

Guide to the Andrew L. Dawson Letters, 1918 – 1919

Title: Andrew L. Dawson Letters, 1918 – 1919

Creator: Dawson, Andrew L., b. 1895

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ABSTRACT

Contains correspondence and other material relating to this Tuscaloosa native who served in Europe during World War I.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Andrew Lewis Dawson was born on January 17, 1895. He served in the U.S. Army during World War I from ca. April 1918 – ca. April 1919 in Base Hospital Unit No. 40. He was stationed in the United States, England, and France during his service. His final rank was corporal. He was the oldest son of Dr. Lemuel Orah Dawson and Mrs. Margaret Samuel Lewis Dawson. Dawson Memorial Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama is named in honor of Dr. Dawson, where he served as pastor. It was then called

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the Edgewood Baptist Church. Prior to this, Dr. Dawson served as the pastor for the First Baptist Church of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, for 32 years. Dr. Dawson was also a professor of Bible and Church History at Howard College (Samford University) and was active in the Alabama Baptist Convention.

Source:

“Dawson, L.O.,” *Alabama Blue Book and Social Register, 1929*. Nelson P. Hoff, ed. (Birmingham: Blue Book Publishing, 1929.)

SCOPE AND CONTENTS:

The Andrew L. Dawson Letters consist of correspondence, a registration certificate, and an admission ticket and program.

The letters in this collection were written to Dawson’s family and friends and describe his experiences during his service in World War I, as well as information about himself and his family.

Correspondence is very regular with all letters but two written by Dawson.

This collection is divided into the following series: Correspondence, Other Correspondence and Miscellaneous.

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

SERIES: CORRESPONDENCE

The outgoing correspondence consists of approximately 55 letters written to Andrew L. Dawson’s family and friends between 1918 – 1919. The majority of them are to his mother. There is one letter written to Andrew L. Dawson from his uncle, Joe Reese. This series is arranged according to recipient and chronologically.

SERIES: OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

The other correspondence series consists of one letter written about Dawson to Dr. Paul Bagby by G.A. Barrett, who served with Dawson during World War I.

SERIES: MISCELLANY

The miscellany series consists of Andrew L. Dawson’s registration certificate and an admission ticket and program from the Base Hospital Farewell Ball.

CONTAINER LIST:

SERIES: CORRESPONDENCE

Box	Folder	Description
5994	1	Letters to Dawson Family, 1918-1919
	2	Postcard to Mr. Eugene Reese Dawson, 1919

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3	Letters to Dr. and Mrs. L.O. Dawson, 1918-1919
4	Letters to Dr. L.O. Dawson, 1918-1919
5	Letters to Mrs. L.O. Dawson, April 1918 – June 1918
6	Letters to Mrs. L.O. Dawson, July 1918- December 1918
7	Letters to Mrs. L.O. Dawson, 1919
8	Letter to “Old Lady” – Ben, 1918
9	Letter to Miss Mary Gay Forville, 1918
10	Letter to Mr. and Mrs. Joe (Sue) Reese, 1919
11	Letter to Mr. Joe Reese, 1918
12	Letter to Mrs. Sue Reese, 1918
13	Incoming Correspondence, Letter from Joe Reese, 1919

SERIES: OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

Box	Folder	Description
5994	14	Other Correspondence, Letter from Mr. G.A. Barrett, 1919

SERIES: MISCELLANY

Box	Folder	Description
5994	15	Dawson’s Registration Certificate and an Admission Ticket and Program from The Base Hospital Farewell Ball