The Henry Trantham Papers consist of documents generated and collected by Henry Trantham. The papers contain correspondence, administrative and academic materials, and other loose materials related to Baylor University and the Greek and Classics Departments, the Southwest Athletic Conference, and the Rhodes Scholarship program.

The Henry Trantham Papers were acquired at an unknown date, presumably a donation from a family member after his death. They were initially inventoried in February of 1971.

The collection consists of multiple series that can be broken down into six subseries, with each category arranged by chronological order or subcategory. Most of the materials are handwritten in pencil. It contains correspondence related to the Southwest Athletic Conference from 1921 to 1941; correspondence related to Baylor University administration, the Classics Department and the Diamond Jubilee; correspondence related to the Rhodes Scholarship, in the context of Rhodes Scholarship alumni and the selection process for new Rhodes Scholars; and personal correspondence. The correspondence was generated by Henry Trantham and by others, and includes drafts of letters frequently written on the back of lesson plans and student exams. It also contains Baylor University grade books for Greek and History classes from 1910 to 1958, primarily in bound book form. It contains lesson plans for Greek language classes and History classes. There are newsletters and materials related to the Rhodes Scholarship, from 1920 to 1956. Meeting minutes, team rosters, newspaper clippings and other materials related to the Southwest Athletic Conference are also included. There are a few receipts and other personal materials.

The Henry Trantham Papers contain correspondence and literary products about Trantham’s activities with Baylor University, the Rhodes Scholarship, and the Southwest Athletic Conference from 1921 to 1950.

Henry Trantham was born on 1882 March 10 in Camden, South Carolina. He received a Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts Degree from Wake Forest College in 1900 and 1901, and attended the University of Oxford through the Rhodes Scholarship from 1905 to 1908. Trantham taught at the Oak Ridge Institute in Oak Ridge, North Carolina, from 1902 to 1905, and served as the principal at the Newnan High School in Newnan, Georgia, from 1908 to 1910. He was a professor of Greek and Roman History, Twentieth Century History, and Greek language at Baylor University from 1910 to 1958, serving as the Greek Department head from 1910 to 1950, and Classics Department chairman from 1950 to 1958. Trantham retired in 1958 and died on 1962 February 19.

Henry Trantham served on multiple committees and boards. He was the Baylor University faculty representative to the Southwest Athletic Conference from 1916 to 1923, and from 1925 to 1941. Trantham was the president of the Southwest Athletic Conference from 1918 to 1919, and from 1936 to 1941, and in that position he assisted in the establishment of the Cotton Bowl Association. He was the secretary for the Rhodes Scholarship Selection committee from 1919 to 1939. Trantham was a member of the Board of Commissioners, City of Waco, Texas, from 1931 to 1933. He was a member of the Philosophical Society of Texas, the Texas Classical Association, the Philosopher’s Club of Waco, Texas, and Phi Beta Kappa. At Baylor University, Trantham was the editor of “The Diamond Jubilee, 1845-1920”.

The Henry Trantham Papers, particularly the correspondence series, provides useful information about the Southwest Athletic Conference, particularly information about team rosters, constitutional discussions and eligibility issues. The correspondence and Baylor Academic Materials series provide useful Greek language lesson plans, which are both in English and Greek.

The Henry Trantham Papers were not organized prior to processing, beyond a few folders containing correspondence and lesson plans. The collection had an initial inventory from 1971.

Administrative/Biographical History
Series includes correspondence to and from Henry Trantham related to Baylor University, the Rhodes Scholarship and the Southwest Athletic Conference. The material is in fair condition: the sheets are yellowed, and many items are facsimile and carbon copies on thin and worn paper.

Item List
Box 1. Folder 1. Correspondence: Baylor University, 1921 April 1-June 21
Box 1. Folder 2. Correspondence: Baylor University, 1921 July 11-November 11
Box 1. Folder 3. Correspondence: Baylor University, 1921 November 28 - 1922 July 12
Box 1. Folder 4. Correspondence: Baylor University, 1923 September 4 - 1923 August 31
Box 1. Folder 5. Correspondence: Baylor University, 1941 May 19 -1941 April 16
Box 1. Folder 6. Correspondence: Baylor University, 1941 May 7 - 1947 November 18
Box 1. Folder 7. Correspondence: Baylor University, 1947 November 25 - 1949 April 20
Box 1. Folder 8. Correspondence: Baylor University, 1949 May 11 - 1951 May 31
Box 1. Folder 9. Correspondence: Baylor University, undated
Box 1. Folder 10. Correspondence: Rhodes Scholarship, 1921 September 20-October 22
Box 1. Folder 11. Correspondence: Rhodes Scholarship, 1921 October 24 - December
Box 1. Folder 12. Correspondence: Rhodes Scholarship, 1922 February 21-August 27
Box 1. Folder 13. Correspondence: Rhodes Scholarship, 1922 September 12 - 1923 June 5
Box 1. Folder 14. Correspondence: Rhodes Scholarship, 1923 June 19 - 1940 April 12
Box 1. Folder 15. Correspondence: Rhodes Scholarship, 1947 February 26 - 1950, undated
Box 1. Folder 16. Correspondence: Personal Correspondence, 1922 September 19 - 1922 July 2
Box 1. Folder 17. Correspondence: Personal Correspondence, 1922 September 22 - 1939 March 4
Box 1. Folder 18. Correspondence: Personal Correspondence, 1940 March 27 - 1941 August 17
Box 1. Folder 19. Correspondence: Personal Correspondence, 1942 May 22 - 1947 June 24
Box 1. Folder 20. Correspondence: Personal Correspondence, 1947 October 11 - 1948 May 20
Box 2. Folder 1. Correspondence: Personal Correspondence, 1948 May 26 - 1949 November 22
Box 2. Folder 2. Correspondence: Personal Correspondence, 1949 December 25 - 1952 August 29
Box 2. Folder 3. Correspondence: Personal Correspondence, undated
Box 2. Folder 4. Correspondence: Athletics, 1921 March 30 - November 17
Box 2. Folder 5. Correspondence: Athletics, 1921 November 21 - 1922 February 17
Box 2. Folder 6. Correspondence: Athletics, 1922 February 18 - April 4
Box 2. Folder 7. Correspondence: Athletics, 1922 April 18 - May 8
Box 2. Folder 8. Correspondence: Athletics, 1922 May 8 - September 22
Box 2. Folder 9. Correspondence: Athletics, 1922 September 25 - November 24
Box 2. Folder 10. Correspondence: Athletics, 1922 November 24 - December 19,
Box 2. Folder 11. Correspondence: Athletics, 1923 January 4 - February 17
Box 2. Folder 12. Correspondence: Athletics, 1923 March 4 - March 28
Box 2. Folder 13. Correspondence: Athletics, 1923 April 2 - May 4
Box 2. Folder 14. Correspondence: Athletics, 1923 May 8 - December 13
Box 2. Folder 15. Correspondence: Athletics, 1939 December 5 - 1941 April 8
Box 2. Folder 16. Correspondence: Athletics, 1941 April 9 - May 2
Box 2. Folder 17. Correspondence: Athletics, 1941 May 6 - July 1
Box 2. Folder 18. Correspondence: Athletics, undated

