

# GLENN FAMILY.

## Glenn family papers, 1825-1966

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### Descriptive Summary

**Creator:** Glenn family.  
**Title:** Glenn family papers, 1825-1966  
**Call Number:** Manuscript Collection No. 403  
**Extent:** .1 cubic feet (4 folders)  
**Abstract:** Consists of two North Georgia Conference Journals, ordination papers of John Walker Glenn and Wilbur Fisk Glenn, and other loose materials relating to their lives.  
**Language:** Materials entirely in English.

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### Administrative Information

#### Restrictions on Access

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#### Citation

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#### Processing

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### Collection Description

#### Biographical Note

This collection contains features two prominent Methodists from the North Georgia Conference: John Walker Glenn and his son Wilbur Fisk Glenn. John Walker Glenn was born on April 25, 1797 in Oglethorpe County, Georgia. His father, James Glenn, had moved from North Carolina to Oglethorpe County in 1794. John Walker Glenn married Mary Jones (originally of

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Virginia) and they had 10 children together. In early adulthood, J. W. Glenn was a millwright. He was licensed to exhort in 1825, licensed to preach in 1826, ordained as a deacon in 1831 and ordained as an elder in 1835. For almost the entirety of his ministry after being appointed in full connection, he was the Presiding Elder (P.E.) over various districts in the Georgia Conference. He was a long-time delegate to the General Conference and was present at the conference in 1844 when the Methodist Episcopal Church was divided into two separate denominations. Glenn died at his home in Vann's Valley, Floyd County, Georgia on April 20, 1868.

Wilbur Fisk Glenn was the youngest of John Walker and Mary Jones Glenn's children. He was born in Jackson County, Georgia on April 5, 1839. W. F. Glenn studied at Emory College and graduated from East Alabama College in 1860. He served as a private in CSA from 1861-1865. On January 31, 1865, he married Flora Harper. W. F. Glenn was licensed to preach in 1865, ordained as a deacon in 1867, and ordained as an elder in 1868. He began his career in the Mississippi Annual Conference, but moved to the North Georgia Conference in 1870. He served in Georgia for the remainder of his career from 1890-1899 he was editor of the *Wesleyan Christian Advocate*. Wilbur Fisk Glenn died on December 2, 1922. Glenn Memorial Methodist Church (originally Emory University Methodist Church) was named in his honor.

### **Scope and Content Note**

This collection contains original documents of ordination for both John Walker Glenn and Wilbur Fisk Glenn. There are two beautifully bound North Georgia Annual Conference journals that contain the obituaries for each of these figures dating to 1868 and 1923. The 1923 Conference journal bears the name of Flora Harper Glenn, the wife of W. F. Glenn. Photographs of both figures which were cut out of Wilbur Fisk Glenn's autobiography are also included. There is also a Glenn Memorial Methodist Church bulletin dating to December 4, 1966, which commemorated the 100th anniversary of Wilbur Fisk Glenn's entrance into the ministry.

### **Arrangement Note**

The filing system for this collection has been kept substantially in its original form.

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## Container List

Box	Folder	Content
1	1	Minutes of the North Georgia Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South held at Griffin, Ga., Dec. 2-8, 1868.
1	1	License to preach, November 2, 1826 signed by William Arnold of the Athens District (with renewals 1827, 1828, 1829, 1830, 1831). [tipped in]
1	1	Office of Deacon ordination, December 4, 1831 signed by Elijah Hedding. [tipped in]
1	1	Office of Elder ordination, September 12, 1835 signed by James Osgood Andrew. [tipped in]
1	2	Liberty to exhort document, December 15, 1825 signed by Benjamin Rhodes.
1	2	Newspaper clipping "From the Cartersville Express" obituary of Rev. John W. Glenn, undated
1	2	Printed photograph of John Walker Glenn (from Wilbur F. Glenn, <i>A Life Sketch of Rev. and Mrs. Wilbur Fisk Glenn, Atlanta, 1913</i> ), undated.
1	3	Year Book and Minutes of the North Georgia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South held at Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 21-26, 1923.
1	3	Office of Deacon ordination, December 8, 1867 signed by Robert Paine. [tipped in]
1	3	Document authorizing W. F. Glenn to celebrate the rites of matrimony, Jefferson County Mississippi, February 3, 1868. [tipped in]
1	3	Office of Elder ordination, November 22, 1868 signed by Hubbard H. Kavanaugh. [tipped in]
1	4	Printed photograph of Wilbur Fisk Glenn (from Wilbur F. Glenn, <i>A Life Sketch of Rev. and Mrs. Wilbur Fisk Glenn, Atlanta, 1913</i> ), undated
1	4	Bulletin from Glenn Memorial Methodist Church, Atlanta, commemorating the 100th anniversary of Glenn's entrance into ministry, December 4, 1966

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