

Descriptive Summary:

Creator:	George Washington Baines, Sr., George Washington Baines, Jr., and other associated creators
Title:	Baines Family Collection
Inclusive Dates:	1807-1912, undated
Bulk Dates:	1855-1882; 1896-1899
Abstract:	The Baines Family Collection consists of records generated by George W. Baines, Sr. and George W. Baines, Jr. These include letters of correspondence, financial documents, literary productions, photographs, diaries, and artifacts dealing with the Baines' roles in Texas Baptist history.
Accession #:	0450
Extent:	4.70 linear feet (6 document boxes and 1 oversized box)
Language:	Collection materials are in English.
Repository:	The Texas Collection, Baylor University, Waco, Texas.

Biographical Note:

Reverend George Washington Baines, Sr. was born on 1809 December 29, near Raleigh, North Carolina. He was the oldest son of Reverend Thomas Baines and Mary McCoy. George spent most of his childhood in Georgia and Alabama where he failed to receive a formal education. Baines, Sr. began teaching himself at the age of twenty-one and soon attended the University of Alabama where he studied until 1836. He was forced to withdraw during his senior year because of poor health.

George's professional life was driven by his faith. In 1832, Baines, Sr. had a conversion experience under the ministry of T.J. Fisher at a camp meeting ten miles south of Tuscaloosa, Alabama. He was baptized in Salem Church, was licensed to preach by the Philadelphia Baptist Church of Tuscaloosa County in 1834 July 20, and was ordained by Grant Creek's Church in 1836 August 7. He moved to Arkansas in 1837 to combat his lingering health issues. During his seven years of residency in the state, Baines, Sr. organized three Baptist churches and baptized approximately 150 members. He also served in the Fourth Arkansas Legislature as a representative of Carroll County from 1842 to 1843. In 1840, he married Melissa Ann Butler with whom he had ten children.

Baines and his family moved to Huntsville, Texas, in 1850 and to Independence, Texas, in 1851. During this time, a powerful friendship grew between Baines, Sr. and famous Texan General Sam Houston. Baines, Sr. led several congregations during his time in Texas: Huntsville, Independence, Anderson, Fairfield, Springfield, Butler, Florence, and Salado. He served as the editor of *The Texas Baptist* from 1855 to 1860, as evidenced by his multiple ledgers of subscriptions found in the collection below.

In 1861, George Washington Baines, Sr. became the third president of Baylor University. Because of his experience on the Board of Trustees from 1851 to 1859, Baines, Sr. was viewed as an appropriate interim president to replace Rufus C. Burleson who had left because of a confrontation with the head of Baylor's female department. Baines, Sr. struggled to lead the university because of the daunting toll the Civil War was taking upon the male population. This financial hardship greatly affected Baines, Sr.'s health. He resigned in 1863 and was replaced by William Carey Crane. In appreciation for his efforts, Baylor awarded him an honorary M.A. degree on 1861 July 27.

Baines, Sr. endured tragic loss after leaving Baylor University. His wife and youngest son both passed away. In 1865, he married a widow named Cynthia Williams. Baines, Sr. continued to devote his life to the advancement of Christianity despite his waning health. He served as a field agent for the Baptist State Convention and the pastor at Salado. He died of malaria on 1882 December 28, one day before his 73rd birthday.

George Washington Baines, Jr. was born on 1848 September 8, to George Washington Baines, Sr. and his wife Melissa Ann Butler Baines. Baines, Jr. was born in Mount Lebanon, Louisiana, but his family moved to Texas shortly thereafter. He attended Baylor University at its original campus in Independence, Texas, where he received his degree in 1875. Ordained as a minister in 1874 November, Baines, Jr. became a fourth-generation Baptist minister. He preached in Caldwell, Rockdale, and McKinney until April 1882 when he was appointed a missionary to El Paso by the American Baptist Home Mission Society. He was able to establish the First Baptist Church of El Paso. In 1889, Baines, Jr. continued his education at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. He returned to Texas shortly thereafter and ministered at Weatherford, Cleburne, and Alpine. He served as Dean of the Bible Department at San Marcos Baptist Academy from 1908 to 1920 and secretary of the Baptist Educational Commission of Texas from 1897 to 1899.

Baines had married twice in his lifetime. He married his first wife, Cornelia Holmes, in 1875, but she died five years later. Baines, Jr. remarried two years later to Annie McIntosh. In 1900, Baines, Jr. received an honorary D.D. degree from Baylor University. He died in Fort Worth on 1923 March 21 and was buried in San Marcos.

