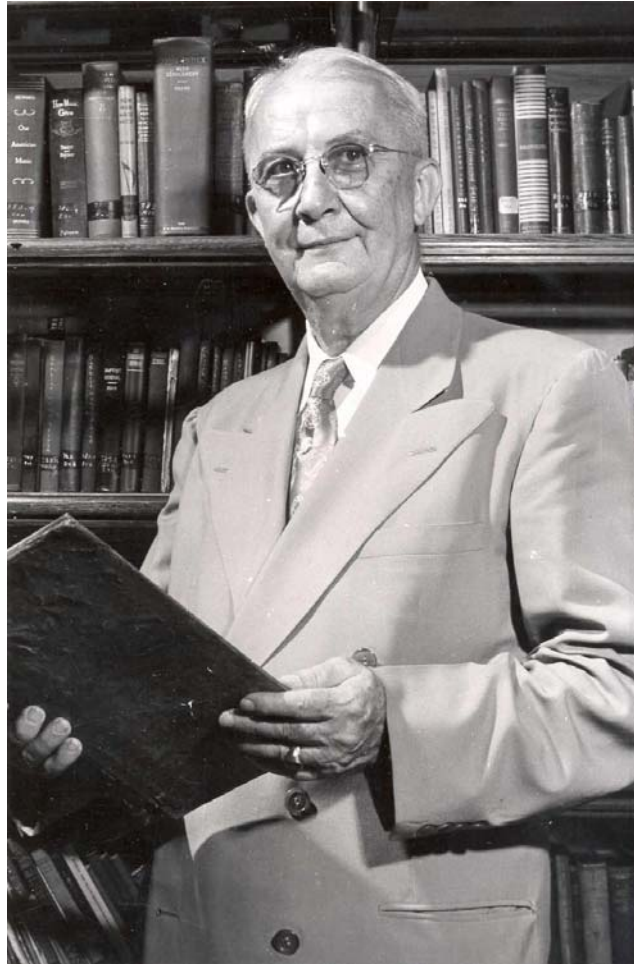


Inventory to the Norman W. Cox Papers

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I. Biographical Sketch

Dr. Norman W. Cox was the first Executive Secretary of the Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, the precursor to the present Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives in Nashville, Tennessee. Before working for the Historical Commission, Dr. Cox pastored churches in Georgia, Virginia, West Virginia, and Mississippi. He also authored several books including, *Youth's Return to Faith* (1938), *God Did It!* (1942), *Dreams, Dungeons, Diadems!* (1954), and *God and Ourselves* (1960), and columns, "Tramping Trails of Faith" and "Pastoral Problems."

While Executive Secretary for the Historical Commission, Dr. Cox worked as managing editor of the two-volume, *Encyclopedia of Southern Baptists* published in 1958. He also supervised the publication of a history of the Southern Baptist Convention and the Baptist Heritage study-book series. Dr. Cox administered the Operation Baptist Biography program to increase the biographical information available on Southern Baptists.

After his retirement from the Historical Commission in 1959, Dr. Cox served as interim pastor of Central Baptist Church in Mobile, Alabama. Born on October 28, 1888 in Climax, Georgia, he married Osye Matthews on September 7, 1910. The Coxes had one son and one daughter, Graham W. Cox and Sara Margaret Thigpen. Dr. Cox died on February 9, 1968 in Mobile, Alabama.

II. Scope and Content Note

The Norman W. Cox Papers deal with Dr. Cox's work in the ministry prior to his tenure as Executive Secretary of the Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. The Collection contains five linear feet of materials in ten boxes, and covers the years 1915-1959. Materials in the Collection include correspondence, lessons, devotionals, articles, sermons, funeral cards, pastor's pocket books, manuscripts, clippings, and one scrapbook.

Correspondence is arranged chronologically and alphabetically, and primarily relates to Dr. Cox's ministerial work in Huntington, West Virginia, and Meridian, Mississippi. Additional topics covered include Dr. Cox's speaking engagements, and a series of letters to soldiers during World War II. For 1951, the correspondence deals with making the Baptist Sunday School Board's Dargan-Carver Library the repository for materials of the Historical Commission. Dr. Cox also corresponded with several prominent Baptist leaders including P. E. Burroughs, W. O. Carver, Gaines S. Dobbins, Searcy S. Garrison, S. F. Lowe, Duke K. McCall, Gaye L. McGlothlen, Hight C Moore, Louie D. Newton, Harold Purdy, James L. Sullivan, George W. Truett, Rufus W. Weaver, and G. Allen West. The Collection also contains manuscripts of Dr. Cox's books, *Youth's Return to Faith* and *God and Ourselves*, and his columns, "Tramping Trails of Faith," and "A Daily Tryst with God."

Researchers should note that published copies of Dr. Cox's books are also available in the library including, *Youth's Return to Faith* (BV4531.C6 1938), *God and Ourselves* (BT378.P8 C6 1960), and *Dreams, Dungeons, and Diadems* (BX6232.C65 1954).

Dr. Cox donated the Collection upon his retirement from the Historical Commission in 1959.

