

**BRANHAM, WALTER R. (WALTER  
RICHARDSON), 1850-1934.**  
**Walter R. Branham, Jr. family papers, 1848-1985**

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### **Descriptive Summary**

**Creator:** Branham, Walter R. (Walter Richardson), 1850-1934.  
**Title:** Walter R. Branham, Jr. family papers, 1848-1985  
**Call Number:** Manuscript Collection No. 103  
**Extent:** 5.25 linear ft. (11 boxes), 2 oversized papers boxes and 1 oversized papers folder (OP), and 18 bound volumes (BV)  
**Abstract:** Papers of the Walter R. Branham family of Oxford, Georgia, including correspondence, genealogical and biographical material, photographs, and scrapbooks. Also contains material related to the Singleton and Blackshear families.  
**Language:** Materials entirely in English.

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**Collection Description****Biographical Note**

The Branham family of Oxford, Georgia, was associated with Emory College, in Oxford, Georgia, and with the Methodist Church. Walter R. Branham, Sr. (1813-1894) was born in Eatonton, Georgia. He married Elizabeth A. Flourney on October 15, 1840 in Putnam County, Georgia. The couple had six children, Verlinda (Vir linda) (1866-1959), Junius Wingfield (1841-1915), Edward Vance (1843-1902), Elizabeth (1848-1934), Walter R. (1850-1934), Martha Manley (1957-) and Henry F. (1860-1941).

Walter R. Branham, Jr. married Adeline Singleton (1861-1947) in 1881. They had five children: Walter R. Branham III, Joseph Singleton (1889-1956), Rebecca Thomas (1892-1974), Elizabeth (also known as "Billie") (1899-1989), Martha (1901-1984). The home of Reverend Walter R. Branham, Jr. and family was also home to many Emory College students who boarded with them while attending school. Walter and Adeline Branham also taught at the Chilocco Indian Training School, Indian Territory (now Oklahoma) from 1885-1887. Both Adeline (Singleton) Branham and Verlinda (Lynn) Branham attended Wesleyan college in Macon, Georgia. Rebecca T. Branham married Robert Henry Blackshear (1891-1974), a Presbyterian minister from New York who was a Navy chaplain during World War I. The couple had three sons, Hamilton, Robert Jr., and David.

**Scope and Content Note**

The collection consists of materials related to the Branham, Blackshear, and Singleton families from 1848-1985. The collection includes correspondence, financial records, genealogical and biographical material, printed material, photographs, scrapbooks, memorabilia, writings, and audiovisual material. The correspondence consists primarily of letters to Elizabeth "Billie" Branham and Verlinda "Lynn" Branham. There is also a substantial amount of correspondence to Rebecca and Robert Blackshear from their sons written while serving in World War II. The material relating to Walter R. Branham, Jr. documents his life as a teacher and minister, consisting of sermon notebooks, material from his tenure as Superintendent of the Chilocco Indian School in Oklahoma. Later material relating to the Branhams' documents the family's close relationship to the Emory College campus in Oxford, Georgia. The majority of the photographs are of family members, friends, military service of Robert Blackshear (Sr. and Jr.), and unidentified Emory College students and faculty. Audiotapes are of church services (1951).

**Arrangement Note**

Arranged by family member and record type.

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## Container List

### Branham family

Box	Folder	Content
BV1		Branham family Bible
1	1	Branham family, genealogy
BV2		Branham family, hymn book
1	2	Branham family, legal documents
OP1	1	Branham family, legal documents, 1856-1869
1	3	Branham family, religious and mixed materials
1	4	Branham, Adeline (Singleton), correspondence, undated
1	5	Branham, Adeline (Singleton), correspondence, 1886-1947
OP2	1	Branham, Adeline (Singleton), diplomas, Wesleyan College, 1880
1	6	Branham, Adeline (Singleton), funeral program, 1947
1	7	Branham, Adeline (Singleton), notebook, 1906
1	8	Branham, Adeline (Singleton), Wesleyan College materials, 1840-1936
1	9	Branham, Adeline (Singleton), writings about
1	10	Branham, Adeline (Singleton), writings by
1	11	Branham, Elizabeth (Flourney), genealogy
2	1	Branham, Elizabeth (Flourney), printed materials
2	2	Branham, Elizabeth (Flourney), writings by
2	3	Branham, Elizabeth ("Billie" or "Billy"), correspondence to both Elizabeth and Martha Branham, circa 1926-1983
2	4	Branham, Elizabeth ("Billie" or "Billy"), correspondence, undated
2	5	Branham, Elizabeth ("Billie" or "Billy"), correspondence, 1917-1929
2	6	Branham, Elizabeth ("Billie" or "Billy"), correspondence, 1931-1939
2	7	Branham, Elizabeth ("Billie" or "Billy"), correspondence, 1940-1985
2	8	Branham, Elizabeth ("Billie" or "Billy"), Chilocco Indian School, yearbooks, 1930, 1966
2	9	Branham, Elizabeth ("Billie" or "Billy"), Chilocco Indian School yearbook, 1972
2	10	Branham, Elizabeth ("Billie" or "Billy"), Chilocco Indian School, yearbook, 1976
2	11	Branham, Elizabeth ("Billie" or "Billy"), Emory College material, 1919-1930
3	1	Branham, Elizabeth ("Billie" or "Billy"), music manuscripts
3	2	Branham, Elizabeth ("Billie" or "Billy"), notebook
3	3	Branham, Elizabeth ("Billie" or "Billy"), printed materials, 1963
3	4	Branham, Elizabeth ("Billie" or "Billy"), war ration books, 1940-1945
3	5	Branham, Elizabeth ("Billie" or "Billy"), writings
3	6	Branham, Henry F., ordination papers, 1893-1895
3	7	Branham, Henry F., writings by

