

# **BRANCH, G. MURRAY.**

## **G. Murray Branch collection, 1952-1976**

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**Title:** G. Murray Branch collection, 1952-1976  
**Call Number:** Manuscript Collection No. 856  
**Extent:** 2.5 linear ft. (6 boxes) and AV Masters: .75 linear feet (2 boxes)  
**Abstract:** Audio recordings of sermons and lectures delivered primarily by Atlanta minister G. Murray Branch.  
**Language:** Materials entirely in English.

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**Collection Description**

**Biographical Note**

G. Murray Branch, senior minister of the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church (Montgomery, Alabama) and retired professor at the Interdenominational Theological Center (Atlanta, Georgia).

**Scope and Content Note**

The collection consists of 63 sound recordings of G. Murray Branch's sermons delivered at the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church, 1966-1972; The C. D. Hubert Lecture Series sponsored by the Morehouse School of Religion, 1957-1975; and recordings of various Morehouse University events (1955-1968).

**Arrangement Note**

Arranged by event.

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## Container List

### Dexter Avenue Baptist Church [DABC], Montgomery, AL (14 tapes)

Box	Folder	Content
AV2	-	October 9, 1966, Edelman, Marian Wright (Jackson, Mississippi), Women's Leadership Day speaker, Dexter Avenue Baptist Church (Montgomery, Alabama) [Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id b7m2z]
AV2	-	November 13, 1966, Carter, Matthew G. (Montclair, New Jersey) speaker at installation of G. Murray Branch as Pastor of Dexter Avenue Baptist Church (Montgomery, Alabama) [Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id b7m33]
AV2	-	July 9, 1967, Richardson, Harry V. (President, Interdenominational Theological Center), Men's Day Program speaker, Dexter Avenue Baptist Church (Montgomery, Alabama) [Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id b7m47]
-	-	July 16, 1967, Branch, G. Murray, preaching, with programs at Dexter Avenue Baptist Church (Montgomery, Alabama) [Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id bsc85]
-	-	July 23, 1967, Branch, G. Murray, preaching, with programs at Dexter Avenue Baptist Church (Montgomery, Alabama) [Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id bsc99]
AV2	-	October 8, 1967, Bunton, Alfreda Gibbs (Washington, D.C.), Women's Leadership Day speaker, Dexter Avenue Baptist Church (Montgomery, Alabama) [Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id bc0pv]
AV1	-	September 17, 1967, Branch, G. Murray, preaching, "Man's Primary Practical Pursuit;" October 15, 1967; Pastor G. Murray Branch preaching; October 22, 1967, Pastor G. Murray Branch preaching; October 29, 1967, Panel Discussion, Dexter Youth Council, Miss Avis Stringer presiding. Panelists: Reverend Robert Smith, of Montgomery, AL; Dr. John H. Winston, Montgomery, AL; and Chester Malloy, Hartford, NC. With programs. [Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id s7xwn][Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id s7z05][Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id s7xvh][Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id s7z2f]
AV1	-	December 17, 1967, Branch, G. Murray, preaching, with program; December 24, 1967, Pastor G. Murray Branch preaching. With programs; December 31, 1967, Pastor G. Murray Branch preaching. With programs; January 14, 1968, Pastor G. Murray Branch preaching. With programs. [Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id s866s][Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id s864h][Digital/digitized copy

