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### Summary

Main Entry: Myrtle Robinson Creasman Pageant Collection

Date Span: 1935-1963

Abstract: Collection of pageants and plays written by Myrtle Creasman for anniversaries of Woman's Missionary Unions, church anniversaries and missionary plays

Size: .5 linear ft. (1 document boxes)

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### Biographical Sketch

Myrtle Robinson Creasman was born in Chattanooga, Tennessee on October 11, 1887. Myrtle spent her growing up years in Chattanooga. She was baptized into the membership of the Second Baptist Church in Chattanooga in 1899. She graduated from the City High School in 1904. Myrtle then attended and graduated with her B.A. degree from Virginia Intermont College in Bristol, Virginia in 1910. She continued her studies at the American Conservatory in Chicago, where she received a Teachers certificate in piano. In 1915 she married a Baptist minister, Clarence D. Creasman, in Chattanooga.

Mrs. Creasman was active in the Woman's Missionary Union in Tennessee, twice serving as president of the Union. She was one of the first women to serve as a trustee for the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention (1922-1923). She worked as a Field Worker for the Sunday School Board and the Woman's Missionary Union for many years. She was a constant presenter for WMU and Sunday School Board conferences and programs. She was a foremost writer of historical pageants for both Tennessee and Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Unions. She prepared, rehearsed and presented pageants for the Ruby Anniversary, The Golden Jubilee, the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the WMU and the Shuck Centennial. She composed children's songs, pageants and plays and for 17 years wrote study material for the Woman's Missionary Union *Royal Service Magazine*

She died in Nashville, Tennessee at the age of 92 on May 30, 1980.

### Scope and Content Note

The Myrtle Robinson Creasman Pageant Collection consists of plays and pageants written by Creasman. The pageants are mostly found in notebooks with attached typed scripts that include handwritten annotations and instructions. A few of the pageants are simply typescripts with no annotations. Many of the pageants include musical sections. Two pageants are written for local

church anniversaries and events. The notebooks include instructions on lighting, staging, characters, costumes and music. Many of the pageant related to anniversaries of the Woman's Mission Union and Baptist missionaries.

### **Arrangement**

The collection is arranged in alphabetical order by folder title.

### **Provenance**

Donated by Myrtle Creasman, 1968.

### **Preferred Citation**

Myrtle Robinson Creasman Pageant Collection, Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives, Nashville, Tennessee.

### **Access Restrictions**

None

### **Subject Terms**

Creasman, Myrtle Robinson, 1887-1980

Rice, Luther, 1783-1836

Sater, Henry, 1690-1754

Shuck, Henrietta (Hall), 1817-1844

First Baptist Church (Donelson, Tennessee)

Island Home Baptist Church (Knoxville, Tennessee)

Southern Baptist Convention. Woman's Missionary Union.

Tennessee Baptist Convention. Woman's Missionary Union.

Baptist General Association of Virginia. Woman's Missionary Union.

Missionary plays

Pageants

### **Related Materials**

Creasman, Myrtle R. *Cobble missionary: a playlet*. Nashville, Tenn.: Sunday School Board, n.d. Pam. 8028.

Creasman, C. D., Mrs. *The heart of Henrietta: a pageant interpreting the life of Henrietta Hall Shuck*. Richmond, Virginia: Foreign Mission Board, SBC, 1936. Pam. 6059

Creasman, Myrtle R. *Stewardship scrapbook*. Birmingham, Ala. : Woman's Missionary Union, 195-?. Pam. 45

Creasman, Myrtle. *Working with Juniors*. Nashville, Tenn.: Sunday School Board, 1925.

## Container List

### Box 1

- 1.1 *Along a golden way: Tennessee Golden Jubilee pageant*, 1938. Pageant commemorating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Tennessee Woman's Missionary Union.
- 1.2 *Diamond Jubilee, Virginia Baptist Woman's Missionary Union, 1949*
- 1.3 *Diamond Jubilee: 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Tennessee Woman's Missionary Union, 1963*
- 1.4 *For God, Home, and everything*. Presented at the Woman's Missionary Union meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, 1948
- 1.5 *Frustrations of Luther Rice*. Pageant about the early Baptist mission efforts of Luther Rice and others, no date
- 1.6 *Go Forward*. Pageant for the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemoration of Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, 1948
- 1.7 *Golden Jubilee Pageant*. Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, 50<sup>th</sup> year, Richmond, VA 1938
- 1.8 *Island Home Story: Centennial Celebration of Island Home Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tennessee, 1960*
- 1.9 *Jubilee Rejoicing: First Baptist Church Donelson, Tennessee*. 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary pageant. 1962.
- 1.10 *Mississippi Diamond Jubilee*. 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the WMU of Mississippi, written by Edwina Robinson and Myrtle Creasman, 1963
- 1.11 *Sixty years of light: Alabama Woman's Missionary Union, 1890-1950*.
- 1.12 *Sixty years of shining: Sunbeam pageant*, 1946
- 1.13 *Things to come: A skit presenting a preview of plans for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Young Woman's Auxiliary*, 1957
- 1.14 *Trail of the Golden Years*. Young Woman's Auxiliary pageant, 1957
- 1.15 *Two Hundred Years at Saters: A pageant about the life of Henry Sater and his Baptist faith in early Maryland and: Tale of Two Tithers*. A pageant for the Church Night of Stewardship at the First Baptist Church in Donelson, Tennessee, 1940
- 1.16 *Two Lands a Life that lives – Henrietta Hall Shuck in Virginia and China, 1935*