



Augustus Cleveland DAVIDSON



Guide to the
Papers of the
Presidents of
Georgetown
College

Guide to the Papers of A. C. Davidson

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The Papers of Augustus Cleveland Davidson

Personal Papers: 1865-36

Bulk Dates: (1925-36)

1.5 linear feet



Provenance

After Davidson's death, the papers were passed through the Seale family until his great-granddaughter, Lucy Seale Gallman deposited them with Samford University, where they were kept until transferred here by her.

Biographical Note

Davidson was born to Samuel M. and America A. Davidson in Franklin Co., Missouri, on December 3, 1846. He earned B.A., M.A. degrees from Georgetown College in 1871, 1874 respectively, and received honorary D.D. and LL.D degrees in 1886, 1904, and 1920 from Howard College and his Alma Mater. On November 17, 1874, he married Elizabeth Stevenson Keene in Georgetown, Kentucky. They had four children: Mattie C. (Mrs. T.F. Seale), Allan Keene, Marion Tabb, and Harry Frazer. He was ordained as a Baptist minister in 1871, and pastored churches in Eminence, Ky. (1871-76), Bloomington, Indiana (1876-79), Aurora, Indiana (1879-84), Marion, Alabama (1884-87), and First Baptist Church, Covington, Kentucky, (1887-93). He served as president of Georgetown College, 1893-98, and then served pastorates at South Side Church, Birmingham, Ala. (1898-1906), Murfreesboro, Tennessee (1906-08), First Baptist Church, Covington, Kentucky (1908-12), Livingston, Alabama (1912); then became pastor emeritus and 5th Sunday pastor. He was dean of the Alabama Baptist Preaching School. He died March 31, 1938.

During Davidson's tenure as president, Georgetown College underwent the largest building program of its history, which included the first women's dormitory (Rucker Hall) and a building that housed the library, chapel, literary society, and gymnasium. The college also entered the arena of intercollegiate athletics by fielding a football team, and in 1893, women began attending with the men.

SOURCE: "Who Was Who in America: Vol. 1, 1897-1942," (Chicago: Marquis—Who's Who, 1968), p. 297.

*Subseries Description***Subseries I** Boxes 1-2 Speeches and Unrelated Items

A notebook with the birth dates of Davidson's family and friends, a register of the sermons and churches where Davidson preached between 1865-75, a post card from the Southern Baptist Convention in 1926, notes for a speech or sermon, a souvenir program for the Centennial Celebration of Georgetown College, commencement program for Georgetown College in 1929, texts of two speeches delivered to the graduating classes at Central University in Tuscaloosa, Alabama in 1901 and 1913.

Subseries II Boxes 2-3 Diaries

Daybooks and Diaries covering the years 1903, 1925-1936. These accounts of Davidson's daily life cover most of the period that he was retired from the ministry.

Subseries III Box 3

A notebook entitled by Davidson: "Notes, Incidents, Illustrations &c;" *My Daily Meditation* by John Henry Jewett (1914). In the notebook, Davidson and others noted thoughts while reading books, interesting things, and other things. In the mediation book, Davidson, during 1923, 1924, noted weather conditions and daily activities.

Document Case List

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