Dorothea Browne: William Michael Rossetti, <i>The poetical works of Mrs. Hemans</i> (1839)	
12	Holmes, W.H.G., <i>Newness of Life: Instructions in Christian Life and Worship</i> , London: Mowbray (1942)	
13	Iglehart, Charles W., <i>War and Missions</i> (Reprinted by the Episcopal Pacifist Fellowship from <i>The Church The Gospel and War</i> , 1940)	
14	Maxfield, Jane Crowe, <i>Blue Chicory</i> (1961)	
15	McCracken, Robert J. <i>The Peril of Conformity: A Sermon Preached in the Riverside Church, New York</i>	
16	New Testament	

17	Sockman, Ralph W. <i>The Fine Art of Using</i> , Board Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church (1946)	
18	Wood, Violet, <i>Great is the Company</i> , New York: Friendship Press (1947)	
19	Young, Edward D.D., <i>The Complaint: or Night Thoughts</i> , Harford: William Andrus (1843)	
20	Steere, Douglas Van, ed., <i>The Imitation of Christ</i> , (The Upper Room, 1950)	Missing
21	The World Hungers – in body and spirit – For the Sake of Christ - GIVE	MIssing

Box 4: Collected Books, Bibles, Pamphlets

Item	Title	Date/Note
1	Horton, Walter M., <i>Centers of New Life in European Christendom</i> , WCC, 1947	Book
2	Smith, Roy L. <i>The John Books</i>	Book
3	Federation of Woman's Boards of Foreign Missions of North America and Council of Women for Home Missions, <i>Toward Power in Service: A Retreat</i> , New York World Council of Churches, <i>The Story of Inter-Church Aid: Fellowship in Christian Strategy</i> , Geneva (1951)	Booklets
4	Applegarth, Margaret. Heirlooms. Letters for Permission to Quote to Publishers	Notebooks
5	Applegarth, Margaret. Handwritten Notes.	Notebooks

Series IV: The Writings of Margaret Applegarth, 1917-1967. Boxes 4-11.**Box 4: Writings of Margaret Applegarth**

Folder	Title	Date/Note
6	Trials	Handwritten notes
7	Notes for a talk	Handwritten
8	Children's lesson on giving	Print material and notes
9	The Fabric of a New Humanity	Print material and notes
10	Let the Minister Weep	Handwritten
11	Three Mothers Apiece	Handwritten
12	The Pew and I	Handwritten
13	Peter: the Incomplete Angler at the Breakfast Table	Handwritten
14	Composers, musicians	Notes
15	Do Re Mi Were Deaf as a Post	Handwritten
16	The Harp and the Rock	Handwritten
17	The Boy Who Carried His Father in His Pocket - Teens	American Baptist Society
18	Works in progress on the theme of birds	Handwritten

19	What the Offering Had to Say about it	Handwritten
20	They Made it With Their Own Hands	Handwritten
21	Peace Came to the Noisy House	Handwritten
22	The Keys that went on Strike	Explorers' Club
23	Enter Miss Petticoats	Published, annotated
24	It Happened Between Decks of a Hospital Ship	Handwritten
25	Fillers	Handwritten & typed
26	Lost & Found Front Door	Typed, to Discoverers
27	Trimming the New Year's Tree	Typed, to Discoverers
28	Only a Few Days Ago	Typed, to Discoverers
29	Could You Do It Too?	Handwritten
30-32	Editorials	Handwritten
33	A Word to the Gentle Reader – on history	Handwritten
34	He Spent Christmas in Prison	Typed
35	Kidnapped in Alaska	Typed
36	Christ of the Andes	Typed
37	Instead of Their Elephant	Typed
38	Benjamin's Bulb Business	Typed
39	China's Little Teachers	Typed and Handwritten
40	Early Bird Catches Christmas	Typed

Box 5: Writings of Margaret Applegarth

Folder	Title	Date/Note
1	For Junior Boys	
2	For the Pulpit (1946)	
3	Inventing a House	Typed
4	The Lid of a Tea Kettle	Typed
5	Let the Minister Weep, I Will Build my Church	Typed and Handwritten
6	For Junior Society, Missionary Stories	
7	Easter	Handwritten and copy
8	A School in India, O is for Egg, 6 Important Things, Belgium	Handwritten
9	Butterflies	
10	Boy with the Blue Plate (Hungry Inside Out)	Handwritten
11	The Merry Widow	Handwritten
12	Practicing a Private Joe	Handwritten
13	The Goobers Take a Trip	Handwritten
14	The Boy with the Lunch Box	Handwritten

15	Prickly Pedro	Handwritten
16	They All Began to Sing	Handwritten
17	Silent Night	Typed and Handwritten
18	Children's Worship	Handwritten
19	There's a Marvelous Pump in You	Discoverers
20	Making Christmas Out of Almost Nothing	Handwritten
21	In God We Trust	Typed
22	Notes	Handwritten
23	Writings	Typed

