

**Descriptive Summary:**

<b>Creator:</b>	Charles Chaplin, Lucy Exall Chaplin
<b>Title:</b>	Charles and Lucy Exall Chaplin Papers
<b>Inclusive Dates:</b>	1805- circa 1906
<b>Bulk Dates:</b>	circa 1865-1906
<b>Abstract:</b>	The Charles and Lucy Exall Chaplin Papers contain literary scrapbooks, and photographs pertaining to the Chaplin and Exall families in Texas.
<b>Accession #:</b>	3803
<b>Extent:</b>	0.45 linear feet (1 document box)
<b>Language:</b>	Collection is in English
<b>Repository:</b>	The Texas Collection, Baylor University, Waco, Texas.

**Biographical Note:**

The Charles and Lucy Exall Chaplin Papers document the lives of important Baptist leaders in Texas during Reconstruction, and their service at several important churches around the state. The scrapbook in the collection, compiled by Lucy Exall Chaplin, contains an extensive number of photographs of Exall family members.

Charles Chaplin, considered to be one of the best Texas Baptist pastors of his time, was born in Danville, Virginia, on 1831 September 22. Charles attended Richmond College, but was unable to graduate due to ill health. He became a Christian in 1853 and changed his career to the ministry. After he was ordained as a minister in 1856, Charles served as pastor of several churches in Danville, Virginia, Owensborough, Kentucky, and Paducah, Kentucky, and also ministered to men on the battlefields of the American Civil War before he moved to Texas in 1877.

In Texas, Chaplin became pastor of First Baptist Church in Austin, Texas, converting over 4,000 people in three years, and bringing over 2,500 people into the Baptist Church. In 1880 he became the pastor of First Baptist Church in Brenham, a position he held for four years.

Charles wrote often for religious periodicals, served as chaplain for the Texas Senate, and was President of the Baptist State Convention. Charles also served as trustee for Baylor University, and as Vice President of the Home Mission Board, Southern Baptist Convention.

It is not known when Chaplin married Lucy Exall Chaplin, but they were married with five daughters by 1880 at the time of his pastorate in Brenham, Texas. There are many pictures of people from Lucy Exall's side of the family present in the collection, some dating to the Civil War. Charles Chaplin died on 1884 November 2. Several eulogies to him are present in the collection scrapbook.

**Sources:**

Cathcart, William, editor. *The Baptist Encyclopedia: A Dictionary of the Doctrines, Ordinances, Usages, Confessions of Faith, Confessions of Faith, Sufferings, Labors, and Successes, and of the General History of the Baptist Denomination in all Lands: with Numerous Biographical Sketches of Distinguished American and Foreign Baptists, and a Supplement.* Philadelphia: L.H. Everts, 1881.

*HeritageQuest Online.* "Chaplin, Lucy E." Washington County, Texas. 1880 Census.

**Scope and Content:**

The Charles and Lucy Exall Papers were acquired by purchase in one transaction from Reverend Paul Johnston in 2012 April 25. The collection begins in 1805 and ends in circa 1906. Records include a scrapbook with photographs, clippings, and correspondence, several literary productions including two handwritten books and one book of printed material, and a single photograph. With the scrapbook rapidly disintegrating, all materials were scanned with appropriate originals and scans placed in this collection.

**Organization and Arrangement:**

This small collection has been organized into three series: I. Literary Productions, II. Scrapbooks, and III. Photographs. The scrapbook series is the largest in the collection.

**Restrictions:** The collection is open for research.

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**Index Terms:**

Baptists--Texas--Brenham--History.  
 First Baptist Church (Austin, Tex.)--History.  
 First Baptist Church (Brenham, Tex.)--History.  
 Richmond (Va.)--Photographs.

**Related Materials:** None.

**Separated Materials:** None.

**Custodial History:**

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<b>Citation:</b>	Charles and Lucy Exall Chaplin Papers, Accession #3803, Box #, Folder #, The Texas Collection, Baylor University.

**Processing Information:** Finding aid completed by Paul Fisher, 2012 April 27.

**Container List:**

**Series I: Literary Productions, 1805-1880, 3 folders.**

This series contains various handwritten and printed materials relating to the Chaplin family. The published work "Close Communion No Peculiarity of the Baptists" by C.C. Chaplin was not found listed in any major library database. The series is in average condition.

<b>BOX NUMBER</b>	<b>FOLDER NUMBER</b>	<b>FOLDER TITLE</b>	<b>DATES</b>
1	1	Literary: "Extracts from the Diary of Colonel Sylvanus Seeley"	1805-1821
	2	Literary: "Notes of Sermons" by C.C. Chaplin	1857
	3	Literary: "Close Communion No Peculiarity of the Baptists" by C.C. Chaplin	1880

**Series II: Scrapbooks, circa1865-1906, 8 folders.**

This series contains one scrapbook with numerous photographs and clippings from the Exall family. Many photographs are identified. One photograph appears to be a Confederate naval officer, but nothing else is known about him. The series is in good condition.

<b>BOX NUMBER</b>	<b>FOLDER NUMBER</b>	<b>FOLDER TITLE</b>	<b>DATES</b>
1	4	Scrapbook: (1 of 8)	circa1865-1906
	5	Scrapbook: (2 of 8)	circa1865-1906
	6	Scrapbook: (3 of 8)	circa1865-1906
	7	Scrapbook: (4 of 8)	circa1865-1906
	8	Scrapbook: (5 of 8)	circa1865-1906
	9	Scrapbook: (6 of 8)	circa1865-1906
	10	Scrapbook: (7 of 8)	circa1865-1906
	11	Scrapbook: (8 of 8)	circa1865-1906

**Series III: Photographs, 1886, 1 folder.**

This series contains one photograph taken in 1886 in Richmond, Virginia. On the back of the photograph is written "Your Cousin H.A. Seeb's Sept. 15, 1886." It is unknown whether the man in the photograph is H.A. Seeb's or not. The series is in excellent condition.

<b>BOX NUMBER</b>	<b>FOLDER NUMBER</b>	<b>FOLDER TITLE</b>	<b>DATES</b>
1	12	Photographs: General	1886

**Notes:** One of the photographs in the collection scrapbook appears to be a Confederate naval officer. His name is not mentioned, nor is any insignia of any kind present on his uniform, but button markings can faintly be seen.

**Appendix A: Charles Chaplin Family Tree**

