

**BROWN, EDWARD MARTIN, III, 1919-2012.**  
**Edward Martin Brown, III family papers, circa 1928-1987**

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**Descriptive Summary**

**Creator:** Brown, Edward Martin, III, 1919-2012.  
**Title:** Edward Martin Brown, III family papers, circa 1928-1987  
**Call Number:** Manuscript Collection No. 1248  
**Extent:** 24.25 linear feet (25 boxes) and 1 oversized papers box and 1 oversized papers folder (OP)  
**Abstract:** Papers of the family of minister and civil rights activist Edward Martin Brown, III, correspondence, subject files, writings, photographs, financial records, sound recordings, and printed material.  
**Language:** Materials entirely in English.

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**Administrative Information**

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**Source**

Gift, 2012.

**Citation**

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**Processing**

Unprocessed collection.

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## **Collection Description**

### **Biographical Note**

Edward Martin Brown, III (1919-2012), United Church of Christ minister and civil rights activist, was born in Shreveport, Louisiana. He attended Duke University and Yale Divinity School and also completed an internship in race relations at Fisk University. In the late 1940s, Brown was the Associate Secretary of the Student Christian Association at the University of Texas at Austin. While living in Austin, he organized numerous integrated rides on the city's buses. By the late 1950s, Brown had moved to Georgia where he monitored voter registration and was one of three white men at the founding meeting of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC). In 1959, Brown began serving as the United Church of Christ's Southern Race Relations Coordinator, a position he held until 1970.

Brown was active in various social justice movements, including the anti-nuclear movement, until his death in 2012.

### **Scope and Content Note**

The collection consists of the family papers of minister and civil rights activist Edward Martin Brown, III from circa 1928-1987, including correspondence, subject files, writings, photographs, financial records, sound recordings, and printed material. The bulk of the material dates from the 1960s and reveals Brown's deep commitment to racial reconciliation, peace, and economic justice. The records also document his involvement in the United Church of Christ, as well as his work with civil rights organizations such as the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. The collection also includes correspondence and a small amount of other records from Brown's mother, Mary Ada ("Mada") Brown, and his son, Edward Martin Brown, IV.

### **Arrangement Note**

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## Container List

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Content</b>
1	-	Printed material, 1960s
2	-	Printed material and correspondence, 1960s
3	-	Printed material, correspondence and subject files, 1960s
4	-	Printed material, 1960s
5	-	Subject files, 1960s
6	-	Printed material and correspondence, 1960s
7	-	Subject files, 1960s-1980s
8	-	Printed material and correspondence, 1960s
9	-	Printed material and correspondence, 1960s-1987
10	-	Printed material and correspondence, 1960s-1970s
11	-	Printed material and subject files, 1958-1970
12	-	Printed material and correspondence, 1960s
13	-	Printed material and correspondence
14	-	Printed material and subject files, 1960s
15	-	Printed material, correspondence and financial records, 1960s-1970s
16	-	Printed material and subject files, 1960s
17	-	Printed material and sound recordings
18	-	Printed material and correspondence
19	-	Correspondence and family papers
20	-	Printed material and subject files
21	-	Subject files, 1940s-1960s
22	-	Family papers, 1928-1960s
23	-	Correspondence and family papers, 1940s-1960s
24	-	Printed material
25	-	Correspondence and subject files
OP1	1	Posters
OP2	-	Posters

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