

MARY CONNALLY SPALDING

COLLECTION

AR 125



From Left to Right: Pictures of Mary Connally Spalding and John Spalding's 1942 Galveston, Texas trip, The Herald, First Baptist Church, "For Bereaved Parents" by A. T. Spalding, and a drawing of an eclipse by A. T. Spalding, 1900.

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Summary

Main Entry: Mary Connally Spalding Collection

Date Span: 1858 – 1953

Abstract: Collection contains articles, clippings, correspondence, pamphlets, programs, scrapbooks, and sermons that deal primarily with Mary Spalding's involvement with the Southern Baptist Historical Society and the Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, as well as material from her genealogical research.

Size: 4 linear ft. (8 boxes)

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Biographical Sketch

Mary Connally Spalding served on the Board of Directors for the Southern Baptist Historical Society (SBHS), as the Georgia representative, from approximately 1947 – 1951. She then served on the Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention from 1952 – 1953. Mrs. Spalding worked closely with the SBHS to identify and preserve Baptist history. She collected clippings, correspondence, pamphlets, programs, and articles about prominent Baptist leaders and events, such as the 1939 Baptist World Alliance meeting held in Atlanta, Georgia. In addition to her denominational research, Mrs. Spalding was an active genealogist.

Mary Connally was born in 1877 to Mary Virginia Brown and Dr. E. L. Connally of Atlanta, Georgia. Her maternal grandfather, Joseph Emerson Brown, was Georgia's Governor during the Civil War, from 1857 – 1865. June 18, 1902, she married John Schaffner Spalding (1875 – 1943), and the couple had five daughters. The Spaldings were members of Second Baptist Church in Atlanta, which merged with Ponce de Leon Baptist Church to become Second-Ponce de Leon Baptist Church. Her father-in-law, Albert Theodore (A. T.) Spalding (1831 – 1921), was a prominent Baptist minister, who served as pastor of churches in Georgia, Alabama, Kentucky and Texas. While pastor of Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, Kentucky, Dr. Spalding helped found the city's Baptist orphanage.

Mrs. Spalding died February 12, 1953 at her home in Atlanta, Georgia.

Scope and Content Note

The Mary Connally Spalding Collection (1858 – 1953) contains four linear feet of material in eight document boxes. The collection deals primarily with Mrs. Spalding's involvement with the Southern Baptist Historical Society (SHS) (as the Georgia representative on its Board of Directors), the Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, and with Mrs. Spalding's genealogical research.

Materials are arranged alphabetically, and then chronologically, and include articles, clippings, correspondence, pamphlets, programs, scrapbooks, and sermons. Most of the correspondence is between Mrs. Spalding and William Owen Carver, SBHS's President, and Norman W. Cox, the first Executive-Secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention's Historical Commission. The articles and sermons are from various ministers, including Roland Q. Leavell, E. Y. Mullins, Louie D. Newton, and W. O. Vaught. The collection's scrapbooks include general clippings concerning Baptist leaders and events, such as the 1939 Baptist World Alliance meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, and Mrs. Spalding's family, including her father-in-law, A. T. Spalding. Other topics in the collection concern separation of church and state, race relations, and home and foreign missions.

Additional information, about the Southern Baptist Historical Society, is included in the William Owen Carver Collection (AR 76) and about the Historical Commission in the Norman W. Cox Papers (AR 122).

The collection was donated to the Southern Baptist Historical Society in 1950 and was later transferred to the Historical Commission (the Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives).

Arrangement

Arranged alphabetically, then chronologically

Provenance

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