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Collection Description

Administrative History
Journalism education at Emory grew out of the English department and the curriculum of professor Wightman Fletcher Melton. In the 1920s, journalism coursework was formalized at the University under the leadership of alumnus Raymond Nixon. There was first a Journalism Department and later a Journalism Division. The Journalism Division struggled after Nixon left Emory in 1952, and Emory President Goodrich C. White closed it the next year. In the early-to-mid 1990s, an appeal by journalist Claude Sitton to Emory President James Laney and a gift from the James M. Cox Foundation revived journalism education at Emory in the form of a Journalism Program offering co-majors and minors. In 2012 the University leadership decided to close the program for the second time effective 2014.

Scope and Content Note
Records consist of administrative materials, including reports, budgets and grants, correspondence, and subject file as well as audiovisual material and annual reports.