- available in the Reading Room: id s863c][Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id s865n]
- - March 31, 1968, Branch, G. Murray, preaching, with programs at Dexter Avenue Baptist Church (Montgomery, Alabama)  
[Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id bsckk]
  - AV1 - April 21, 1968, Branch, G. Murray, preaching, with program at Dexter Avenue Baptist Church (Montgomery, Alabama)  
[Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id bscg0]
  - AV1 - August 25, 1968, Branch, G. Murray, preaching. With programs; September 8, 1968, Pastor G. Murray Branch preaching. With programs; December 22, 1968, Pastor G. Murray Branch preaching. With programs
  - AV1 - January 19, 1969, Branch, G. Murray, preaching; Anthem: Great is Thy Faithfulness; Reading from the Record: Eph 4: 1-25, at Dexter Avenue Baptist Church (Montgomery, Alabama)  
[Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id bc0q0]
  - AV1 - July 25, 1969, Vacation Bible School closing, Dexter Avenue Baptist Church, Montgomery, Ala.  
[Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id bc4w3]
  - AV1 - October 5, 1969, Pastor G. Murray Branch preaching. With programs; October 12, 1969 Pastor G. Murray Branch preaching; Women's Day - Mrs. A.M. Wilson, wife of The Reverend Dr. A.W. Wilson, pastor of Holt Street Baptist Church, Montgomery, President, Alabama Baptist State Women's Convention. With programs; October 19, 1969, Pastor G. Murray Branch preaching; The installation of The Reverend Thomas E. Jordan who grew up in Dexter, was held at Lilly Baptist Church, Montgomery, Alabama. Pastor G. Murray Branch will give charge to the new Minister of Lilly Baptist Church. With programs; November 2, 1969 Pastor G. Murray Branch preaching: "The Communion Meditation." With programs.
  - AV1 - February 8, 1970, Pastor G. Murray Branch preaching. With programs; February 15, 1970, Pastor G. Murray Branch preaching. With programs; February 22, 1970, Pastor G. Murray Branch preaching. With programs; March 1, 1970, Pastor G. Murray Branch preaching. With programs.
  - AV1 - March 15, 1970, Pastor G. Murray Branch preaching. With programs.
  - AV1 - April 12-14, 1970, Dexter Spring Lectures, The Reverend Charles W. Butler, Detroit, MI. With programs. [Check the sound quality of this tape.]
  - AV1 - June 13, 1971, Pastor G. Murray Branch preaching. With programs; July 18, 1971 Pastor G. Murray Branch preaching. With programs.
  - AV3 13 December 12, 1971, 94th Church Anniversary, C.H. Rhodes of Richmond, VA, speaker. A short history of Dexter by Dr. Norman W. Walton. A list of Dexter pastors from The Reverend Dr. C.O. Boothe to The Reverend Pastor G. Murray Branch with their dates; List of Founding Fathers. With programs; and December 26, 1971, Pastor G. Murray Branch preaching; A Festival of Lessons and Carols, many participants. With programs.

- AV3 14 October 1, 1972, Pastor G. Murray Branch preaching; Communion service. With programs; October 8, 1972, Women's Leadership Day, Mrs. Altona Trent Johns, Speaker; White Elephant's sale. With programs.

### **C.D. Hubert Lectures (16 Reels)**

- AV3 15 February 12-13, 1957, First C.D. Hubert Lectures. George W. Kelsey, Morehouse School of Religion; Melvin H. Watson, presiding (Director, School of Religion).
- AV3 16 February 1957, C.D. Hubert Lectures, George W. Kelsey.
- AV3 17 July 3, 1964 [Marked "5"], Final tape, 20th C.D. Hubert Conference. 1. Victor Gloss (Conclusion of Discussion); Benjamin E. Mays, Remarks; Tobin, remarks of appreciation to leaders; business announcements; vote to have Fellowship Dinner; report on book sales, Pastor G. Murray Branch; report on conference registration and attendance, Clarence J. Grechan [30 minutes blank]; 2. Closing Service of Worship, Reverend Langston [?], Smyrna Baptist, preaching; Lamar Alfred, at organ and solo; scripture, Reverend Langston[?], prayer; Hymn, "Our God our Help;" Raymond F. Harvey, preaching; "He's Got the Whole World in His Hand," Lamar Alfred.
- AV3 18 July 7, 1965, 21st C.D. Hubert Lectures; Lecturer, Kirkland; Remarks, Dr. Mays.
- AV3 19 June 28, 1967, 23rd C.D. Hubert Minister's Conference, Second Day. [Marked "2"]
- AV3 20 June 29, 1967, 23rd C.D. Hubert Minister's Conference. [Marked "3"]
- AV3 21 [June] 1967, C.D. Hubert Minister's Conference. [Marked "4"]
- AV3 22 June 30, 1967, C.D. Hubert Minister's Conference. [Marked "5"]
- AV3 23 June 27, 1969, C.D. Hubert Minister's Conference, Final Session, Atlanta GA. [Marked "2"]
- AV3 24 February 1972, Morehouse School of Religion Founders Day, C.D. Hubert Minister's Conference, ITC, Atlanta, GA; Gardner Taylor; E.W. Lumpkin, "Something Within."
- AV3 25 February 1972, Morehouse School of Religion Founders Day, C.D. Hubert Minister's Conference, ITC; H.W. Creecy, Mt. Moriah Baptist Church; Gardner Taylor.
- AV3 26 [June] 1972, Morehouse School of Religion Founder's Day, C.D. Hubert Conference; George Crocket; E. McCall (conclusion).
- AV3 27 June 12-14, 1973, C.D. Hubert Conference
- AV3 28 February 1974, C.D. Hubert Inst.
- AV3 29 1974, C.D. Hubert Inst.
- AV3 30 February 11-13, 1975, 31st Annual C.D. Hubert Conference, Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, GA. February 13, 1975, Charles Butler's third and final lecture [poor recording]  
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**Pastor's School (4 Reels)**

