Guide to the Richard Branscomb and Lewis Branscomb papers
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## Summary Information

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**Preferred Citation note**

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Biographical/Historical note

Lewis Capers Branscomb (1865-1930) was a prominent Methodist Minister in late nineteenth and early twentieth century Alabama. He was assigned to a variety of churches on the Wheeler circuit — Bessemer, Decatur, Huntsville, St. John’s Birmingham, Talladega district, Talladega station, and First Methodist Church, Birmingham. He also edited the Alabama Christian Advocate.

Richard Edwin Branscomb (1902-1980) was one of six children born to Lewis Capers Branscomb and his second wife, Minne McGehee Branscomb. He too, was a Minister, in Guin, Alabama.

Scope and Contents note

This collection consists chiefly of materials relating to Methodist Minister Richard Edwin Branscomb (1902-1980), including his account book for the period 1922-24, two diaries or journals (with illustrations) of trips to Europe and the Middle East, 1926 and 1930, and what might be termed his “spiritual diary” for 1935. As an indicator of the contents of the last, the opening entry begins “I need more faith — confidence that things which have not been accomplished may be done. Never fear tacking a job because it looks hard. Never fear prospect of failure. Worst failure is lack of faith and courage. Grateful for progress made in year 1934....” Along with these books are a miscellany of notes and papers, some of which record Branscomb’s professional activities during late 1926 and part of 1927.

The collection also includes a single item — a Condensed Minute Book for the Use of Presiding Elders and Pastors of the Southern Methodist Episcopal Church — belonging to Lewis Capers Branscomb (1865-1930), father of Richard Edwin Branscomb, and like his son a Methodist Minister. To the cover of this book, somebody, presumably R. E. Branscomb, affixed a note that states “His Last Quar[terly] Conf[erence] Record.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

W.S. Hoole Special Collections Library, The University of Alabama February 2008

Conditions Governing Access note
None

Conditions Governing Use note
None

Provenance
Purchased from Cather and Brown Books, 1989

Processed by
unknown; updated by Martha Bace, 2012

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Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)

• Account books
• Diaries
• Drawings (visual works)

Geographic Name(s)

• Marion County (Ala.)

Subject(s)

• Community and Place
• Methodist Church
• Methodist Church--Clergy
• Religion and Spirituality
• Travel and Tourism
# Collection Inventory

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