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- 3.8 Correspondence – Allen, Andrew – 1939
- 3.9 Correspondence – Binns, Walter P. – 1939-1954
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- 3.11 Correspondence – Bristow, Louis J. – 1953-1954
- 3.12 Correspondence – Buchanan, John H. – 1939-1950
- 3.13 Correspondence – Burroughs, P. E. – 1946
- 3.14 Correspondence – Carver, W. O. – 1942-1954
- 3.15 Correspondence – Conger, Helen – 1953-1958
- 3.16 Correspondence – Cook, Perrin H. – 1956-1958
- 3.17 Correspondence – Cousins, Solon B. – 1951-1954
- 3.18 Correspondence – Dillard, Badgett – 1955
- 3.19 Correspondence – Dobbins, Gaines S. – 1956
- 3.20 Correspondence – Duncan, Pope A. – 1951-1952
- 3.21 Correspondence – Edge, Findley – 1956
- 3.22 Correspondence – Flynt, Mayo – 1956-1958
- 3.23 Correspondence – Gabhart, Herbert C. – 1951-1957
- 3.24 Correspondence – Gaddy, Claude F. – 1951
- 3.25 Correspondence – Garrison, Searcy S. – 1954
- 3.26 Correspondence – Grey, J. D. – 1958
- 3.27 Correspondence – Holcomb, Luther – 1938-1957
- 3.28 Correspondence – Lambdin, J. E. – 1940
- 3.29 Correspondence – Lattimer, Leon – 1950
- 3.30 Correspondence – Leavell, Frank H. – 1938
- 3.31 Correspondence – Leavell, Roland Q. – 1958
- 3.32 Correspondence – Lowe, S. F. – 1941
- 3.33 Correspondence – Keegan, Kearnie – 1957
- 3.34 Correspondence – McCall, Duke K. – 1954-1958
- 3.35 Correspondence – McGlothlen, Gaye L. – 1940-1955
- 3.36 Correspondence – Medearis, T. W. – 1954
- 3.37 Correspondence – Moore, Hight C – 1953
- 3.38 Correspondence – Moore, Merrill D. – 1953-1954
- 3.39 Correspondence – Newton, Louie D. – 1937-1938
- 3.40 Correspondence – Parke, Elizabeth – 1951-1954
- 3.41 Correspondence – Purdy, Harold J. – 1951-1958
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- 3.43 Correspondence – St. Amant, Penrose – 1950
- 3.44 Correspondence – Sullivan, James L. – 1955-1957
- 3.45 Correspondence – Truett, George W. – 1958
- 3.46 Correspondence – Vinzant, Carey Jr. – 1953-1955
- 3.47 Correspondence – Weaver, Rufus W. – 1938
- 3.48 Correspondence – West, G. Allen Jr. – 1955-1958
- 3.49 Encyclopedia of Southern Baptists – 1957-1958

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- 4.1 Funeral Cards – 1941-1948
- 4.2 Funeral Cards – 1946-1947
- 4.3 Huntington, West Virginia – Church Bulletins – 1936
- 4.4 Huntington, West Virginia – Church Bulletins – 1938

- 4.5 Huntington, West Virginia – Letters on Call to Meridian, Mississippi – 1939
- 4.6 Huntington, West Virginia – Weekday Religious Education Project – 1938
- 4.7 Illustrations
- 4.8 Lessons – Training Union – 1940
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- 4.10 Manuscripts – Bible Characters

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- 5.1 Manuscripts – Bible Characters
- 5.2 Manuscripts – “A Daily Tryst with God” – 1936
- 5.3 Manuscripts – “A Daily Tryst with God” – 1936
- 5.4 Manuscripts – “A Daily Tryst with God” – 1936-1937
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- 5.6 Manuscripts – Devotionals
- 5.7 Manuscripts – Devotionals from *Home Life* – January-March 1947
- 5.8 Manuscripts – “God Did It” – January 4, 1944
- 5.9 Manuscripts – “God and Ourselves”

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- 6.1 Manuscripts – “God and Ourselves”
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- 6.3 Manuscripts – “Open Windows” – 1948
- 6.4 Manuscripts – “Tramping Trails of Faith” – Folder 1 of 11
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- 7.6 Manuscripts – “Youth’s Return to Faith”
- 7.7 Mercer University – Founder’s Day Address – January 14, 1953
- 7.8 Meridian, Mississippi – Correspondence – 1939-1947
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- 8.1 Meridian, Mississippi – Correspondence – 1951-1953

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- 8.5 Meridian, Mississippi – Letters to Soldiers (World War II) – Folder 2 of 4
- 8.6 Meridian, Mississippi – Letters to Soldiers (World War II) – Folder 3 of 4
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- 8.8 Pageants/Skits, etc.

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- 9.1 Pastor's Pocket Record Books
- 9.2 Programs – Speaking Engagements
- 9.3 Resolutions, etc. – During Changes of Pastorates
- 9.4 Savannah – Clippings – European Trip & Baptist World Alliance in Stockholm – 1923
- 9.5 Sermons – Folder 1 of 5
- 9.6 Sermons – Folder 2 of 5
- 9.7 Sermons – Folder 3 of 5
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- 10.1 Scrapbook