

# **DURHAM, PLATO TRACY, 1873-1930.**

## **Plato Tracy Durham papers, 1898-1930**

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### **Descriptive Summary**

**Creator:** Durham, Plato Tracy, 1873-1930.  
**Title:** Plato Tracy Durham papers, 1898-1930  
**Call Number:** Manuscript Collection No. 194  
**Extent:** .125 linear ft. (1 partial box)  
**Abstract:** Correspondence and miscellaneous papers of Plato Tracy Durham, Methodist minister and educator. Durham was the first dean of the Candler School of Theology of Emory University, founder of the Christian Council of Atlanta, and a participant in several inter-racial committees in the South.  
**Language:** Materials entirely in English.

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### **Administrative Information**

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#### **Source**

Unknown.

#### **Citation**

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## **Collection Description**

### **Biographical Note**

Plato Tracy Durham, Methodist minister and educator, was born September 9, 1873, in Shelby, North Carolina, and died February 10, 1930, in Atlanta, Georgia. He was a first lieutenant in the Spanish-American War, a founder of the Christian Council of Atlanta, a participant in several inter-racial committees in the South, first dean of the Candler School of Theology of Emory University (1914-1918), and the negotiator of a settlement between the Stone Mountain Confederate Monumental Association and the Venable family regarding the sculpting of Stone Mountain.

### **Scope and Content Note**

The collection consists of correspondence and a resolution. Two letters to Durham concern his education at Union Theological Seminary; one letter pertains to a friend's army commission; a notice (1917) from Warren A. Candler to Emory University states that Durham acts as chancellor in his absence; the letter from Secretary of War Newton Diehl Baker mentions the Inter-Racial Commission and a proposed speaking tour of the South; one letter of sympathy is to Durham's wife. The resolution was passed by Columbia Seminary upon Durham's death.

Letters from Gutzon Borglum to Plato Durham and other materials in regard to Durham's address at the unveiling of the carving of Robert Lee at Stone Mountain are in the Stone Mountain Collection.

### **Arrangement Note**

Arranged in chronological order.

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## Container List

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Content</b>
1	1	Correspondence and resolution, 1898-1919, and undated

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