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James Milton Carroll Papers. Inclusive 1898-1929, undated, Bulk 1923, undated

Summary Information

Creator	Carroll, James Milton (Creator) Walker, James (Creator)
Extent (quantity/size)	7 document boxes
Language	English
Abstract	The James Milton Carroll Papers consist of documents related to the writings of James Milton Carroll. These documents include manuscripts, proof sheets, sermons, tracts, and other writings. Also included are the notes of James Lafayette Walker, who used Carroll's book <i>A History of Texas Baptists</i> (1923) as a source for his own book.

Subjects

Authors, American--Texas. / Baptists -- Texas -- History. / Baylor University-- Alumni and alumnae. / Carroll, J.M. (James Milton), 1852-1931.

Administrative Information

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Scope and Content

The James Milton Carroll papers were acquired by gift in three transactions from an unknown donor, transfer, and the Southwest Baptist Theological Seminary. The first gift, noted on 1969 December 15, consisted of the proof sheets for *A History of Texas Baptists* and two letters. The second gift, transferred on 1974 July 24 from the uncatalogued holdings of the Texas Collection, consisted of two documents. The third gift, given on 1989 September 5 by the Texas Baptist Historical Collection of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, consisted of two and one half inches of documents.

This collection begins in 1889 and ends in 1929. The Literary Productions series is by far the largest in the collection. The typewritten manuscript and proof sheets for Carroll's book *A History of Texas Baptists* demonstrate the author's thought progression during his writing process, illustrating changes he made from stage to stage such as movement or removal of paragraphs. A large number of Carroll's writings such as tracts and speeches are also preserved within the collection.

Administrative/Biographical History

James Milton Carroll was born on 1852 January 8 in Monticello, Drew County, Arkansas. His father was Benajah Carroll, a Baptist minister, and his mother was Mary Elizabeth (Mallard) Carroll. In 1858, the Carroll family, numbering fourteen, moved to Burleson County, Texas. In 1870, Carroll married Sudie Eliza Womble from Caldwell, Texas. Though he had been orphaned by the age of seventeen and came from a background of limited education, James Milton Carroll enrolled at Baylor University at Independence in 1873 and graduated in five years with scholarship and oratory awards. He was also awarded an honorary Master of Arts degree from Baylor in 1884, when he delivered the commencement address.

Carroll served as the pastor in churches across Texas, notably in Anderson, Corpus Christi, Lampasas, Taylor, Waco, and San Antonio. He made a transition into education administration and became the first president of San Marcos Academy. He was later president of Oklahoma Baptist University and Howard Payne College, now Howard Payne University. He was the founder and leader of the Education Commission of the Baptist General Convention of Texas during the first ten years of its operation. He later served as the secretary and statistician for this organization.

In addition to education, Carroll held many other positions during his life. He served as the solicitor for the *Texas Baptist and Herald* and was an agent for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in Texas. Returning to the realm of higher education, Carroll became the financial agent for Baylor College, now Mary Hardin-Baylor University, and then endowment secretary for Baylor University. James Milton Carroll died in Fort Worth, Texas on 1931 January 11.

Today James Milton Carroll is best remembered for his numerous writings. His most notable publications include *Texas Baptist Statistics* (1895), *A History of Texas Baptists* (1923), and his widely given lecture *The Trail of Blood* (1931). James Milton Carroll also wrote *B.H. Carroll, The Colossus of Baptist History* (1946), a biography of his older brother Benajah Harvey Carroll, a prolific Baptist preacher and Baylor educator involved with founding the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. B.H. Carroll also worked with the Waco Baptist Association and facilitated the creation of Baylor University in Waco.

The James Milton Carroll Papers contain correspondence and documents related to Carroll's writings, but included with these are a series of fifteen notebooks written by James Lafayette Walker. These notebooks contain notes Walker took in the 1930s while compiling a revision to his 1897 work detailing the history of the Waco Baptist Association. While working on this revision, he used James Milton Carroll's book *A History of Texas Baptists* (1923) as a new source of information.

James Lafayette Walker was born on 1851 March 15 in Missouri. While employed by the Waco Baptist Association, he

conducted services at the First Baptist Church of Hewitt from September to December of 1900. The following year, he reduced his work to a half-time position with the Waco Baptist Association and accepted the position of pastor at the First Baptist Church of Hewitt, where he helped to organize a Baptist Sunday School. Described by a colleague as "one of the humblest and most self-sacrificing and consecrated men" in Baptist ministry, he wrote a number of articles and co-wrote *History of the Waco Baptist Association of Texas* (1897). He later revised the work at the request of the Waco Baptist Association. He completed the revision in 1935. James Lafayette Walker died on 1943 November 11.

Related Resources

Related citations

Carroll, James Milton. *A History of Texas Baptists: Comprising a Detailed Account of Their Activities, Their Progress, and Their Achievements*, Dallas: Baptist Standard Publishing, 1923.

