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Watson F. Lewis Papers, 1918-21, 1944

Watson F. Lewis Chronology

August 3, 1882	Born, Brackney, Pennsylvania
September 29 or 30, 1910	Married Mildred Goss
September 5, 1918	Signed two year contract as Secretary to International Committee of the YMCA
ca. September 20, 1918	Sailed from New York
October 5, 1918	Arrived London, England
November 5, 1918	Tea at Windsor Castle hosted by Princess Alice
November 11, 1918	Witnessed Armistice Day celebration in London
November 12, 1918	Departed for Scotland
November 17, 1918	Departed from Dundee, Scotland for Russia
November 24, 1918	Arrived Mourmansk, Russia
ca. December 2, 1918	Arrived Archangel, Russia
April 22, 1919	Son (Gordon) born in Minneapolis, Minnesota
September 18, 1919	Arrived London, England
ca. October 12, 1919	Departed London for New York
October 21, 1919	Arrived New York
October, November, December, 1919	Travel in U.S. to Minneapolis
January 5, 1920	Arrived San Francisco
January 7 or 9, 1920	Departed San Francisco on S.S. Korea Maru for Honolulu
January 13, 1920	Honolulu
January 17, 1920	Crossed International Dateline
January 25, 1920	Arrived Yokohama, Japan
January 31-February 6, 1920	Visited Kyoto and Nara, Japan
February 9, 1920	Arrived Vladivostok, Siberia
April 22, 1920	Arrived Harbin, Manchuria
ca. April 1921	Departed Harbin, Manchuria
ca. April 9, 1921	Arrived Shanghai
1924-44	Employed by St. Louis and St. Louis County (Missouri YMCA)
May 21, 1924	Marjorie Louise Lewis born
January 1944	Resigned as Executive Secretary of St. Louis County (Missouri) YMCA; ordained Congregational minister; accepted Pastorate of Congregational Christian Church, Blair, Nebraska
November 15, 1949	Died
April 7, 1998	Watson Lewis Papers donated to University of Illinois Archives by Marjorie Lewis of Bloomington-Normal

Box 1:

Provenance Information
Biographical Information

Passport and Visa, August 1918, November 1919

Newspaper Clippings 1918-19

Photocopies of clippings from London Sunday Times, Waseca, Minnesota Journal-Radical, and Minneapolis Journal

Tribuna Molodezhi, Vladivostok, March 12, 1920

Newsprint copy

Photocopy

Science of Power, Benjamin Kidd, Methuen and Co., 1918

Travel Souvenirs

General, Windsor Castle Entrance Pass, November 5, 1918; Passenger List S.S. Korea Maree, January 1920; Japanese Print of Monkey Bridge with biographical note on painter Hiroshige. Plus a brass belt buckle with Romanov crest.

S. Takashima, Illustration of Japanese Life, K. Ogawa, Tokyo. Color on rice paper

Postcards, Japanese and Manchurian scenes

15 color postcard booklet "Souvenir of Nara"

41 color postcards of Kyoto

10 color postcards of Japan General

Vladivostok (1)

Mukden, Manchuria (2)

Concert Program, Vladivostok, March 16, 1920

Correspondence

To: William Clement, editor Journal-Radical, Waseca, Minnesota, October 31, 1918

To: Mrs. Watson (Mildred) Lewis; Undated postcard announcing safe arrival overseas
Letters Home

Transcriptions of correspondence, January 1920-March 1921 (2 folders)

1918

1919

Box 2:

Correspondence

To: Mrs. Watson (Mildred) Lewis

January-June, 1920

July-December, 1920

1921

Mildred Lewis to Watson Lewis, 1919 (Including telegram announcing birth of son)

To: Edgar McNaughton, September 30, 1920 (reporting on work with boys at Harbin

YMCA)

Serophimo Rovensky to Watson Lewis, Harbin ca. September 27, 1921

Envelopes, 1918-21

Selection of envelopes separated from correspondence after dating information on letters was verified. Some with marks showing review by censors.

YMCA Agreement, Certificate of Identification, and Letters of Introduction, 1918-19

YMCA Correspondence and Reports 1919-21

Letters from YMCA officials to Watson and Mildred Lewis and reports written by

YMCA Secretaries regarding work of Lewis and Y in general in Russia and Manchuria.

Accounts by B. E. Merriam, C. Alexander, Clifford C. Hatfield, Crawford Wheeler, R. C.

Ostergren, and Tom L. Cotton

YMCA Reports on Russia November, 1920 - Vladivostok, Narva, Siberia, and War Prisoner's exchanges by Donald Lowrie, Carl Yettrub, A. A. Simmon, E. A. Ropes, and R. J. Reitzel

Box 3:

Original Prints with Identifications (#s match replacement prints in box 4)

Photograph Album, 1918-1921 (Archangel to Harbin)

Photographs

Watson Lewis

Baby (Gordon Lewis)

Scotland, North Russia, Archangel

Pacific Trip - San Francisco, Honolulu, S.S. Korea Maru

Japan - General, Kyoto, Mt. Fujii, Nara, Tokyo, Yokohama

Vladivostok

Harbin, Manchuria

Including YMCA people and activities

Russia and China General

Box 4:

Reference album for Watson Lewis photographs

CDs of Digital Image Files from Nitrate Negatives

Note: 410 original nitrate negatives were destroyed after safety replacement negatives, preservation prints, and digital images were made by Chicago Albumen Works in 2006.

The replacement negatives reside in University Archives' Negative and Glass Plate File (Record Series 39/2/22) grouped under Master Negative Number 18426.

Preservation replacement prints 001-090; Watson Lewis Album

Box 5:

Replacement prints 091-182; Watson Lewis Album

Replacement prints 183-212; Japan, General

Replacement prints 213-231; Vladivostok

Replacement prints 232-236; Watson Lewis/Gordon Baby

Box 6:

Replacement prints 237-289; Japan, Kyoto, Nara, Tokyo, Yokohama (2 folders)

Replacement prints 290, 291; Scotland, Archangel

Replacement prints 292-339; Harbin, Manchuria (2 folders)

Replacement prints 340-366; Russia and China, General

Replacement prints 367-372; Pacific Trip

Replacement prints 373-410; Harbin (2 folders)