

**INVENTORY TO THE
JAMES DAVID GREY PAPERS**

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I. Biographical sketch.

James David Grey was born on December 18, 1906 in Princeton, Kentucky. He spent most of his years in Paducah, Kentucky. Grey was ordained to the ministry in 1925 by the Immanuel Baptist Church in Paducah. He graduated from Union University in 1929 and received his Th.M. from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1932.

Grey served as pastor of the Vickery Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas, 1929-1931; Tabernacle Baptist Church, Denton, Texas, 1934-37 and First Baptist Church, New Orleans, 1937-1972. He served in positions of leadership at the state and national levels in Baptist organizations. He served as president of the Southern Baptist Convention, 1951-1953; President, Louisiana Baptist Convention, 1949-50; Executive Committee member of the Baptist World Alliance; and other Baptist agencies and committees.

He received the honorary doctorate from Union University in 1938; Louisiana College in 1952 and Baylor University in 1953. For additional information see:

James Cole and Robert Lee, Saint J. D., Waco: Word Publishers, 1969.

II. Scope and Content

The collection consists of the correspondence of Dr. Grey during his tenure as president of the Southern Baptist Convention, 1951-1953. Most of this correspondence focuses on the year 1952-1953.

Included in the papers are other selected informational and correspondence files on issues in Baptist life. These include files on Southern Baptist Convention meetings from 1951 to 1963 the Ralph Elliott controversy; the Dale Moody controversy; the 1960 election; the problems of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1958-59; Martin Luther King, Jr. speaking at Southern Seminary in 1961 and universal military training. General data on fundamentalism and liberalism in the Baptist denomination is included. Most of the presidential correspondence is responses to invitations to speak and casual notes to friends and colleagues. The data on Southern Seminary, the Elliott and Moody and the general information on fundamentalism in the denomination make this collection of special interest.

Grey served as chairman of the committee that investigated the turmoil at the seminary in the 1950's. His files on this committee are important.

The collection is 2 linear feet in size and arranged alphabetically by folder title.

III. Manuscript Listing

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25. Elliott, Ralph -Controversy (includes material on
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38. Milan, R. F. (Washington-Oregon)-correspondence, 1952
39. Moody, Dale -controversy, 1961
40. N -Correspondence, 1952-53
41. Negro work, 1949-51
42. New Orleans Seminary, 1952
43. O -Correspondence, 1952-1953

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44. P -Correspondence, 1952-53
45. Peterson, F. Bredahl (Copenhagen) -correspondence, 1952-53
46. Presidency, Southern Baptist Convention--1961
47. Q -Correspondence, 1952-53
48. R -Correspondence, 1952-53
49. Radio Commission, 1951
50. S -Correspondence, 1952-53
51. Seminaries, 1952-1953
52. Southern Baptist Foundation
53. Southern Seminary -Committee, 1959
54. Southern Seminary-American Association of Theological Schools (AATS) Committee-correspondence, 1958
55. Southern Seminary -"Material submitted to the committee of the AATS, 1958."
56. Southern Seminary -committee correspondence, 1958-1959
57. Southern Seminary -Martin Luther King, Jr., incident, 1961
58. Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, 1953
59. Sunday School Board, 1952
60. Survey Bulletins, 1951-1953 (SSB)
61. T -Correspondence, 1952-53
62. 30,000 Campaign, 1958
63. Transfer Church Membership Week, 1953
64. Universal Military Training, 1952
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66. W- Correspondence, 1952-53
67. White House Conference-1951- (Military)
68. X, Y and Z -Correspondence, 1952-53