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Archival Arrangement

The James Milton Carroll Papers were organized by material type. The prior organization was basically kept, including the folder titles. The main change was moving the manuscript ahead of the proof sheets. Currently, the James Milton Carroll Papers are arranged in three series: I. Literary Productions, II. Personal Papers, and III. James Lafayette Walker Notebooks.

Series 1: Literary Productions. 1902, 1923, undated

Administrative/Biographical History

The Literary Productions series contains manuscripts, proof sheets, essays, tracts, speeches, sermons, and other writings by James Milton Carroll. One manuscript and the proof sheets show the progression of writing *A History of Texas Baptists*. The typewritten manuscript was not complete when it was donated. The other manuscript consists of photocopies of Carroll's autobiography, which was written in his own hand. This series is in average to good condition.

Item List

Box 1. Folder 1. Literary: A History of Texas Baptists: Manuscript: Chapters 2-3, undated

Box 1. Folder 2. Literary: A History of Texas Baptists: Manuscript: Chapters 5-6, undated

Box 1. Folder 3. Literary: A History of Texas Baptists: Manuscript: Chapters 7-8, undated

Box 1. Folder 4. Literary: A History of Texas Baptists: Manuscript: Chapters 9-11, undated

Box 1. Folder 5. Literary: A History of Texas Baptists: Manuscript: Chapter 12, undated

Box 1. Folder 6. Literary: A History of Texas Baptists: Manuscript: Chapters 13-14, undated

Box 1. Folder 7. Literary: A History of Texas Baptists: Manuscript: Chapters 15-16, undated

Box 1. Folder 8. Literary: A History of Texas Baptists: Manuscript: Chapters 17-18, undated

Box 1. Folder 9. Literary: A History of Texas Baptists: Manuscript: Chapter 19, undated

Box 1. Folder 10. Literary: A History of Texas Baptists: Manuscript: Chapters 20-21, undated

Box 1. Folder 11. Literary: A History of Texas Baptists: Manuscript: Chapter 22, undated

Box 1. Folder 12. Literary: A History of Texas Baptists: Manuscript: Chapter 23, undated

Box 1. Folder 13. Literary: A History of Texas Baptists: Manuscript: Chapter 24, undated

Box 1. Folder 14. Literary: A History of Texas Baptists: Manuscript: Chapters 25-26, undated

Box 1. Folder 15. Literary: A History of Texas Baptists: Manuscript: Chapter 27, undated

Box 1. Folder 16. Literary: A History of Texas Baptists: Manuscript: Chapters 28-29, undated

Box 1. Folder 17. Literary: A History of Texas Baptists: Manuscript: Chapter 30, undated

Box 1. Folder 18. Literary: A History of Texas Baptists: Manuscript: Chapter 31, undated

Box 1. Folder 19. Literary: A History of Texas Baptists: Manuscript: Chapters 32-33, undated

Box 1. Folder 20. Literary: A History of Texas Baptists: Manuscript: Chapters 34-35, undated

Box 1. Folder 21. Literary: A History of Texas Baptists: Manuscript: Chapter 36, undated

Box 1. Folder 22. Literary: A History of Texas Baptists: Manuscript: Chapter 37, undated

Box 1. Folder 23. Literary: A History of Texas Baptists: Manuscript: Chapter 38, undated

Box 1. Folder 24. Literary: A History of Texas Baptists: Manuscript: Chapter 39, undated

Box 1. Folder 25. Literary: A History of Texas Baptists: Manuscript: Chapter 40, undated

Box 1. Folder 26. Literary: A History of Texas Baptists: Manuscript: Chapter 41, undated

Box 1. Folder 27. Literary: A History of Texas Baptists: Manuscript: Chapter 42, undated

Box 1. Folder 28. Literary: A History of Texas Baptists: Manuscript: Chapter 43, undated

Box 1. Folder 29. Literary: A History of Texas Baptists: Manuscript: Chapter 44, undated

Box 1. Folder 30. Literary: A History of Texas Baptists: Manuscript: Chapter 45, undated

Box 1. Folder 31. Literary: A History of Texas Baptists: Manuscript: Chapter 46, undated

Box 2. Folder 1. Literary: A History of Texas Baptists: Manuscript: Chapter 47, undated

Box 2. Folder 2. Literary: A History of Texas Baptists: Manuscript: Chapter 48, undated

Box 2. Folder 3. Literary: A History of Texas Baptists: Manuscript: Chapter 49, undated

Box 2. Folder 4. Literary: A History of Texas Baptists: Manuscript: Chapter 50, undated

Box 2. Folder 5. Literary: A History of Texas Baptists: Manuscript: Chapter 52, undated

Box 2. Folder 6. Literary: A History of Texas Baptists: Manuscript: Chapter 54, undated