Sources:

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Scope and Content:

The Baines Family Collection is comprised of six separate gifts from 1949 to 1981. These records, produced by George Washington Baines, Sr. and George Washington Baines, Jr., provide valuable insight into the activities of Texas Baptists during the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. Baines, Sr. was President of Baylor University during the early years of the Civil War. His series includes correspondence, financial documents, ledgers for *The Texas Baptist*, notebooks, a few photographs, and a family Bible given to Baines by General Sam Houston. The second series, pertaining solely to George Washington Baines, Jr., is comprised of correspondence, minutes of the Baptist Educational Commission of Texas, an artifact, and Baines' large collection of diaries and journals.

Organization and Arrangement:

The Baines Family Collection is organized into 2 series. The first pertains to George W. Baines, Sr., the former president of Baylor University. This series is divided

into 4 subseries: a. Correspondence, b. Financial Documents, c. Literary Productions, and d. Photographic Materials. The second series contains materials belonging to George W. Baines, Jr. This series is comprised of three subseries: a. Correspondence, b. Literary Productions, and c. Artifacts.

Restrictions: The collection is open for research.

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Index Terms:

Baptist press--Texas.
 Baptists -- Texas -- History -- Periodicals.
 Baylor University--History.
 Baylor University--Presidents.
 Burleson, Rufus C. (Rufus Columbus), 1823-1901.
 Houston, Sam, 1793-1863.

Related Materials:

Baines (Huffman) Papers, #2140.
 Baylor (Robert Emmett Bledsoe) Papers, #1362.
 B.U. Records: William Carey Crane Papers, BU/0140.
 Burleson (Rufus Columbus) Colleciton, #0057. Burleson was president of Baylor University from 1851 to 1861 and was George W. Baines, Sr.'s predecessor.
 Crane (William Carey) Papers, #0068. Crane was Baines, Sr.'s successor in 1864.
 Houston (Sam) Papers, #0037.
 Independence Baptist Church Records, 1873-1918, #0116.

Separated Materials: None.

Custodial History:

Acquisition:	<p>Collection was acquired in six gifts from 1949 to 1981.</p> <p>Gift of William M. Baines, 1949 February. Gift of William M. Baines, Mrs. George W. Baines, Jr., and Mrs. Ernest Brockett, 1958. Gift of George Washington Baines, Jr., undated. Gift of William M. Baines, 1966 April.</p>
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Processing Information: Finding aid completed by Thomas DeShong, 2012 January 25.

Container List:

Series I: George W. Baines, Sr.

Subseries a: Correspondence, 1837-1882, undated, 0.45 linear feet (1 document box).

This subseries includes letters of correspondence written to and from George W. Baines, Sr. Particular emphasis is placed on Baines' ministerial responsibilities as well as his ties to Baylor University. This series is in poor to average condition.

BOX NUMBER	FOLDER NUMBER	FOLDER TITLE	DATES
1	1	Correspondence: General	1837-1856 February
	2	Correspondence: General	1856 June-1859 November 8
	3	Correspondence: General	1859 November 8-1860 May
	4	Correspondence: General	1860 June-July 20
	5	Correspondence: General	1860 July 26- November
	6	Correspondence: General	1861-1862
	7	Correspondence: General	1863-1864 May
	8	Correspondence: General	1864 July- December
	9	Correspondence: General	1865-1866 April
	10	Correspondence: General	1866 August
	11	Correspondence: General	1867-1868 January
	12	Correspondence: General	1868 March- 1869 May
	13	Correspondence: General	1869 October- 1872
	14	Correspondence: General	1873-1877
	15	Correspondence: General	1879-1880 March

BOX NUMBER	FOLDER NUMBER	FOLDER TITLE	DATES
1	16	Correspondence: General	1880 April-June
	17	Correspondence: General	1880 September-1882
	18	Correspondence: General	undated

Series I. George W. Baines, Sr.

Subseries b: Financial Documents, 1829-1881, undated, 2.90 linear feet (2 document boxes, 1 oversized box).

This subseries contains financial documents signed by George W. Baines, Sr. including receipts, checks, etc. Most of the subseries is comprised of financial ledgers that Baines maintained for *The Texas Baptist*. This series is in average condition.

