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

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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.
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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 (Virlinda) (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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