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I. Introduction

The papers of Rufus Washington Weaver (1870-1947) , clergyman, college president, author, religious statesman, were given to the Historical Commission (Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives) of the Southern Baptist Convention by the family of Dr. Weaver in 1954.

They are chronologically arranged within subject headings wherever possible. The sermons are arranged by books of the Bible.

Linear feet of shelf space occupied: 8
Approximate number of items: 2200

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A description of this collection is included in the 1963-64 volume of the National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections. p.201.

II. Scope and Content Note

The papers of Rufus W. Weaver numbering approximately 1730 items contain some fine material in the area of biography I Baptist history, Christian education, religious liberty, philosophy, psychology, science, and politics and their relationship to religion. The material about Mercer University, Albert Henry Newman's, 50th anniversary as teacher of church history celebrated in January of 1927, and Luther Rice is outstanding. Dr. Wes.verls work in the interest of education in the South in general and Georgia in particular was significant. Six unpublished book manuscripts are in this collection.

The bulk of the material in this collection falls in the period of 1918-1946. The main subject headings are: (1) american christianity, (2) baptist history, (3) baptisticism, (4) bibliographies, (,) biographies, (6) book manuscripts, (7) christian education, (8) correspondence, (9) education board of SBC, (10) Joint committee on public relations material, (11) Mercer U., (12) philosophy and psychology, (13) pictures, (14) quotations, (15) religious liberty, (16) Luther Rice, (17) sermons, (18) Washington, D.C. church and Columbia association, and (19} world league of truth seekers.

Among Rufus Weaver' s correspondents are: Clarence A. Barb our , M. L. Brittain, S. P. Brooks of Baylor Univ., Edward A. Bechtel, W. W. Barnes, W. O. Carver, W. T. Conner, W. L. Cross, J. M. Dawson, Gov. Hugh Dorsey, Spright Dowell, John D. Freeman, Francis p. Gaines, L. L. Gwaltney, Gov. Thomas Hardwick, J. H. Kirkland, Ryland Knight, W. H. McDaniel, W. J. McGlothlin, E. Y.

Mullins, Gov. Clifford Walker, Ray Lyman Wilbur, Ray O. Wyland, and Bert Young, A. H. Newman

This collection was received from the family of Dr. Weaver about 1954.

Mrs. Weaver was a widow with one son at the time of her marriage to Dr. Weaver. The Rufus Weaver's had no children born to them. They were married for nearly 40 yrs. and each died very near the same time. Her surviving son had charge of the possessions and did not want the papers.

III. Biographical Note

- 1870, June 3 Born in Greensboro, North Carolina, the son of Preston De Kalb and Elizabeth Jane Weaver.
- 1892 B.A. from Wake Forest College.
- 1893 M.A. Wake Forest College.
- 1893, Nov. 21 He was ordained a Baptist Minister.
- 1893-1896 Was pastor of Salem St. church in High Point, N.C.
- 1697-1899 He was pastor at Forks of Elkhorn, Kentucky.
- 1898 Th.M. from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.
- 1899 Th.D. from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.
- 1899-1903 He was pastor of First Baptist Church, Middletown, Ohio.
- 1903-1906 He was pastor of Brantly Church, Baltimore, Ohio.
- 1906-1908 Pastor of Mt. Auburn Church, Cincinnati, Ohio.
- 1908-1917 Pastor of Immanuel Church, Nashville, Tenn.
- 1909-1918 Member of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.
- 1911, Jan. 11 Was married to Charlotte Lewis Mason.
- 1912 Received a D.D. from Wake Forest College.
- 1912 D.D. from Bethel College.
- 1912-1917 He was president of the Georgia Association of Colleges.
- 1913-1917 He served as adjunct professor of Religious Education in the school of Religion at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn.
- 191,-1919 A member of the Education Commission of the SBC, of which he was president in 1919.

1917-1920 He was president of the Education Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

1918-1925 A member of the Commission on the Negro Baptist Theological Seminary.

1918-1919 Was chairman of the Executive Committee of the Georgia Baptist Convention.

1918-1927 He was president of Mercer University, Macon, Georgia.

1919-1921 Was on the advisory committee for the SBC 75 million Campaign.

1919-1921 Chairman of the committee on Universities and Theological Seminaries for SBC.

1919-1927 A member of Georgia Illiteracy Commission.

1920-1925 Chancellor of the Mercer University System of Colleges.

1920 LL.D. from Baylor University.

1922 - A member of the National Council of Boy Scouts.

1922-1925 Member of the Georgia State Education Board.

1922-1926 Lecturer in the Graduate School of the American University, Washington, D.C.

1923-1926 President of the Georgia Association of Colleges.

1923-1927 A member of the Georgia Education Association.

1924 LL.D. Wake Forest College.

1927-1928 Was corresponding Secretary of the Education Board of the SBC beginning Oct. 1, 1927.

1929-1932 Secretary and Treasurer of the National Advisory Committee on Illiteracy.

1934- President of the Southern Baptist Education Association.

1934-1936 Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Washington, D.C.

