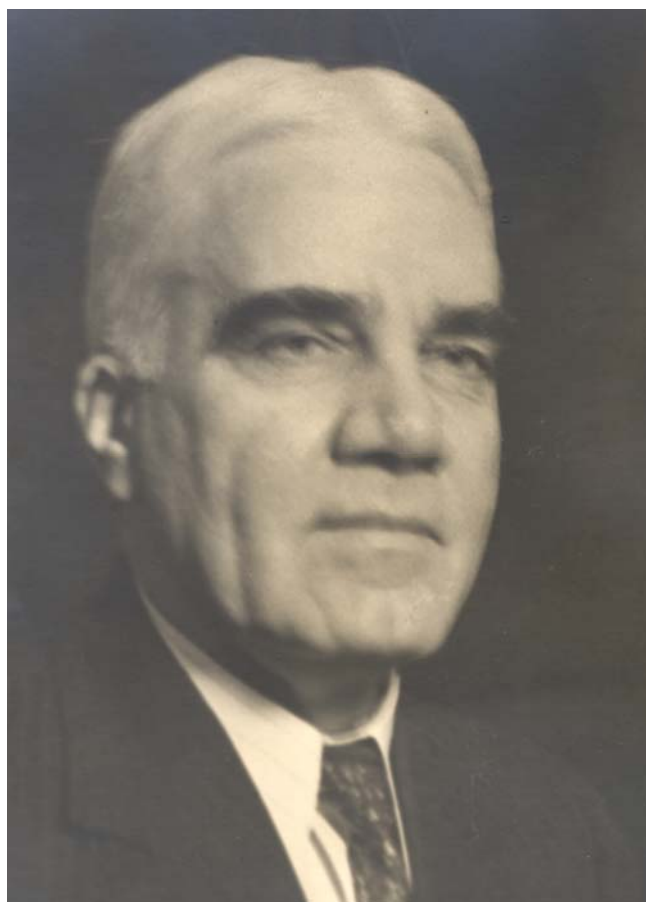


JOHN L. HILL PAPERS

AR 100



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Summary

Main Entry: John L. Hill Papers

Date Span: 1922 – 1959

Abstract: John L. Hill was a denominational leader, writer, and speaker. He was Book Editor for the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention from 1923 – 1950. The collection includes articles (by and about Hill), clippings, correspondence, publications, programs, and photographs.

Size: 1.25 linear ft. (3 boxes)

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Biographical Sketch

John Leonard Hill was born September 15, 1878 at Smither's Bottom, Owen County, Kentucky. He spent his childhood days in Kentucky, completing high school in Williamtown, Grant County, in 1894. He received his A.M. degree from Georgetown College in 1899 and another A.M. degree in 1912 from Columbia University.

Hill taught at Kentucky high schools from 1900 to 1909, was professor of history and political science at Georgetown from 1909 to 1922, and was professor in religious education at George Peabody College for Teachers from 1923 to 1934. Dr. Hill served as book editor from 1923 to 1950 for the Sunday School Board. For the next three years, he was director of promotion for Ridgecrest and Glorieta Baptist Assemblies.

Hill, a long time member of First Baptist Church in Nashville, was noted for his Sunday School lessons broadcast on WSM radio for more than 25 years. He became teacher of the Fidelis Bible class for women on October 7, 1923, and was still considered teacher of the class at the time of his death.

He served as president of the Tennessee Baptist Foundation, president of the board of trustees of Tennessee Baptist Orphanage and Tennessee College for Woman, and vice-president of the American Bible Society. He authored numerous articles and books published by the Sunday School Board.

He died November 15, 1964 in Nashville.

Scope and Content

The John L. Hill Papers include 1.25 linear ft. of material and cover the years 1922 to 1959. The collection includes articles (by and about Hill), clippings, correspondence, publications, programs, and photographs. Correspondence and photographs make up about half of the collection. The

correspondence is mostly personal, with some semi-official letters. Included are letters concerning Hill's coming to the Sunday School Board as book editor in 1922 and a series of correspondence, between Hill, W. O. Carver, Rufus W. Weaver, and W. W. Barnes, on the publication of a book on Baptist History. The photographs cover the period 1926 to the 1950's. They include individual photographs of Hill, Hill with groups, and family photographs. The collection is arranged alphabetically by folder title.

After his death, the estate of John L. Hill placed the papers in the Dargan-Carver Library in 1965.

Arrangement

Arranged alphabetically by folder title

Provenance

Papers placed in the Dargan-Carver Library in 1965 by Dr. Hill's estate. Transferred to the Southern Baptist Historical Library, 1995.

Preferred Citation

John L. Hill Papers, Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives, Nashville, Tennessee

Access Restrictions

None

Subject Terms

Carver, William Owen, 1868 – 1954
Weaver, Rufus Washington, 1870 – 1947
Barnes, William Wright, 1883 – 1960
First Baptist Church (Nashville, TN) – History
Southern Baptist Convention. Sunday School Board
Tennessee College for Women (Murfreesboro, TN)
Baptists – History

Related Materials

Clifton J. Allen Papers, AR 795-211, Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives

Container List

Box 1

- 1.1 Alcohol/ Liquor
- 1.2 Articles (about Hill)
- 1.3 Articles (by Hill) – Typescripts and pamphlets.
- 1.4 Books
- 1.5 Certificates and resolutions
- 1.6 Clippings
- 1.7 Correspondence, 1920's (concerns Hill's coming to BSSB as book editor).
- 1.8 Correspondence, 1930's
- 1.9 Correspondence, 1940's

- 1.10 Correspondence, 1950 – 1956
- 1.11 Correspondence, 1957
- 1.12 Correspondence, 1958 – 1959
- 1.13 Correspondence, (ca. 1950's)
- 1.14 Correspondence – Baptist History, 1938 – 1941 (W. O. Carver, Rufus W. Weaver, W. W. Barnes)
- 1.15 Evaluations – Hebrews study course
- 1.16 Fellows, John B. – Bible Readers' oasis, 1950
- 1.17 Fidelian – bulletin of the Fidelis Class, First Baptist Church, Nashville, 1931 – 1959 (scattered)
- 1.18 First Baptist Church and Fidelis Sunday School Class
- 1.19 Grey Eagle Yearbook – East Nashville High School, 1944

Box 2

- 2.1 Holt, A. J. – “Pioneering in the Southwest” manuscript, 1923.
- 2.2 Lesson outlines, 1957
- 2.3 List of tracts, manuscripts, etc. published by BSSB
- 2.4 New Testament (given to Hill by Helen Conger)
- 2.5 Notebook – sermon and speech notes
- 2.6 Outline of Life of Christ in Mark
- 2.7 Pamphlets – “Organization of SBC,” “B. H. Carroll and his books,” “Israel's inalienable possessions”
- 2.8 Photographs, 1923 – 1936
- 2.9 Photographs, 1937 – 1940

Box 3

- 3.1 Photographs, 1941 – 1944
- 3.2 Photographs, 1945
- 3.3 Photographs, (1945?)
- 3.4 Portrait (Hill)
- 3.5 Programs
- 3.6 Sermons and articles (not written by Hill)
- 3.7 Tennessee Baptist Children's Home
- 3.8 Tennessee College for Women (legal document, 1945 – 1946)