Box 6: Writings of Margaret Applegarth

Item	Title	Date/Note
1-2	<i>Bound in the Bundle of Life</i> , Harper & Brothers	1941 2 c.
3	<i>Just Like You</i> , Nashville: Broadman Press	1944
4	<i>This is My Father's World</i> , Nashville: Broadman Press	1946
5	<i>Four Playettes</i> , N.Y.: Friendship Press	1956
6	<i>The House with the Steeple: A Series of Nine Stories</i> , American Baptist Home Mission	12 October 1920, inscription
7-11	<i>Because He Came</i> Course VII, Part 3, Pupil's Home Reading & Teacher's Book, Judson Press – Board of Education and Publication of the American Baptist Conv.	1954, 3 c., 2 c.
12	<i>And Mary Pondered</i>	8 page booklet
13	<i>The Secret of His Presence</i> , Women's Division of Christian Service, Board of Missions, Methodist Church	n.d.
14	"Such Stuff As Dreams Are Made Of", World Wide Guild	1921, a play
15-16	<i>Right Here Right Now</i> , N.Y.: Harper & Brothers	1950, 2 c.
17	<i>Every Man's Land: Nine Intermediate</i> , Department of Missionary	1921
18	Home Mission Stories, Education, Amer. Baptist	
19	Dream-Makers: Ten Programs for, The World Wide Guild	1925-1926
20	Bibliography record from WorldCat	
21	"How the Artist Forgot Four Colors", in <i>Stories with a Message</i>	photocopy
22	Heirlooms, China Shepherdess	Promo flyers
23	The Tie that Binds, Baptist Board of Education	Title page only, 1924-1925
24	A Christmas Madonna	6 page leaflet
25	Going to Jerusalem	6 page story
26	A Friend from Japan, in <i>Primary Lesson Stories</i> , Judson Press	January-March 1930 Yr 1. leaflet 21
27	They All Began to Sing, leaders' book, Nashville: Broadman Press	1944
28	Full Sail Ahead, Commission on Ecumenical Mission & Relations, PCUSA	11 page pamphlet, n.d.

29	How to Use the Honorable Japanese Fan, Central Committee on the United Study of Foreign Missions	51 page booklet, n.d.
30	“This Thing Was Not Done in a Corner” in <i>What’s Ahead? Study and Worship Programs for Women’s Groups</i> , N.Y: Friendship Press	1949 photocopy
31	“The Choir Boy’s Tale”, <i>The Baptist</i>	21 February 1931
32	Teaching Program stories	
33	Prayer Service, Riverside Church, N.Y.	1939
34	God Calling Yet	n.d.
35	Foremothers, 1841-1941 – Script, Riverside Church, N.Y.	1941, photocopy
36	The Most Wonderful Hour	n.d.
37-40	They Also Serve, John Milton Foundation for the Blind	n.d., 4 c.
41	Devotional & prayer for Sept 1, Nashville: The Upper Room	1955
42-43	The Pill Bottle: A Medical Missionary Play, inscribed to Dad	2 c., Review enclosed
44	The Place Where the Young Child Lay & The Great Grab, Separated from <i>Merry-Go-Round</i>	pages cut from a book
45	Miscellaneous published pages	

Box 7: Books by Margaret Applegarth

Item	Title	Date/Note
1	<i>Missionary stories for little folks: first series, primary</i> , George H. Doran Company N.Y.	1917
2	<i>Missionary stories for little folks: second series, junior</i> , George H. Doran Company N.Y.	1917
3-4	<i>Junior Mission Stories</i> , Board of Publication and Bible School Work; <i>Primary Mission Stories</i> , Board of Publication and Bible School Work	1917
5-6	<i>Jack-of-all-Trades; Los Faroleros Mas Alla Del Mar</i> Effie C. Naylor, trans. Council of Women for Home Missions, N.Y.	1918
7-8	<i>Lamp-lighters across the sea : a story of how the Bible was translated into the languages of missionary lands</i> , Central Committee on the United Study of Foreign Missions, 2 ed.	1920 1922
9-10	<i>The career of a cobbler: life story of William Carey</i> ; Review enclosed, Fleming H. Revell	1922, 2 c.
11	<i>The School of Mother’s Knee</i> , Woman’s American Baptist Foreign Mission Society	1919
12	<i>Next-door neighbors; thumbnail sketches from home missions</i> , Fleming H. Revell	1921

Box 8: Books by Margaret Applegarth

Item	Title	Date/Note
1	<i>India Inklings</i> , George H. Doran Company, N.Y.	1922
2-3	<i>The honorable Japanese fan</i> , Central Committee on the United Study of Foreign Missions	1923, 2 c.

4	<i>Short missionary plays</i> , George H. Doran Company, N.Y.	1923
5	<i>More short missionary plays</i> , George H. Doran Company, N.Y.	1923
6	<i>A China Shepherdess</i> , Judson Press – inscribed “To my dearest Dad from Margaret” with reviews pasted on frontispiece	1924
7	<i>Some Boys and Girls in America</i> , George H. Doran Company, N.Y.	1923
8-9	<i>Please stand by</i> and <i>Please stand by: Helps for Junior Leaders</i> , Central Committee on the United Study of Foreign Missions	1926
10-11	<i>Going to Jerusalem & Junior Helpers Study Guide</i> , Central Committee on the United Study of Foreign Missions	1929

Box 9: Books by Margaret Applegarth

Item	Title	Date/Note
1	<i>And so He Made Mothers</i> , Richard R. Smith Inc.	1931
2-4	<i>Three-Cornered Continent, & How to Use with Juniors</i> , Central Committee on the United Study of Foreign Missions	1935, 2 c.
5	<i>Missionary stories for boys and girls</i> , Harper & Brothers	1946
6	<i>Moment by moment</i> , Harper & Brothers	1955
7-8	<i>Merry-Go-Round</i> , Judson Press	1925, 2 c.
9-10	<i>At the Foot of the Rainbow</i> , N.Y.: Richard R. Smith	1930, 2 c.

Box 10: Books by Margaret Applegarth

Item	Title	Date/Note
1-2	<i>Men as Trees Walking</i> , Harper & Bros	1952, 2 c.
3	<i>Heirlooms</i> , Harper & Bros	1967
4-7	<i>Twelve Baskets Full</i> , London: Independent Press – 1 copy Harper & Brothers – 3 copies	1957

Box 11: Working Title: King of Kings, Lord of Lords by Margaret Applegarth

Item	Title	Date/Note
1-14	King of Kings, Lord of Lords	Unpublished, draft