

Guide to C. Fred Lincoln's Collection on Lewis Sperry Chafer

1928, 1944, circa 1987 and undated, bulk undated

.02 linear feet

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**Abstract:** One letter, a few articles and items concerning Lewis Sperry Chafer collected by C. Fred Lincoln.

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**Biographical Sketch:** Charles Fred Lincoln was born December 13, 1887 in Dallas, TX. He married Anna Mae Hinckley in 1910, and they had four children: Frank Jackson, Charles Fred, Elizabeth Nora, and James Edward. After working for the Texas Pacific Railroad, Lincoln served as a missionary with the Central American Mission, now Camino Global, from 1910-1927. He ministered in Guatemala and Honduras. C. F. Lincoln returned to Dallas and became treasurer and business manager for the Evangelical Theological College, now DTS, from 1927 until his retirement in 1967. He also taught English Bible and served on the board of the Seminary. Lincoln died October 22, 1976.

Lewis Sperry Chafer, the first president of DTS, had suffered a heart attack and appendicitis in 1935. In 1944, he wrote a letter with advice on choosing his successor. About six months later, in June 1945, he suffered a stroke. Chafer died in 1952. Lincoln was executor of Chafer's estate and decided to keep the letter Chafer had written, presumably to keep it confidential.

**References:**

Hannah, John D. *An Uncommon Union: Dallas Theological Seminary and American Evangelicalism*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 131.

"Memorial Service, Dr. C. Fred Lincoln ... October 25, 1976" [printed program]

"Resolution of the Board of Incorporate Members of Dallas Theological Seminary," October 2, 1970.

**System of Arrangement:**

This collection consists of one series.

**Series I. Collected Items,** 1928, 1944, circa 1987, and undated (2 folders)  
Includes a letter by L. S. Chafer, and articles concerning him.

**Scope and Content Note:**

This collection housed in two folders is composed of items C. Fred Lincoln kept concerning Lewis Sperry Chafer. The most significant part of the collection is Chafer's letter advising the DTS Board on choosing his successor. Chafer indicated the qualities he believed were most important for the president of the Seminary. It is interesting that Dr. Lincoln retained the original version of this confidential message in his personal papers.

**Selected Search Terms:**

Lincoln, C. Fred

Chafer, Lewis Sperry

**Donor/Source:** Jacqueline Ogdon

**Custodial History:** Ms. Ogdon inherited the documents from her father, Frank J. Lincoln, who had inherited them from his father, C. Fred Lincoln.

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**Related Material:** A photocopy of a typescript of the letter from Chafer to the Board is in Collection Number 023 DTS. President's Office Records. History Files.

### Container List

#### **Series I. Collected Items**

<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title, Dates, Description</u>
1	Correspondence, 1944 (.01 linear feet, 10 leaves) Handwritten letter by Chafer advising the DTS Board about choosing his successor; letter written on paper from the Barbizon Plaza Hotel in New York; with a note "As Executor of Dr. Chafer's estate, I found this manuscript in his papers. CFL"
2	Miscellaneous, 1928, 1944, circa 1987, and undated (.01 linear feet) Place card from Chafer's birthday celebration, 1928; 6 business cards for L. S. Chafer; <i>Chafer Quotations</i> brochure; <i>Man of God</i> brochure by C. F. Lincoln; <i>The Life and Ministry of Lewis Sperry Chafer</i> by J. F. Walvoord; <i>The Early Years of Lewis Sperry Chafer</i> by John Hannah; 8 x 10" black and white photograph of Chafer with his signature (includes head and torso); photocopy of page from 1944 DTS Bulletin.