

# **ROBERT EDWARD MILAM PAPERS**

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### Summary

Main Entry: Robert Edward Milam Papers

Date Span: 1909 – 1984

Abstract: Collection consists of correspondence, articles, speeches, reports, and clippings related to R. E. Milam and his work in the formation of the Oregon-Washington Baptist Convention and Baptists in the Northwest.

Size: 4 linear ft. (three boxes)

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### Biographical sketch

Robert Edward “Ben” Milam was born in Florence, Texas, March 20, 1903, to Samuel Edward Milam, a Baptist minister, and Anna Lou (Hornburg) Milam. R. E. Milam, the fifth of six children, spent most of his early years in Washington and Oregon. After finishing high school in Klamath Falls, Oregon, in 1922, he enrolled at Howard Payne College in Brownwood, Texas, where he received a B.A. in 1927. In 1935, Milam was graduated from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary with a Th.M. degree, and, in 1950, he was awarded an honorary doctorate from Howard Payne College.

Milam was ordained to the ministry in September, 1923, by the Coggin Avenue Baptist Church in Brownwood, Texas. In August, 1925, he married Flora Golda Staton, and the couple had three children.

Milam pastored churches in Texas and Oregon, and, in 1948, he was selected as the Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Baptist General Convention of Oregon-Washington. He served in that position until 1961 and as Secretary of Capital Needs for the Oregon-Washington Convention until his retirement in 1968.

Dr. Milam authored several books, doctrinal articles, and tracts, including Win America Now, God’s Call to Southern Baptists, Two Other Manuscripts, Blueprint for Victory, The Fortress of the Truth, Southern Baptists, Westward Ho, and Keep on the Spiritual Track. He was also active in Southern Baptist work in Canada.

See collection file for additional biographical information.

### Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of correspondence, articles, speeches, reports, and clippings related to R. E. Milam and his work in the formation of the Oregon-Washington (Northwest Baptist Convention).

The collection spans the years 1909 –1984 but centers on 1948 – 1960. It contains primarily correspondence with Home Mission Board and Sunday School Board personnel and state convention leaders. Principal correspondents include C. Ervin Boyle, Cecil C. Brown, S. F. Dowis, T. C. Gardner, and Fred McCauley. There are seven folders related to the Canadian Baptist Issue (1950 –1960) and three folders concerning the establishment of a Bible Center at the University of Washington (1951 – 1954). Also included is a copy of Milam’s book Keep on the Spiritual Track, a Southern Baptist Convention Must. The material is arranged in alphabetical order by folder titles. The collection is 4 linear feet.

**Arrangement**

Arranged alphabetically by folder title

**Provenance**

**Preferred Citation**

Robert Edward Milam Papers, Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives, Nashville, Tennessee

**Access Restrictions**

None

**Subject Terms**

Northwest Baptist Convention  
Baptist General Convention of Oregon-Washington  
Southern Baptist Convention – Home Mission Board  
Baptists – Oregon – Washington  
Baptists – Canada

**Related Material (in SBHLA)**

Southern Baptist Convention. Home Mission Board. Executive Office Files, AR 631-3, Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives

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