Series 2: Baylor Grade Books. 1910-1958, undated

Administrative/Biographical History
Series contains 20 grade books and typewritten grade sheets for Greek language and various History classes at Baylor University. The material is in good condition: the books are starting to yellow.

Item List
Box 3. Folder 1. Baylor Grade Books, 1910-1912
Box 3. Folder 3. Baylor Grade Books, 1922-1927
Box 3. Folder 4. Baylor Grade Books, 1928-1929
Box 3. Folder 5. Baylor Grade Books, 1933-1934
Box 3. Folder 8. Baylor Grade Books, 1936-1937
Box 3. Folder 11. Baylor Grade Books, 1939-1940
Box 4. Folder 1. Baylor Grade Books, 1940-1941
Box 4. Folder 2. Baylor Grade Books, 1941-1942
Box 4. Folder 4. Baylor Grade Books, 1943-1944
Box 4. Folder 5. Baylor Grade Books, 1944-1945

Series 3: Baylor Academic Materials. 1922-1958, undated

Administrative/Biographical History
Series includes lesson plans, midterm and final exams, and class notes related to Greek language, History, Physics and Chemistry classes at Baylor University, along with administrative papers and other materials related to Baylor University. The material is in fair condition: the sheets are yellowed, and many items are facsimile and carbon copies on thin and worn paper.
Series 4: Non-Baylor Academic Materials. 1908-1960, undated

Summary Information
Media Photographic print

Administrative/Biographical History
Series contains twelve Rhodes Scholarship-related newsletters, two pamphlets related to the Rhodes Scholarship, an Oxford University Address Book, one oversized photograph and three bound essays. The material is in good condition: some of the items are yellowed and show wear on the edges.

Item List
Box 13 OYV. Folder 1. Non-Baylor Academic Materials: Rhodes Scholarship Reunion, 1947

Series 5: Athletic Materials. 1921-1952, undated

Administrative/Biographical History
Series contains athletic reports, rosters, a Cotton Bowl newspaper clipping scrapbook and other athletic materials. The material is in good condition: some of the items are yellowed.

Item List
Box 11. Folder 1. Athletic Materials: Southwest Athletic Conference Meeting Minutes, 1922-1941
Box 11. Folder 2. Athletic Materials: Southwest Athletic Conference Meeting Minutes, 1941
Box 11. Folder 3. Athletic Materials: Southwest Athletic Conference Reports, 1922
Box 11. Folder 5. Athletic Materials: Southwest Athletic Conference Constitution and By-Laws, 1932-1933
Box 11. Folder 7. Athletic Materials: Southwest Athletic Conference Constitution and By-Laws, 1941
Box 11. Folder 8. Athletic Materials: Cotton Bowl Scrapbook (1 of 6), 1940-1941
Box 11. Folder 9. Athletic Materials: Cotton Bowl Scrapbook (2 of 6), 1940-1941
Box 11. Folder 10. Athletic Materials: Cotton Bowl Scrapbook (3 of 6), 1940-1941
Box 11. Folder 11. Athletic Materials: Cotton Bowl Scrapbook (4 of 6), 1940-1941
Box 11. Folder 12. Athletic Materials: Cotton Bowl Scrapbook (5 of 6), 1940-1941
Box 11. Folder 13. Athletic Materials: Cotton Bowl Scrapbook (6 of 6), 1940-1941
Box 11. Folder 15. Athletic Materials: Baylor Athletic Rosters: Track, Swimming, Tennis, Golf, 1941, undated
Box 11. Folder 17. Athletic Materials: Baylor Meeting Minutes, 1921-1922
Box 11. Folder 19. Athletic Materials: Clippings, 1940-1952, undated

Series 6: Personal Materials. 1894-1962, undated

Summary Information
Media Photographic print

Administrative/Biographical History
Series contains musical recital programs, handwritten notes and smoking schedules, receipts and other personal materials. The material is in good condition: some of the items are yellowed.
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