- AV4 31 July 24-26, 1972, Pastor's School. [Marked "1"]  
 AV4 32 1972 Pastor's School [Marked "2"]  
 AV4 33 1972 Pastor's School [Marked "3"]  
 AV4 34 1972 ITC Pastor's School.

**Miscellaneous Morehouse (29 Reels)**

- AV4 35 February 18, 1955, Morehouse Founders Day Banquet, Benjamin Mays, Presiding, William Snow, a visiting Professor from Connecticut for a semester or year, Mr. Wheeler; Founders Day Banquet Continued, Pres. McAllister of Selma University, Louder [?] A. Preston, Mrs. Roger Henderson presented, C.A. Scott, Atlanta Daily World editor, T.M. Alexander, reports of money, Dr. McLendon, Quartet, Dear Old Morehouse.
- AV4 36 March 13, 1957, 12th Institute on Marriage. 1. a) Howard Thurman, speaking, Mays, presiding, Chapel; b) Howard Thurman Branch, Presiding with Pastors Class. 2. Thurman continued, Thurman, 3rd Talk, presiding; W.R. Chivers, introduction of Thurman.
- AV5 37 December 8, 1957, Morehouse Chapel, Dr. Ed. J. Fisher of Friends of the Middle East; Robert Williams, presiding. The Church's One Foundation; Anthem: Rejoice In the Lord Always; Hymn: He who is Upright; Spiritual: Guide My Test; [December] 9, 1957, Morehouse Chapel. Samuel W. Williams, presiding; Robert Williams, scripture; William Mercer, preaching; In the Hour of Trial; Sam Williams, singing; Spiritual: Every Time I Feel the Spirit.
- AV5 38 March 3, 1958, Religious Emphasis Week, Lloyd J. Averill, Jr., speaker; President Lewis, presiding; March 5, 1958, Lloyd Averill. With programs.
- AV5 39 March 3, 1959, Religious Emphasis Week, Samuel Gandy, Virginia Union University; March 4, 1959
- AV5 40 March 1, 1960, Religious Emphasis Week, H.H. Crowe at Atlanta University Center; Dr. Albert E. Manley, presiding, President, Spelman College; Morehouse Glee Club; Hymn: He Who Is Upright; Lead On Okay Eternal; March 2, 1960, Crane Lecture
- AV5 41 March 1, 1964, Sisters Chapel, Mordecai W. Johnson, President, Howard University, Opening Convocation; Sermon; Morris Brown Choir; Johnson Hubert, Director; Colimus Davis Clark; Rufus E. Clement, Presiding, President, Atlanta University; A.E. Manley, Scripture; M. Hermans, Prayer; B.E. Mays, Benediction; March 2, 1964, M.W. Johnson, Sermon; Lelan Cromwell Hill, African Studies; March 5, 1964, Dr. Joseph Mathews, Chicago. Morehouse Chapel, Religious Emphasis Week. With programs.
- AV5 42 May 29, 1952, HUC Founder's Day; Brickner, Cleveland OH, preaching in the HUC-SIR Chapel on the Cincinnati Campus.
- AV5 43 February 22[?], [1953], "Do In Spite of Self;" March 15, 1953, "When a Body;" July 31, 1954, "She Stoops to Conquer;" Mayan Venus WERD