BOX NUMBER	FOLDER NUMBER	FOLDER TITLE	DATES
2	1	Financial Documents: Clark County: General	undated
	2	Financial Documents: General	1829-1847
	3	Financial Documents: General	1848-1850
	4	Financial Documents: General	1851-1857
	5	Financial Documents: General	1858
	6	Financial Documents: General	1859-1860
	7	Financial Documents: General	1861 January-September
	8	Financial Documents: General	1861 October-1862
	9	Financial Documents: General	1863-1881
	10	Financial Documents: Ledger: Whitt and Williams Boarding and Stable	1854
	11	Financial Documents: Ledger: Nicholas Baker	1808-1823
3	1	Financial Documents: Ledger: Subscriptions: <i>The Texas Baptist</i>	1855, 1858
	2	Financial Documents: Ledger: Subscriptions: <i>The Texas Baptist</i>	1856-1859
	3	Financial Documents: Ledger: Subscriptions: <i>The Texas Baptist</i>	1856-1858
	4	Financial Documents: Ledger: Subscriptions: <i>The Texas Baptist</i>	1856-1861
3	5	Financial Documents: Ledger: Subscriptions: <i>The Texas Baptist</i>	1857-1859

BOX NUMBER	FOLDER NUMBER	FOLDER TITLE	DATES
3	6	Financial Documents: Ledger: Subscriptions: <i>The Texas Baptist</i>	1857-1862
	7	Financial Documents: Ledger: Subscriptions: <i>The Texas Baptist</i>	1857-1862
	8	Financial Documents: Ledger: Subscriptions: <i>The Texas Baptist</i>	1858-1860
7 OVZ	1	Financial Documents: Ledger: General: (1 of 2)	undated
	2	Financial Documents: Ledger: General: (2 of 2)	undated

Series I. George W. Baines, Sr.

Subseries c: Literary Productions, 1807-1881, undated, 0.90 linear feet (2 document boxes).

This subseries contains literary productions including articles, notebooks, notes, biographical materials, and a Bible belonging to George W. Baines, Sr. This series is in average to good condition.

BOX NUMBER	FOLDER NUMBER	FOLDER TITLE	DATES
4	1	Literary Productions: Article: <i>The Home and Sunday School</i>	1886
	2	Literary Productions: Notebook: Mathematics: Thomas Baines	1807
	3	Literary Productions: Notebook: Teaching Notes	1862-1863
	4	Literary Productions: Clippings	1866, 1879
	5	Literary Productions: Notes: Church History	1868, undated
	6	Literary Productions: Notes: 2 Timothy 4	undated
	7	Literary Productions: Notes: Family Bible	1834
	8	Literary Productions: Notes: Sermons	undated
	9	Literary Productions: Essays: "Mental Science" and "The Romish Inquisitions"	undated
	10	Literary Productions: Biographical Materials: (1 of 3)	1836-1881, undated
	11	Literary Productions: Biographical Materials: (2 of 3)	1836-1881, undated
	12	Literary Productions: Biographical Materials: (3 of 3)	1836-1881, undated
5	1	Literary Productions: Book: <i>Complete Analysis of the Holy Bible</i> : Nathanael West	1853

Series I. George W. Baines, Sr.**Subseries d: Photographic Materials, undated, 1 folder.**

This subseries contains two photographs. One is a picture of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Baines, Sr. The other is a photograph of their son, William Baines. This series is in excellent condition.

BOX NUMBER	FOLDER NUMBER	FOLDER TITLE	DATES
5	2	Photographic Materials: Photographs: William Baines; Mr. and Mrs. George W. Baines, Sr.	undated

Series II. George W. Baines, Jr.**Subseries a: Correspondence, 1873-1899, undated, 4 folders.**

This subseries contains correspondence written to and by George W. Baines, Jr. This series is in good condition.

BOX NUMBER	FOLDER NUMBER	FOLDER TITLE	DATES
6	1	Correspondence: General	1873-1882
	2	Correspondence: General	1896-1897 November
	3	Correspondence: General	1897 December- 1898 January 7
	4	Correspondence: General	1898 January 18- 1899, undated

Series II. George W. Baines, Jr.**Subseries b: Literary Productions, 1897-1912, undated, 2.45 linear feet (1 document box, 1 oversized box).**

This subseries contains literary productions pertaining to George W. Baines, Jr. The bulk of these materials include minutes of the Baptist Educational Commission of Texas and Baines' personal diaries.

BOX NUMBER	FOLDER NUMBER	FOLDER TITLE	DATES
6	5	Literary Productions: Tract: "The Spirit of Truth and the Spirit of Error"	undated
	6	Literary Productions: Articles: General	1904, undated
	7	Literary Productions: Minutes: Baptist Educational Commission of Texas	1897 April- November 9

