Descriptive Summary

Creator: May, James W. (James William), 1912-
Title: James W. May papers, 1929-1988
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 667
Extent: 7.75 linear ft. (16 boxes)
Abstract: Papers of James W. May, Methodist minister, WWII chaplain, and professor of church history, including correspondence, academic records, sermons, and other printed material.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

Restrictions on Access
Unrestricted access.

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Source
Gift, 1978, with subsequent additions.

Citation
[after identification of item(s)], James W. May papers, Stuart A. Rose Manuscript, Archives, and Rare Book Library, Emory University.

Processing
Unprocessed collection.
Collection Description

Biographical Note
James William May (1912- ), born in Union Springs, Alabama, was a Methodist minister, a World War II chaplain, and professor of church history at Emory University.

Scope and Content Note
The collection consists of the papers of James W. May from 1929-1988. The papers include correspondence, academic records, sermons, printed material, and clippings. Materials document his activities as a student at Emory University (1929-1939) and the Union Theological Seminary (1938-1941), his service as a chaplain in the United States Army during World War II, and his career as a professor at Emory University. Of particular interest are letters from May's parents, Susie Eidson and Chester May, which document the onset of the Great Depression, as well as letters written and received by May while he served with the U.S. Army stationed in Germany during and following World War II (1944-1946). The collection also includes printed materials and memorabilia from church organizations relating to school integration (1955-1963); and materials of the Methodist Federation for Social Action (1947-1952) collected by executive secretary, Jack R. McMichael.

Arrangement Note
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