Box 2. Folder 7. Literary: A History of Texas Baptists: Manuscript: Chapter 55, undated

Box 2. Folder 8. Literary: A History of Texas Baptists: Manuscript: Chapter 56, undated

Box 2. Folder 9. Literary: A History of Texas Baptists: Manuscript: Chapter 57, undated

Box 2. Folder 10. Literary: A History of Texas Baptists: Manuscript: Chapter 58, undated

Box 2. Folder 11. Literary: A History of Texas Baptists: Manuscript: Chapter 62, undated

Box 2. Folder 12. Literary: A History of Texas Baptists: Manuscript: Chapter 66, undated

Box 2. Folder 13. Literary: A History of Texas Baptists: Manuscript: Chapter 68, undated

Box 2. Folder 14. Literary: A History of Texas Baptists: Manuscript: Chapter 69, undated

Box 2. Folder 15. Literary: A History of Texas Baptists: Manuscript: Chapter 74, undated

Box 2. Folder 16. Literary: A History of Texas Baptists: Manuscript: Chapter 75, undated

Box 5. Folder 10. Literary: The Story of My Life: Chapters 17-18, undated
Box 5. Folder 11. Literary: The Story of My Life: Chapters 19-20, undated
Box 5. Folder 12. Literary: The Story of My Life: Chapters 21-22, undated
Box 5. Folder 13. Literary: The Story of My Life: Chapters 23-24, undated
Box 5. Folder 14. Literary: The Story of My Life: Chapters 25-26, undated
Box 5. Folder 15. Literary: The Story of My Life: Chapter 27, undated
Box 5. Folder 16. Literary: The Story of My Life: Chapter 28, undated
Box 5. Folder 17. Literary: The Story of My Life: Chapter 29-30, undated
Box 5. Folder 18. Literary: The Story of My Life: Chapters 31-33, undated
Box 5. Folder 19. Literary: Essays, undated
Box 5. Folder 20. Literary: Tracts: General, undated
Box 5. Folder 21. Literary: Tracts: Christian Schools: (1 of 2), undated
Box 5. Folder 22. Literary: Tracts: Christian Schools: (2 of 2), undated
Box 5. Folder 23. Literary: Sermons and Speeches: (1 of 3), 1902, undated
Box 5. Folder 24. Literary: Sermons and Speeches: (2 of 3), undated
Box 5. Folder 25. Literary: Sermons and Speeches: (3 of 3), undated
Box 5. Folder 26. Literary: General, undated

Series 2: Personal Papers. 1898-1929, undated

Administrative/Biographical History

The Personal Papers series contains James Milton Carroll's correspondence during his research for *A History of Texas Baptists*, correspondence about the donation of the proof sheets, and Carroll's inventory of his personal library, written in his own handwriting. This series is in average condition.

Item List

Box 5. Folder 27. Personal: Correspondence, 1898-1929
Box 5. Folder 28. Personal: Inventory of Personal Library: (1 of 2), undated
Box 5. Folder 29. Personal: Inventory of Personal Library: (2 of 2), undated

Series 3: James Lafayette Walker Notebooks. undated

Administrative/Biographical History

This series contains the notes of James Lafayette Walker during his research for the revision of his 1897 book *History of the Waco Baptist Association*, made in stenographer's notebooks. Walker lists James Milton Carroll's book *A History of Texas Baptists* as a source for new information to be used in this extensive revision, which was completed in 1935. This series is in average condition.

Item List

Box 6. Folder 1. History of Waco Baptist Association Revision Notes: (1 of 15), undated
Box 6. Folder 2. History of Waco Baptist Association Revision Notes: (2 of 15), undated
Box 6. Folder 3. History of Waco Baptist Association Revision Notes: (3 of 15), undated
Box 6. Folder 4. History of Waco Baptist Association Revision Notes: (4 of 15), undated
Box 6. Folder 5. History of Waco Baptist Association Revision Notes: (5 of 15), undated
Box 6. Folder 6. History of Waco Baptist Association Revision Notes: (6 of 15), undated
Box 6. Folder 7. History of Waco Baptist Association Revision Notes: (7 of 15), undated
Box 6. Folder 8. History of Waco Baptist Association Revision Notes: (8 of 15), undated
Box 7. Folder 1. History of Waco Baptist Association Revision Notes: (9 of 15), undated
Box 7. Folder 2. History of Waco Baptist Association Revision Notes: (10 of 15), undated
Box 7. Folder 3. History of Waco Baptist Association Revision Notes: (11 of 15), undated
Box 7. Folder 4. History of Waco Baptist Association Revision Notes: (12 of 15), undated
Box 7. Folder 5. History of Waco Baptist Association Revision Notes: (13 of 15), undated
Box 7. Folder 6. History of Waco Baptist Association Revision Notes: (14 of 15), undated
Box 7. Folder 7. History of Waco Baptist Association Revision Notes: (15 of 15), undated