

BINGHAM, JOSEPH REID, 1861-1933.

Joseph Reid Bingham papers, 1889-1938

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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Bingham, Joseph Reid, 1861-1933.
Title: Joseph Reid Bingham papers, 1889-1938
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 237
Extent: .125 linear ft. (1 partial box)
Abstract: Correspondence and miscellaneous papers of businessman and Methodist layman Joseph Reid Bingham from 1889 to 1938.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

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Biographical Note

Joseph Reid Bingham (January 26, 1861-1933), Mississippi businessman and Methodist layman, was born at Carrollton, Mississippi, the son of Robert Leroy and Maria Louisa (Gee) Bingham. He attended Carrollton High School. In 1875 he entered the merchandising business in Carrollton, later became president of the Carroll County Bank, and developed interests in real estate and farming. Active in civic life, he was even more involved in the affairs of the Methodist Church, South, serving as Steward in his local church. For many years, beginning in 1886, he represented the Winona District as a lay delegate to the North Mississippi Conference and, in 1889 and on several subsequent occasions, was sent by the Conference as a delegate to the General Conference. He served as Treasurer of the Board of Church Extension of the North Mississippi Conference, Conference Secretary of Education, and the Conference repeatedly appointed him to the Board of Trustees of Millsaps College and Grenada Collegiate Institute. In 1913 he became a member of the Board of Trust of Vanderbilt University. Among his close friends and correspondents were Methodist Bishops Charles Betts Galloway, Eugene Russell Hendrix and Warren Akin Candler. Bingham married Rachel Evelyn Turner and had six children: David Leroy, Louise English, Charles Galloway, Frances, Robert Henry and Evelyn Turner. Information regarding Bingham can be found in *Who's Who in the South* (1927) and in the Minutes of the North Mississippi Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in 1886 and succeeding years.

Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of the papers of Joseph Reid Bingham from 1889-1938. Letters from Bishop Charles Betts Galloway, Eugene Russell Hendrix, and Warren Akin Candler to Joseph Reid Bingham constitute the largest part of this collection. There are 93 letters and five postcards from Bishop Galloway to Bingham written between 1889 and 1909. The Bishop talks of the location, faculty and furnishing of Millsaps College, of his views on the liquor traffic, Mississippi politics, the "war-claim" and other church issues, of reactions to his speeches and of his trips to mission conferences in the Orient and as the Methodist Church's delegate to the British Wesleyan Conference. Clearly revealed are Galloway's reactions to the attacks upon him because of his concern with the problems of Negroes and his stand on the Vanderbilt controversy. Concern for Galloway's health and an attempt to have him appointed fraternal delegate to the conference of the northern Methodist church in 1907 occasion some of the letters of Bishop Hendrix and Candler. There are 31 letters from the former and 46 from Candler. Most of Hendrix's letters, especially after the death of Galloway, relate to the dispute over Vanderbilt's charter and her relation to the General Conference. Many of Candler's solicit funds for various mission projects.

Most of the remaining letters in the collection relate to the Vanderbilt controversy. Among the correspondents are Bishop Elijah Embree Hoss (7 letters), his son E. E. Hoss, Jr. (2), Vanderbilt Chancellor James H. Kirkland (2), and Vanderbilt Board members George Bever Winton (4), William Hughes (2), and Newnan Cayce (1). There is one letter in the collection from each of the following: Bishop Edward G. Andrews, Bishop James Atkins, Bishop Seth Ward and Emory College faculty member William Lander Weber. A letter from J. R. Bingham to his grandson describes a flood in Greenwood, Mississippi in 1932.

Included, also, is the outline for a speech made by Bishop Galloway in Carrollton in Feb. 1897:
"Mississippi: Her Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow."

Arrangement Note

Arranged in chronological order.

Finding Aid Note

Chronological listing of correspondence available.

Container List

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1	1	Correspondence, 1889-1896
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1	10	Correspondence, January - July 15, 1910
1	11	Correspondence, July 16 - July 31, 1910
1	12	Correspondence, August 1910 - 1911
1	13	Correspondence, 1912-1932
1	14	Miscellaneous