- AV5 44 December 2, 1954, Men's Day at Ebenezer; Mordicai W. Johnson; Long's Solas  
[?] Jerusalem.
- AV5 45 1954 Morehouse College Freshmen Advisees; 1955 Morehouse College  
Freshmen Advisees; 1956 Morehouse College Freshmen Advisees; 1957  
Morehouse College Freshmen Advisees
- AV5 46 November 18, 1955, Dr. John Noss Lecture II conclusion; side 2. Dr. John Noss  
Lecture III, side 1.
- AV5 47 February 20, 1955, R.J. McKinney, Virginia Union University and later of  
Morgan State University; Ebenezer.
- AV5 48 February 1956, Middle Hom. Sermons - Morehouse School of Religion. 1.  
Harold Bathune; Charles Johnson; Ernest Bradford; William Cottrell. 2. John  
Porter; Fred Wallace; Edsel Davis '58; Benjamin Bickers.
- AV5 49 19 April 1956, Alpha Phi Alpha Citizenship at Morehouse chapel; John H.  
Marrow, Joe Ukut, presiding; Frank Cleland; Alpha Phi Alpha Hymn; April  
25, 1956, Kappa Alpha Psi Guide Right at Morehouse chapel; Dr. H.M.  
Holmes; Green, Intro of speaker, Pi Chapter Achievement Award to Dr.  
Hamilton M. Holmes; December 27, 1956, 36 Alpha Kappa Alpha Boule,  
Kappa Alpha Psi 46 conclave, Public forum, Atlanta, Sisters Chapel, Spelman  
College; Reuben Taylor, presiding; Mrs. Annette Wallace; Introduction of  
speaker; Ann Brown of NC; Dr. Benjamin E. Mays; Theodore Jones, Baritone  
solo, L Weaver, accomp.; Benedictum, Bishop JWE Barsen.
- AV5 50 1957-1958, Hom. 618; Otis Moss; Bruce Ross; Benjamin Bickers; Andrew  
Jerald; Moss; February 15, 1965, Benjamin E. Mays, 1st Morehouse Founders  
Observance at ITC, G. Murray Branch; Telly H. Miller, Prayer.
- AV6 51 April 4, 1956, W.E.B. DuBois, Unitarian Fellowship; April 5-7, Holy Week  
at Morehouse College, L.M. Terrell, Tracy Strong; March 5 and 10, 1959  
Thomas Kilgore, Jr., Spelman Relig. 6 phases.
- AV6 52 December 8, 1959, Dr. Charles V. Willie, Soc. Lec., 4 pm and 7:30 pm
- AV6 53 June 2, 1959, Morehouse Commencement, M.L. King, Jr. Chapel; May 30, 1960  
Atlanta University Commencement (a lot) Mordicai W. Johnson, speaking.
- AV6 54 no date, M.F. 22, 60; Ralph W. Emerson, Dr. Wilber Snow, F 23-25 Longfellow  
continued; F 24 - 1 hr. Edgar Allan Poe
- AV6 55 March 11, 1960, Langston Hughes Residing with L. James
- AV6 56 May 15, 1960, ITC Baccalaureate and Commencement; Dr. H.V. Richardson,  
President Presiding; Dr. Daniel G. Hill, Speaker of Washington D.C.; February  
18, 1965 Morehouse Founders Day, Rev. Harry Wright. With programs.
- AV6 57 May 7, 1965, Institute of Religion, Howard University, Washington D.C.;  
Message of Dr. Mordecai W. Johnson -- "Religion and the Protest Movement."
- - April 5-6, 1968, Martin Luther King, Jr. assassination, TV news stories following  
the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. (Sides A and B); Memorial Service  
conducted by G. Murray Branch; telephone conversation with Branch and  
unidentified individuals about the assassination; TV news commentaries on the  
death of MLK (Sides C and D)

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- AV6 59 no date, An Evangelical Ministry; Sermon on Sanity and Insanity; Phone Calls; February 22, Union Baptist Church, Morehouse; March 5, 1976 World Day of Prayer, ITC, Pastor G. Murray Branch presiding.
- AV6 60 no date, Atlanta, A City Changes Its Mind X-1XX
- AV6 61 no date, unknown
- AV6 62 no date, unknown
- AV6 63 no date, Practice Tape

### **Related printed programs**

- 1 Annual Women's Leadership Day, Dexter Avenue Baptist Church, Montgomery, Ala., October 9, 1966
- 1 Installation of G. Murray Branch, Dexter Avenue Baptist Church, Montgomery, Ala., November 13, 1966
- 1 Women's Leadership Day, Dexter Avenue Baptist Church, Montgomery, Ala., October 8, 1967
- 1 Annual Men's Day Program, Dexter Avenue Baptist Church, Montgomery, Ala., July 9, 1967
- 1 Pastor G. Murray Branch preaching, Eph. 4:1-25, Dexter Avenue Baptist Church, Montgomery, Ala., January 19, 1969
- 1 Vacation Bible School closing, Dexter Avenue Baptist Church, Montgomery, Ala., July 25, 1969
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