1934-1943 Executive Secretary of the District of Columbia Baptist Convention.

Taught graduate course on "The Philosophy of the Christian Religion" in the graduate school of the American University in Washington, D.C. for five years.

1935-1936 Chairman of the General Committee on War and Navy Chaplains.

1936 Executive Director of the Luther Rice Centennial Commission.

- 1936-1942 Chairman of SBC Committee on Public Relations, which committee superseded the com. on War and Navy chaplains.
- 1940 and on Executive Director of the National Conference on Religious Liberty.
- 1947, Jan. 31 He died in Washington, D.C.
His home address there was 3900 Connecticut Ave. N.W.
Business address: 715 8th St. N. W., Washington 1, D.C.
- He was member of Theta Chi, a Mason, and the Cosmos, Palaver and Interchurch clubs.

This biographical information is mainly from "Religious Leaders of America 1941-42" and "Who was who in America 1943-1950."

BOOKS AND BROCHURES WRITTEN BY RUFUS W. WEAVER

- 1899 History of the Doctrine of Inspiration.
- 1903 The Christian Conversationalist.
- 1904 The Reconstruction of Religion.
- 1913 The Religious Development of the Child.
- 1936 The Christian Faith at the Nation's Capitol (a volume of sermons)
- 1938 The Roumanian Crisis (brochure)
- 1940 The Vatican Envoy (brochure)
- 1940 The Forum of Freedom.
- 1944 Revolt Against God.
- 1946 Champions of Religious Liberty.
The Life and Work of Luther Rice (brochure)
The Road to the Freedom of Religion (brochure)
"The Spiritual Apostolate, a Discipline for the Apostles of the Pew"

"The Reasonableness of the Christian Hope" is an unpublished book mentioned in his biography ."A Pilgrim's Progress", which was read for the Palaver Club in Washington.

Other unpublished manuscripts are :

"An Introduction to Christianity" intended to be used as a college textbook, "Religion, Its Reach and Its Reality, a Consideration of the Christian Claim", "History of the Southern Baptist Convention", "The Problems That Confront American Evangelical Christianity", "The Psychology of Religion", "The Origin and Growth of Religion."

IV.Container listsBox 1

- Folder 1 Addresses --Baccalaureate and Commencement (4)
 "The Baptist Principle",
 "The Blitzkrieg Against God",
 "The Christian Way in Meeting the World Emergency", "The
 Fundamentalism of Jesus," "How May the Cities be Rescued."
- Folder 2 Addresses
 "The Genius of Christianized Culture",
 "Historic Problems of Christianity",
 "Politics and Religion", "The Problems of Public Education in
 Georgia", "Re-Thinking Christianity", "What is Christianity".
- Folder 3 American Christianity.
- Folder 4 Articles
 "The Story of Infant Baptism", "The Least", "An Evangelical
 Approach to Contemporary World Problems", "The Relation of
 Organized Christianity to Organized Society".
- Folder 5 Articles --clippings
 "A Response" April 13, 1939, "The Three Most Urgent Problems
 Before Southern Baptists" Feb. 17, 1916, "Report of the
 Efficiency Committee to the Southern Baptist Convention" Jan.
 5, 1928.
- Folder 6 Baptist History
 "The Stearns Family", "The Invasion of the South by Sainted
 Yankees", "The Baptists and Roger Williams", and other
 writings.
- Folder 7 Baptist History
 "The Co-operation of Baptist Churches in the 20th Century",
 "The Reorganization of the SBC", "Present Outlook for So.
 Baptists", "A Brief History of Baptist Cooperative
 Enterprises", "Baptist Faith and Principles as Interpreted by
 our Baptist Fathers", "So. Bapts. and the Post Apostolic Age".
- Folder 8 Baptist History --Georgia
- Folder 9 Baptist History --Georgia
 Liberty County, Macon First Bapt. Church, Buckhead Baptist
 Church, History of the Christian Index, New Sunbury Assoc.
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- Folder 1 Biographical materials --
 Rufus W. Weaver, his grandfather (Johnson)

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- Folder 1 Book Manuscripts-- "Religion, Its Reach and Its Reality"
- Folder 2 Book Reviews
- Folder 3 Booklets-- "Our Mission as Baptists" by J. H. Cuthbert, "How I Became a Baptist" by G. B. Rieman, "The Essence of Protestantism" by E. E. Richardson, the Bible as a law book in National University Law Review of May, 1929.
- Folder 4 Chaplain's Commission--Army and Navy .
- Folder 5 Christian Education materials--Booklets--"The Emerging Issue", "The Ministerial Crisis in the South", "The Preservation of Christian Education in Tennessee", 1916-1911 Report of the Education Board of Tennessee Baptist Convention, clippings and other materials.
- Folder 6 Christian Education materials
- Folder 7 Clippings--miscellaneous
- Folder 8 Correspondence--Feb. 1921-Feb. 1930. (ALS from A.H. Newman)
- Folder 9 Correspondence--Mar. 1930-April 1930
- Folder 10 Correspondence--May 1930-June 1946

