

**INVENTORY OF THE
EDGAR ESTES FOLK PAPERS, 1844 – 1934
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Summary

Main Entry: Edgar Estes Folk Papers

Date Span: 1844 – 1934

Abstract: Southern Baptist minister, denominational leader, editor of the Baptist newspaper in Tennessee, and staunch supporter of the anti-saloon movement in the state. Papers consist of family and business correspondence, personal financial records, addresses, articles, sermons, photographs, and newspaper clippings. Correspondence, articles, and clippings document the anti-saloon movement and the Adams Law in Tennessee.

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Biographical Sketch

Edgar Estes Folk was born in Haywood County, Tennessee, September 6, 1856, and died in Nashville, Tennessee February 27, 1917. He was a Baptist minister, editor of the Baptist and Reflector, the official newspaper of Tennessee Baptists, and a staunch supporter of the anti-saloon movement especially in Tennessee.

Folk attended Brownsville Academy, Wake Forest College, where he graduated with the A.M. degree in 1877, and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, where he graduated in 1882. Folk distinguished himself in all areas of his academic pursuits. He was pastor of Baptist churches in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, Millersburg and Falmouth, Kentucky, and Albany, Georgia. In 1888, he married Lizzie Handy of Nashville, and in the same year became editor of the Baptist and Reflector.

Folk was one of the committee of ministers who met in the pastor's study of First Baptist Church, May 26, 1891, and founded the Baptist Sunday School Board. Later he provided James Marion Frost, the first corresponding secretary of the new board, space to begin the work of the new publishing enterprise. Later he served as president of the governing board (trustees). Folk was active in the Anti-Saloon League and was its Tennessee president for many years. His tireless efforts on behalf of the temperance movement in speaking and writing were recognized as the force behind the dry vote in Tennessee in 1909.

Edgar Estes Folk was an indefatigable worker for the causes in which he believed. He traversed the state preaching and witnessing for the cause of Christ, speaking and

promoting on behalf of the Baptist and Reflector, and debating and exhorting in the interests of temperance.

Folk was the son of Judge Henry Bate and Martha Cornelia Estes Folk of Brownsville, Tennessee. He had five illustrious brothers who lived to adulthood: Henry Bate Folk, Jr., who died at the age of 22 while serving as a reporter for the St. Louis Republican; Carey Albert Folk, president of Boscobel College and assistant treasurer of the state of Tennessee; Reau Estes Folk, treasurer of the state of Tennessee; Joseph Wingate Folk, governor of the state of Missouri; and Humphrey Bate Folk, a Baptist minister and pastor of churches in Kentucky and Alabama. He had two sisters, Mary Folk Webb (Mrs. James Avery) and Lucile Folk Cox (Mrs. A. E.)

Folk was married to Lizzie Handy of Nashville, Tennessee in 1888. They had five children, four of whom lived to be adults: Edgar Estes Folk, Joseph H. Folk, Mrs. Wayne F. Murphy, and Mrs. L. B. Stevens.

Folk was the author of five books – The Mormon Monster, Plan of Salvation, Baptist Principles, a Southern Baptist in Eastern Lands, and the Folk - McQuiddy Discussions – and of one tract, “Why a Baptist and Not a Campbellite.”

Scope and Content Note

The Edgar Estes Folk Papers is a collection of family and business correspondence, personal and limited financial records, addresses, articles, sermons, and newspaper clippings. Correspondence, articles and newspaper clippings document the anti-saloon movement and the Adams Law in Tennessee. Some materials relate to Folk’s long editorship of the Baptist and Reflector and other private publishing and printing enterprises. The collection includes a scrapbook, a family history, and one tin-type photograph.

Correspondence begins in 1844, with a letter from Folk’s father to his aunt, and ends in 1934 with correspondence written by his widow. Folk’s personal letters begin with his attendance at Wake Forest College, continue through his 29-year-career as editor of the Baptist and Reflector, and end with his tragic death in 1917.

Correspondence or other documentation by or about prominent Baptists include: John A. Broadus, P. E. Burroughs, Lansing Burrows, A. C. Dixon, James Marion Frost, J. B. Gambrell, Adoniram Judson, Dwight L. Moody, Hight C Moore, J. M. Pendleton, M. Theron Rankin, A. T. Robertson, Charles Haddon Spurgeon, I. J. Van Ness, and William H. Whitsett.

Prominent citizens of the day included in correspondence or mentioned in the collection are: William Jennings Bryan, Edward Ward Carmack, and the Honorable Jesse M. Littleton.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged in alphabetical order by folder title.

Provenance

Materials in the collection were given by Mrs. L. B. Stevens, daughter of Dr. Folk. Additions to the collection are not anticipated.

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Subject Terms

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Baptists – Tennessee

Related Materials

Folk, Edgar Estes. Baptist Principles: Letters to My Son. Nashville: Sunday School Board, Southern Baptist Convention, 1909

Folk, Edgar Estes, 1856 – 1917. Folk – Mcquiddy Discussion on the Plan Of Salvation, Between Edgar E. Folk And J. C. Mcquiddy. Nashville: Press of Folk – Keelin Printing Co., 1907

Folk, Edgar Estes. The Mormon Monster: or, the Story of Mormonism with A Full Discussion of the Subject of Polygamy. Chicago, New York, etc.: Fleming H. Revell Company, 1900

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