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Levi Barton at the 1955 Southern Baptist Convention

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Summary

Main Entry: Levi Elder Barton Papers

Date Span: 1942-1946

Abstract: Collection of material related to L.E. Barton and his role as Chairman of a committee of the Southern Baptist Convention to revise the Constitution and bylaws of the Convention in the 1940's. Collection includes drafts of the documents and correspondence with committee members and other Baptists related to the changes.

Size: .5 linear ft.

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Biographical Sketch

Levi Elder Barton was born in Jonesboro, Arkansas on April 25, 1870. He was educated at Union University, Jackson, Tennessee (A.B. 1898; honorary D.D. 1911). In 1899 he married Rosa Belle Hurt. Between 1899 and 1942 he served as pastor to churches in Arkansas, Virginia, Georgia, Mississippi, and Alabama.

Barton wrote *Helps for Soul Winners* (1945), *Take Heed* (1942), *Amazing Grace* (1954), and many magazine and newspaper articles. He served as executive secretary of both the Arkansas (1919-1921) and Alabama (1930-1934) Baptist state conventions. He was Vice President of the Southern Baptist Convention and the Alabama Baptist Convention; member of the Foreign Mission Board, SBC, and a member of other Baptist committees, boards, and commissions. He served as director of the Alabama Temperance Union. He died May 31, 1965 in Montgomery, Alabama.

Scope and Content Note

The Barton Papers is a collection of correspondence and documents relating to the work of the Committee on Revision of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Southern Baptist Convention. The collection includes correspondence between Barton, chairman of the committee, and other committee members. The correspondence includes numerous letters from E. P. Alldredge of the Sunday School Board, SBC. The collection also includes several drafts of the proposed changes in the Constitution and Bylaws of the SBC. The changes recommended by the committee to the Convention were adopted in 1946. The papers span the years 1942-1946.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged in alphabetical order by folder title.

Provenance

Source unknown, 1970.

Preferred Citation

Levi Elder Barton Papers, Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives, Nashville, Tennessee.

Access Restrictions

None

Subject Terms

Allredge, Eugene Perry, 1875-1953.

Barton, Levi Elder, 1870-1965.

Southern Baptist Convention – Constitution, by-laws and charter

Related Materials

Autobiography of Levi Barton, Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives, MF 1252.

Container List

Box 1

1. Act of Incorporation, Southern Baptist Convention
2. By-laws (drafts and revisions)
3. By-law changes – 1931 – Hight C. Moore
4. Constitution and By-laws – proposals
5. Constitution and By-laws – Allredge proposals
6. Constitution (drafts and revisions)
7. Correspondence, A-F, 1942-1944
8. Correspondence, Allredge, E. P. – proposals
9. Correspondence, G-L, 1944
10. Correspondence, M-R, 1944
11. Correspondence, S-W, 1944
12. Correspondence, Committee in general, 1944-1945
13. Members list – Committee on Revision
14. Mission Board questions
15. Southern Baptist Convention *Bulletin*, 1946