BOX NUMBER	FOLDER NUMBER	FOLDER TITLE	DATES
6	8	Literary Productions: Minutes: Baptist Educational Commission of Texas	1897 November 9-30
	9	Literary Productions: Minutes: Baptist Educational Commission of Texas	1898 January 11-18
	10	Literary Productions: Minutes: Baptist Educational Commission of Texas	1898 January 27-October
	11	Literary Productions: Minutes: Baptist Educational Commission of Texas	1898 November-1899
	12	Literary Productions: Minutes: Baptist Educational Commission of Texas: (1 of 2)	undated
	13	Literary Productions: Minutes: Baptist Educational Commission of Texas: (2 of 2)	Undated
7 OVZ	3	Literary Productions: Diary	1871
	4	Literary Productions: Journal: Sermons: (1 of 2)	1873
	5	Literary Productions: Journal: Sermons: (2 of 2)	1873
	6	Literary Productions: Diary	1874
	7	Literary Productions: Journal: Sermons	1875
	8	Literary Productions: Diary	1876
	9	Literary Productions: Diary	1877
	10	Literary Productions: Diary	1878
	11	Literary Productions: Journal: Church Membership	1878
	12	Literary Productions: Journal: Church Membership	1879
	13	Literary Productions: Diary	1879
	14	Literary Productions: Diary	1880
	15	Literary Productions: Diary	1881
	16	Literary Productions: Diary	1882, 1885-1886
	17	Literary Productions: Diary	1883
	18	Literary Productions: Diary	1885
	19	Literary Productions: Diary: Hunting	1886
	20	Literary Productions: Journal: Pastoral	1886
	21	Literary Productions: Diary	1886
	22	Literary Productions: Diary	1887
	23	Literary Productions: Journal: Pastoral	1887
	24	Literary Productions: Diary	1888
	25	Literary Productions: Diary	1889
	26	Literary Productions: Diary	1890

BOX NUMBER	FOLDER NUMBER	FOLDER TITLE	DATES
7 OVZ	27	Literary Productions: Diary	1891
	28	Literary Productions: Diary	1892
	29	Literary Productions: Diary	1893
	30	Literary Productions: Diary	1894
	31	Literary Productions: Diary	1895
	32	Literary Productions: Diary	1896
	33	Literary Productions: Diary	1897
	34	Literary Productions: Diary	1898
	35	Literary Productions: Diary: (1 of 2)	1899
	36	Literary Productions: Diary: (2 of 2)	1899
	37	Literary Productions: Diary	1900
	38	Literary Productions: Diary	1901
	39	Literary Productions: Diary	1902
	40	Literary Productions: Diary	1903
	41	Literary Productions: Diary	1904
	42	Literary Productions: Diary	1906
	43	Literary Productions: Diary	1907
	44	Literary Productions: Diary	1908
	45	Literary Productions: Diary	1909
	46	Literary Productions: Diary	1910
	47	Literary Productions: Diary	1911
	48	Literary Productions: Diary	1912

Series II. George W. Baines, Jr.

Subseries c: Artifacts, undated, 1 item.

This subseries contains one item: a ribbon for mathematical achievement won by George W. Baines, Jr. This item is in average condition.

BOX NUMBER	ITEM NUMBER	FOLDER TITLE	DATES
7 OVZ	49	Artifact: Ribbon: Mathematics	undated

Notes:

At an unspecified time, staff at The Texas Collection sought to divide the Baines Family Papers into two separate collections: the George Washington Baines, Sr. Collection and the George Washington Baines, Jr. Collection. Both retained the same accession number. These two collections have been merged once again into the Baines Family Collection because of their interrelatedness. The respective materials of the father and son were kept in distinct series.

Appendix A: Family Tree of Baptist Ministers

According to the control file, the Baines family immigrated to America in the eighteenth century. George Bains (notice the original spelling) moved from Ireland to North Carolina and was a first-generation Baptist minister.

His son Thomas, who changed the spelling of his last name to Baines, lived near Raleigh, North Carolina. He was born circa 1788. His math notebook is included in this collection in Box 4, Folder 2. Thomas Baines was a second-generation Baptist minister.

Thomas' son George Washington Baines, who would later become George Washington Baines, Sr., was born near Raleigh in 1809. He would become a third-generation Baptist minister after he was converted near Tuscaloosa, Alabama, in 1832.

As this collection attests, George Washington Baines, Sr., had a son who carried on his name. George Washington Baines, Jr., became the fourth-generation Baptist minister when he was ordained in 1874 November.

Appendix B: Family Tree of President Lyndon Baines Johnson

As one may have already guessed, these men are the ancestors of future President of the United States, Lyndon Baines Johnson. Johnson was not in the direct lineage of George Washington Baines, Jr., rather, he was descended from his brother Joseph Baines. Joseph Wilson Baines was the third son of George Washington Baines, Sr. and was born in Louisiana in 1846.

Joseph Baines had a daughter named Rebekah. Rebekah Baines married Samuel E. Johnson. Lyndon Baines Johnson was born of this couple. A family tree is available in the control file.