- 3 8 Branham, Martha T., correspondence, 1922-1981
- 3 9 Branham, Martha T., printed material, undated, 1972
- 3 10 Branham, Martha T., writings about
- 3 11 Branham, Sara, printed materials, 1936
- 3 12 Branham, Virlinda ("Lynn"), autograph book, 1884
- 3 13 Branham, Virlinda ("Lynn"), correspondence, undated
- 3 14 Branham, Virlinda ("Lynn"), correspondence, 1901-1958
- OP3 Branham, Virlinda ("Lynn"), diplomas, Wesleyan College, 1886
- 3 15 Branham, Virlinda ("Lynn"), notebook, "My Favorite Quotations," 1938
- 3 16 Branham, Virlinda ("Lynn"), notebook, Wesleyan College, circa 1880s
- 3 17 Branham, Virlinda ("Lynn"), printed materials, 1940-1959
- 4 1 Branham, Virlinda ("Lynn"), writings by
- 4 2 Branham, Virlinda ("Lynn"), writings about
- 4 3 Branham, Walter R. (Jr.), Chilocco Indian School (Chilocco, Oklahoma), autograph book [1], 1887
- 4 4 Branham, Walter R. (Jr.), Chilocco Indian School (Chilocco, Oklahoma), autograph book [2], 1887
- OP1 2 Branham, Walter R. (Jr.), Chilocco Indian School (Chilocco, Oklahoma), certificate of appointment, 1885
- 4 5 Branham, Walter R. (Jr.), Chilocco Indian School (Chilocco, Oklahoma), mixed materials, 1884-1887
- 4 6 Branham, Walter R. (Jr.), correspondence, 1869-1934
- 4 7 Branham, Walter R. (Jr.), Emory College button, 1869
- OP1 12 Branham, Walter R. (Jr.), Emory College diploma, 1869
- 4 8 Branham, Walter R. (Jr.), financial documents, 1888-1889
- OP1 3 Branham, Walter R. (Jr.), legal documents, 1857-1859
- 4 9 Branham, Walter R. (Jr.), legal documents, 1883, 1907
- 4 10 Branham, Walter R. (Jr.), Methodist Episcopal Church documents, 1872-1874, 1927
- BV4 Branham, Walter R. (Jr.), notebook, circa 1870s-1900
- BV5 Branham, Walter R. (Jr.), notebook, "Book of Sermons, Nacoochie, White County, Georgia," 1875-1895
- 4 11 Branham, Walter R. (Jr.), notebook, "Sermons, Sparta, Ga., 1895
- 4 12 Branham, Walter R. (Jr.), printed material about, 1930-1970
- OP1 4 Branham, Walter R. (Jr.), printed material about, 1930-1970
- 4 13 Branham, Walter R. (Jr.), writings about
- 4 14 Branham, Walter R. (Jr.), writings by
- 5 1 Branham, Walter R. (Sr.), correspondence, 1858-1888
- 5 2 Branham, Walter R. (Sr.), notebook containing sermons, undated
- 5 3 Branham, Walter R. (Sr.), writings about

