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**The Papers of
Lucien V. Rule**

The papers of Lucien V. Rule, author, Presbyterian minister, and prison chaplain of Goshen (Oldham County), Ky.

For information regarding literary and copyright interests for these papers, see the Curator of Manuscripts, James J. Holmberg.

Size of Collection

1.33 cubic feet

Locator Number Mss.\A\R935

Scope and Content Note

Papers include correspondence, 1921-1947, discussing his work as a minister, his writing, and personal matters; sermons; essays, articles, and novels on prison life, race relations, history, and current events; and poetry.

Biographical Note

- 1871 Born in Goshen, Kentucky.
- 1887-
1888 Attended the University of Kentucky.
- 1893 Graduated from Centre College.
- Educated for the ministry at Louisville Presbytery.
- 1908 Ordained a Presbyterian minister.
- 1914 Chaplain of the Indiana Reformatory at Jeffersonville.
- 1916 Married Hida Lee McClure of Nelson County, Ky.
- 1920 Published "The City of Dead Souls," which exposed the deplorable prison conditions then existing in Kentucky and Indiana.
- 1923 Home mission pastor for the New Albany Presbytery in charge of rural churches.
- 1948 Died in Crothersville, Ind.

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A Lucien V. Rule
R935 Papers. 1921-1947.

Box 1

- fl. 1 Correspondence, 1921-1947.
- fl. 2 Crothersville and Scottsburg Presbyterian Churches.
- fl. 3 Report of the Historical Committee to the Synod of Indiana, 1947.
- fl. 4 Church related material.
- fl. 5 The Pilgrim Soul. Sermons.
- fl. 6 Histories of various denominations in Kentucky.
- fl. 7 "Pageant Poems," and others.
- fl. 8 "Love and Death," and "The Household of Faith."
- fl. 9 "The Rainbow Bridge."

Box 2

- fl. 10 "Beauty and the Beast."
- fl. 11 "Love Over the Color Line."
- fl. 12 "The Last Parole."
- fl. 13 "The Last Parole."
- fl. 14 "I Was a Lover."
- fl. 15 "Abishag. The Last Great Love of King David."
- fl. 16 "Sons and Daughters of Nobody." First section.
- fl. 17 "Sons and Daughters of Nobody." Second section.
- fl. 18 "Sons and Daughters of Nobody." Third section.
- fl. 19 "Folk-Tales."
- fl. 20 "Ships Without Rudders."
- fl. 21 "The Legion of Dead Souls."

Box 3

- fl. 22 "The God of War."
- fl. 23 "The Legion of Dis-Honor," by Mason Dixon.
- fl. 24 "Tales of a Landlord Capitalist," by Mason Dixon.
- fl. 25 "Unto the Least of These."
- fl. 26 "When the Soul Wanders."
- fl. 27 "The Way to Wonderland."
- fl. 28 "Go Down Moses." "Further Legends and Romance of Moses."
- fl. 29 Character sketches of R. C. Ballard Thruston, Otto A. Rothert, Noble Butler, et al.
- fl. 30 Kentuckians in the Nation's History.
- fl. 31 "A Chronicle of Old Kentucky."

- fl. 32 Elizabeth Keckley- "The Soul that was a Star."
"The Servant in the House."
"The Auction Block."
"James A. Garfield and Clara Barton."
- fl. 33 "Sam Houston Weds and Discovers the Hidden Tragedy."
"Keeping the Home Fires Burning- Or Letting Them Go Out."
- fl. 34 Colonel Lucien Beckner . . . Analyzes the Original "Corncrackers" and
"Hoosiers."
Colonel Beckner Defends the Great Human Lovers and Liberators.
- fl. 35 "Ancient Society."
- fl. 36 Newspaper clippings: The Ghostly Cavaliers; The Old Order Changeth; A
Scotch-Irish Revolutionary; Bread on the Waters; The Soul of a Great Physician.
- fl. 37 Newspaper clippings: Contemporary Kentuckians.
- fl. 38 Newspaper clippings: Slavery Times in Ky.; The Slave Time Legends and Love
Romances of Abraham Lincoln and Lemuel Lovejoy; Love-The Great
Revolution, etc.

Box 4

- fl. 39 Newspaper clippings: "Sons and Daughters of Nobody" and How Mrs. Rosa
Morgan Meriweather Made Them "Sons and Daughters of the Morning."
- fl. 40 Newspaper clippings: Heroes Here at Home; The Worm at the Heart of
Domesticity; The Mother Tongue; A Romantic Lover; Doctor Gorman; The
Regulators.
- fl. 41 Newspaper clippings: Elizabeth Keckley-"The Soul that was a Star," etc.
- fl. 42 Newspaper clippings: "Go Down Moses; "Further Legends and Romance of
Moses;" "Great Lover and Human Deliverers . . ."
- fl. 43 The poems of Joseph S. Cotter, Jr.
- fl. 44 Miscellaneous essays.
- fl. 45 Miscellaneous material.
- fl. 46 Miscellaneous material.
- fl. 47 Scrapbook, etc.