

### **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

Reuben Archer Torrey, Jr. was born on September 16, 1887, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, to Reuben Archer Torrey, Sr. and Clara Smith. His father was a pastor and author of more than forty books, as well as president of Moody Bible Institute and the Bible Institute of Los Angeles.

Reuben Archer Torrey Jr. graduated Lafayette College in 1910 with a Bachelor of Arts. While a student at Lafayette, he was a member of the Delta Upsilon fraternity and the German Club (Deutscher Verein). He then attended Princeton Theological Seminary and married Janet Mallary on June 26, 1913. They had five children: Helen, Reuben A. III, Edith II, Frank, and Lorraine.

A strong Evangelical, Torrey became a missionary in Jinan, China, in Shandong Province through the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church. While in China, he also conducted medical and famine relief work and served on the International Famine Relief Committee from 1921-1923. The Torreys were interned for one year in Japan from 1941-1942 in Tsinan. They were then released.

During World War II, Torrey served as a liaison between Chinese and Americans. He facilitated communication for Chiang Kai-Shek to American forces at the request of the Chinese government. He held this special mission role from 1942-1944. During this time, he was involved in an automobile accident and lost his right arm. He returned to America to recover and received an artificial limb. He then returned to China briefly to rebuild mission stations, but had to leave when Communists took over Shanghai.

In 1952, he was able to use his personal experience with artificial limbs to assist others. He was appointed the first director of the Korean Amputee Rehabilitation Project. This project was created when the Commission on Ecumenical Missions and Relations of the United Presbyterian Church worked with other denominations to assist war victims in South Korea. In this role, Torrey opened a Korean factory to manufacture artificial limbs. The center grew rapidly in the first few years of the project's creation, and the program also provided therapy to assist patients in using the limbs successfully and vocational training. The project continued to help non-war-related amputees after its initial inception. Torrey retired from his director position in 1959 and returned to the United States.

Torrey died on February 23, 1980, in the United States.

### **SCOPE AND CONTENT**

The Reuben Archer Torrey, Jr. Glass Plate Negative Collection (2 boxes; 12 linear inches) contains 52 negatives and features images of Lafayette College during the time period R. A. Torrey, Jr. was involved with life on campus, ca. 1906-1910, and after graduation as an alumnus. Images include football players, a bonfire, a reunion parade, interiors of residence halls, and exteriors of buildings. Each glass negative measures 4x6 inches.

### **PROVENANCE**

This collection was received on October 25, 2017 from Archivist Bob Shuster of the Billy Graham Center Archives at Wheaton College in Illinois. The Billy Graham Center Archives

maintains a collection of documents written by Torrey related to his internment, accident, and career. These glass plate negatives were originally part of that collection, which is titled "Small Collection 97" and composed of letters, pamphlets, reports, correspondences, articles, and brief narrative accounts (<http://www2.wheaton.edu/bgc/archives/GUIDES/sc097.htm>). The Billy Graham Center also maintains a collection related to his father, Reuben Archer Torrey, Sr. (<http://www2.wheaton.edu/bgc/archives/GUIDES/107.htm>).

## **INVENTORY**

### **Box 1**

Slides 1- 25: Football Players

- 1: Individual player in lightly colored turtle neck with "L"
- 2: Individual player in lightly colored sweater with "T"
- 3: Individual player in dark sweater
- 4: Individual player on field in lightly colored turtle neck
- 5: Individual player on field in lightly colored turtle neck
- 6: Individual player on field in lightly colored sweater with "P" and a hat
- 7: Individual player on field in lightly colored turtle neck
- 8: Individual player in front of column in striped jacket
- 9: Individual player holding gear in lightly colored turtle neck
- 10: Individual player in stripes
- 11: Individual player on field in stripes with sweater tied around neck
- 12: Individual player on field in stripes
- 13: Individual player on field in stripes, close photo
- 14: Individual player in dark sweater against stone building
- 15: Individual player in light sweater with "L" against stone building
- 16: Individual player in light sweater with "L" against stone building
- 17: Individual player in striped sweater
- 18: Individual player holding equipment in front of stone column
- 19: Individual player in stripes on field
- 20: Individual player against stone building
- 21: Individual player sitting on steps in suit smiling

- 22: Individual player in light sweater in front of stone column
- 23: Individual player on field in dark sweater with "L"
- 24: Individual player in stripes against stone building
- 25: Individual player in light sweater against stone building, arms crossed

**Slides 26 - 34: Reunion Parade**

- 26: Group photo with signs: Darney Oldfield The Boy Chaffur, He Read 3 Weeks Not Responsible, Chip of the Old Blok, For 1911, Carots Corps Of Cadets
- 27: Line spread across grass with signs and banners
- 28: People in line with signs pinned to them reading: Evelyn the Pure, Delma, May, Judge, Countess at Yarmouth, Mrs. Holburn, and Jerome
- 29: Candid photo, holding signs: Merry Widow, Chip of the Old Block, He Read 3 Weeks Not Responsible, and Carots Corps or Cadets
- 30: Aerial view of parade walking across bridge
- 31: Candid photo of line in grass
- 32: Line of people in front of building, holding signs: Poster Night Quitters, 23 for 1911, The Sing-Sing Band
- 33: Large group sitting in front of building
- 34: Large group sitting in front of building, taken from further away

**Box 2**

**Slides 35 - 44: Interior of Bedrooms**

- 35: Bedroom with desk and chair, side of bed, photos on wall
- 36: Bedroom with desk and chair, trash barrel, photos and flags on wall including Alpha Chi Rho's flag
- 37: Room with bookshelf
- 38: Room with desk and chair, coat rack, bookshelf
- 39: Room with desk and chair, bookshelf, many photos on wall
- 40: Room with pitcher with flowers
- 41: Room with tea set
- 42: Room with bed, rocking chair, dresser
- 43: Room with Delta Upsilon and Lafayette banners

**REUBEN ARCHER TORREY, JR. GLASS PLATE  
NEGATIVE COLLECTION, ca. 1906-1910**

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44: Room with piano and fireplace

Slides 45 - 48: Campus Photos

45: Exterior of one building, close photo

46: Exterior of two buildings, field

47: Exterior of Pardee Hall, quad with fence

48: Field with several buildings visible

Slides 49 – 52: Bonfire

49: Items piled up for bonfire, students on pile

50: Items piled up for bonfire, students on pile

51: Active bonfire

52: Active bonfire

Also included: photocopies of covers of boxes where slides were originally stored.