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- Folder 1 Education Board of the SBC—"The Valedictory, of the Education Board," clippings, figures, booklets including proceedings of 1928 Southern Baptist Education Assoc.
- Folder 2 Educational Secret for Tennessee
- Folder 3 Georgia Public Schools
- Folder 4 Illiteracy materials-- booklets, papers, clippings, reports
- Folder 5 Joint Conference Committee on Public Relations-- booklets, correspondence, clippings
- Folder 6 Lectures
- Folder 7 Mercer-- clippings
- Folder 8 Mercer-- correspondence-June 3, 1921-Dec. 31, 1926.
- Folder 9 Mercer-- correspondence-Jan. 1-Jan. 7, 1927.
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- Folder 6 Mercer--speeches
"The Dutch Anabaptists", "The Fundamentalism of Jesus",
"Mercer U. as an Evangelizing Agency", "The Emerging Issue",
"The Spiritual Values of the 75 million Campaign", and others
- Folder 7 Mercer-- speeches to students
- Folder 8 Miscellaneous-- "Open Encounter" by Katharine Hayden Salter,
and a letter.

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- Folder 1 Miscellaneous-- "Reply to Carlson" by Katharine Hayden Salter.
loose pages

Folder 2 Miscellaneous-- Book galley proof of "Studies in Anabaptist and Mennonite History" Vol. V

Folder 3 Missions-- two addresses

Folder 4 Notes-- varied subjects

Folder 5 Personal-- clippings, memorabilia, including a clipping from 1903.

Folder 6 Philosophy and Psychology, their relation to religion

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Folder 1 Philosophy and Psychology, their relation to religion and life--"The Basic Theses for a Christianized Philosophy", "The War of Ideologies and the Christian Faith", "Are Being and Naught the Same?" "The Search for Truth", "Psychology of Religion" "The Psychology of Sin", "Consciousness", "The Basal Issue in Religion"

Folder 2 Philosophy and Psychology, their relation to religion and life---"The Reconstruction of Theology", "The Philosophies of the American Revolution", "The Psychology of the Atonement", "The Contact Point of Vital Christianity", "Psychology of Religion", "Summary"

Folder 3 Philosophy of History--
"Current Problems in the Philosophy of History", a booklet,
"The Logic of Christianity"

Folder 4 Pictures

Folder 5 Quotations

Folder 6 Religious Conditions in World-- a survey

Folder 7 Religious Liberty materials--
"What is Christianity?", "Freedom of Religion" "The Blitzkrieg Against God", "How International Liberty was Lost in 1919",
"The Regaining of Our Lost Inheritance"

Folder 8 Religious Liberty materials--
"An Evangelical Approach to Contemporary World Problems",
"What Lies Behind the Constitution?", "The Road to the Freedom of Religion"

Folder 9 Religious Liberty materials--
"A Tentative Ten Year Campaign For Religious Freedom", "The Vatican Envoy", "Baptist Watchmen and the New World Order"

Folder 10 Religious Liberty materials--
Constitution of C.U.R.E. -Citizens United for Religious
Emancipation, "The Closing of the American Legation at Rome in
1867", "Baptist Youth and International Religious Liberty",
"Religious Liberty in Italy", other papers and reports.

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Folder 1 Religious Liberty materials
"The World Crisis and Religious Liberty", "Religion and the
Federal Congress", "Politics and Religion", and others

Folder 2 Religious Liberty-- booklets and a certificate

Folder 3 Religious Liberty-- clippings

Folder 4 Rice, Luther materials-- notebook and photocopy of certificate
for R.B.C. Howell as agent of Columbian College, Luther Rice,
treasurer.

Folder 5 Rice, Luther materials-- notebook

Folder 6 Rice, Luther materials--Copy of journal of Luther Rice 1815-
Oct. 9, 1818.

Folder 7 Rice, Luther materials--Copy of journal of Luther Rice Oct. 9,
1818-Feb. 11, 1819.

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Folder 5 Sermons-- List of sermon subjects 1908-1915. Sermons with
texts in Genesis, Exodus, Deuteronomy, Joshua, II Sam.

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Micah, Habakuk.

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 Folder 9 Sermons-- Philippians, Colossians

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Folder 1 Sermons-- I and II Tim., Philemon
 Folder 2 Sermons-- Hebrews
 Folder 3 Sermons-- I and II Peter, I John, Revelation
 Folder 4 Sermons-- no scripture text and miscellaneous notes
 Folder 5 Sermons-- no scripture text and miscellaneous notes
 Folder 6 Short Story--"A Tale of Two Cities"
 Folder 7 Washington, D. C. -First Baptist Church and Columbia Association & Convention --Booklets, speeches, clippings, minutes, reports including 125th anniversary historical sketch of the First Baptist Church.
 Folder 8 World League of Truth Seekers-- speeches
 Folder 9 Book MSS-- miscellaneous chaps., 2 outlines
 Folder 10 Boos MSS-- miscellaneous chaps.

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Folder 1 Religious freedom -83,000 signatures for 1945 United Nations Organization meeting in San Francisco in behalf of religious freedom Alabama
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