

BRANHAM FAMILY.
Branham Family papers, 1834-1989, undated

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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Branham Family.
Title: Branham Family papers, 1834-1989, undated
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 008
Extent: 1.20 linear ft. (4 boxes)
Abstract: Contains correspondence, photographs, church and local history material, and other files related to the Branham family of Oxford, Georgia.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

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Collection Description

Biographical Note

The Branham family of Oxford, Georgia has its family origins date back to 1665 with the arrival of Richard Branham to Virginia, when he purchased 240 acres of land from the Crown along the Rappahannock River. This collection is specific to the family of Walter R. Branham, Sr. (1813-1894) and his wife Elizabeth A. Flourney.

Born in Eatonton, Georgia on November 18, 1813, Walter Branham would become a member of the Southern Methodist Conference in 1836 and remained in these ranks for the next 59 years. He was a professor of history and moral philosophy at Wesleyan College in the 1840s, and later died in Oxford, Georgia on September 2, 1894. He and his wife Elizabeth Flourney had seven children: Junius, Edward, Elizabeth, Walter, Henry, Martha, and Virlinda Branham. The oldest son, Junius Branham, served as a member of the Confederate army, having volunteered while in his senior year at Emory College in 1861. He would eventually be promoted to Colonel in the Confederate army, and served in the same company as the poet Sidney Lanier.

Many of the papers in this collection originate from the children of Walter R. Branham, Jr. and his wife Adeline Singleton. Married in 1881, Walter and Adeline Branham taught at the Chilocco Indian Training School in Oklahoma in 1885-1887; they would eventually return to Oxford where their residence was home to many Emory College students who boarded with them while attending school. Walter and Adeline Branham had five children: Walter R. Branham III, Joseph Singleton, Rebecca Thomas, Elizabeth "Billy" Branham, and Martha Branham.

Scope and Content Note

This collection consists of correspondence, financial records, genealogical and biographical material, printed material, photographs, and writings related to the Branham family. This collection also includes information related to Newton County churches and the history of Oxford, Georgia from 1835-1989.

The correspondence consists primarily of personal letters to Elizabeth (Billie) Branham, Martha Branham, and Rebecca Branham, as well as correspondence from members of the Oxford community and Branham family to Jack Atkinson, an Oxford College faculty member and mayor of Oxford who was a close friend to the Branham family. The majority of the photographs are of individual members of the Branham family. The material related to Oxford, Georgia includes a typescript 1914 town charter of Oxford and the 1975 registry of the Oxford Historical District on the National Register. The material related to local churches consists of information related to Old Church, the first chapel built for Emory College in 1841, and includes holograph notes of Covington Baptist Church and the First Baptist Church of Covington. Also includes legal documents and newspaper clippings related to the Briar Patch Cafe in Oxford, Georgia owned by Martha and Elizabeth Branham.

Arrangement Note

Organized by record type and then alphabetically.

Container List

Correspondence

Box	Folder	Content
1	1	Atkinson, Jack, 1989 January-April
1	2	Branham, Elizabeth (Billie) F.
1	3	Branham, Martha, letter from unidentified author, undated
1	4	Branham, Adeline to Rebecca Thomas, 1915 September
1	5	Branham family, unidentified, 1899-1926

Photographs

1	6	Branham, Elizabeth, undated
1	7	Branham, Lori Anne, circa 1960s
1	8	Branham, Lynn, 1906-1956, undated
1	9	Branham, Walter R. Sr., undated
1	10	Branham, Walter R., Jr., undated
1	11	"Grandmother Branham, Boy Emery Flinn," undated
1	12	McGhee, Frank, 1903 June 8
1	13	Unidentified (14), undated

Church and Local History Files

1	14	Covington Baptist Church, holograph notes, 1900-1905, undated
1	15	First Baptist Church of Covington, holograph notes, 1906-1912
1	16	Fraternity houses, 1975, undated
1	17	Old Church – historic preservation grant application, 1975-1976
1	18	Old Church – historical information, 1917-1978
1	19	Old Church – invitations and programs, 1974-1985, undated
1	20	Old Church – landscaping, 1975
1	21	Oxford Historic District, 1975, undated
1	22	Oxford, Town of, New Charter, circa 1914
1	23	Unidentified church ledger, 1952 July 1–1954 June 30
2	1	Unidentified church minutes, unbound holograph notes, 1835-1899

Branham Family Material

2	2	Branham, Elizabeth (Billy) F., 1949-1953, 1989, undated
2	3	Branham, Martha Terrell, 1901, 1966, undated
2	4	Branham real estate transactions, 1836-1972
2	5	Genealogical materials, photocopies, 1966-1983, undated
2	6	Obituary, Branham Verlyn H. "Fran," 1966 August 13
2	7	Obituary, Branham, Virlynda Harris "Lynn," 1959 March

2 8 The Briar Patch, 1947-1949, undated

Other Materials

2 9 Brodnax, Samuel Houston, transcript of 65th birthday speech, 1909
2 10 Collected materials of Emory College, photocopies, 1846-1975
2 11 Flourney family history, authored by Annie Laurie Pike, undated
2 12 "Some of the Georgia Singletons and their cousins who are descendants of Dr. J. J. Singleton and his wife Mary Ann Terrell," 1956
2 13 Williams, Rebecca, holograph notes and photocopies related to her estate, 1834-1870
2 14 Woodblock of Branham, W.A., undated

Oversize

3 Photo album, "Kodak," undated
4 Photo album, undated