**Blackshear family**

- 5 4       Blackshear family, Christmas card, undated
- OP1 5       Blackshear family, drawing of "Blackshear Haven, Woodstock, New York,"  
          unknown artist
- OP1 6       Blackshear, Rebecca (Branham), certificate of award for meritorious service in  
          the war effort from the Price Administration of the United States of America,  
          March 1944
- 5 5       Blackshear, Rebecca (Branham), correspondence, undated
- 5 6       Blackshear, Rebecca (Branham), correspondence, 1913-1921
- 5 7       Blackshear, Rebecca (Branham), correspondence, 1924-1955
- 5 8       Blackshear, Rebecca (Branham), printed materials
- 5 9       Blackshear, Rebecca (Branham), writings by [1 of 2]
- 5 10       Blackshear, Rebecca (Branham), writings by [1 of 2]
- 5 11       Blackshear, Hamilton H., correspondence, 1924-1939
- 5 12       Blackshear, Hamilton H., printed materials, 1950s
- 5 13       Blackshear, David, correspondence, 1932-1937
- 5 14       Blackshear, Robert H., correspondence, undated
- 6 1       Blackshear, Robert H., correspondence, 1921- April 1950
- 6 2       Blackshear, Robert H., correspondence, May 1950- August 1952
- 6 3       Blackshear, Robert H., correspondence, September 1952-1958
- OP2 2       Blackshear, Robert H., diplomas (4), 1915-1925
- 6 4       Blackshear, Robert H., printed materials, 1919-1951
- 6 5       Blackshear, Robert H., unidentified writings
- 6 6       Blackshear, Robert H., writings about

**Singleton family**

- BV3       Singleton family Bible
- 6 7       Singleton family, correspondence, 1888-1934
- 6 8       Singleton family, genealogy [1 of 2]
- 6 9       Singleton family, genealogy [1 of 2]
- 6 10       Singleton family, printed material

**Other**

- 6 11       Harris, Corra, printed materials, 1931, undated
- OP1 7       Harris, Corra, printed materials, undated
- 6 12       Emory College, Oxford Campus, printed materials, 1919
- OP1 8       Emory College, Oxford Campus, printed materials: *Oxford Echoes* column, 1954
- OP1 9       Emory College, Oxford Campus, print of campus by Wilber G. Kurtz
- 6 13       Fragments
- 6 14       McWaters, Lucy Eidson, legal documents, 1873, undated

- 6 15 McWaters, Lucy Eidson, writings about
- 7 1 Other correspondence, undated
- 7 2 Other correspondence, 1848-1978

**Photographs, family**

- 7 3 Branham family
- OP1 10 Branham family
- 7 4 Branham, Edward Vance
- 7 5 Branham, Elizabeth F. ("Billie" or "Billy")
- OP1 13 Branham, Elizabeth F. ("Billie" or "Billy"), with nursing school classmates, no date
- 7 6 Branham, Elizabeth (Flourney)
- 7 7 Branham, Henry F.
- 7 8 Branham, Henry R.
- 7 9 Branham, Junius
- 7 10 Branham, Richard Austin
- 7 11 Branham, Verlinda ("Lynn")
- 7 12 Branham, Walter R. (Jr.)
- 7 13 Branham, Walter R. (Sr.)
- 7 14 Blackshear family [1 of 2]
- 7 15 Blackshear family [2 of 2]
- 7 16 Blackshear, Rebecca (Branham)
- 7 17 Flourney family
- 7 18 Harris family
- 7 19 Matthews, Sara (Branham)
- 8 1 Singleton family
- 8 2 Thomas family

**Photographs, other**

- 8 3 Boswell, Harris ("Harry")
- 8 4 Colquitt, Peyton [daguerreotype]
- 8 5 Hurt, Early [daguerreotype]
- 8 6 McWaters, Lucy
- 8 7 Native Americans, unidentified
- 8 8 Children, unidentified
- 8 9 Groups, unidentified
- 8 10 Men, unidentified [1 of 7]
- 8 11 Men, unidentified [2 of 7]
- 9 1 Men, unidentified [3 of 7]
- 9 2 Men, unidentified [4 of 7]

9	3	Men, unidentified [5 of 7]
9	4	Men, unidentified [6 of 7]
9	5	Men, unidentified [7 of 7]
OP1	11	Men, unidentified
9	6	Unidentified family [tintypes]
10	1	Women, unidentified

**Photographs, places**

10	2	Branham family home
10	3	Chilocco Indian School (Chilocco, Oklahoma)
10	4	Emory College (Oxford, Georgia)
10	5	Other places

**Photograph albums and scrapbooks**

BV6	Branham family, photograph album [1]
BV7	Branham family, photograph album [2]
BV8	Branham family, scrapbook [1]
BV9	Branham family, scrapbook [2]
BV10	Branham, Elizabeth ("Billie or "Billy"), scrapbook, circa 1918
BV12	Branham, Verlinda ("Lynn"), photograph album, Christmas 1890
BV13	Branham, Verlinda ("Lynn"), scrapbook, 1930s-1950s
BV14	Branham, Verlinda ("Lynn"), scrapbook, 1930s-1960s
BV11	Branham, Walter R. (Jr.), Guest book, 50th wedding anniversary, 1932
BV15	Blackshear family photograph album [1]
BV16	Blackshear family photograph album [2]
BV17	Blackshear family photograph album [3]
BV18	Blackshear, Robert, scrapbook of World War I France and military life, circa 1918

**Artifacts**

11	-	Glass bottle
11	-	Handbags

**Audiovisual**

11	-	Reel-to-reel tapes "Church membership," 1951 [4 reels]
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