Collections of the
North Alabama Conference,
United Methodist Church

2017

The Alex and Louise Woodall Collection of Ministerial Biographies
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North Alabama Conference Churches
A vertical file located on the east wall of the archive

NAC 1: Oak Bowery (LaFayette and Roanoke Districts)
Church and circuit (including Cusseta Church)
1 box (1.25 linear feet)

NAC 2 Trafford (Albertville District)
Membership records, Sunday School books, church registers, guest books, quarterly conference records, minutes, orders of service, scrapbook with photographs.
1 box (1.25 linear feet)
Membership and church record, September 1914-Official quarterly conference

NAC 3 Women in Methodism
Diverse collection of printed and typed material relating to women’s activities in the church: minutes of meetings, newsletters, nominations, charitable activities, service and socials, histories and inspiration. Bulk of material from 1970-1980.
11 boxes (12.5 linear feet)
3.1 Miscellaneous records; Birmingham East District
Typescript, “67th St. U.M. Women,” with history of the 67th St. U.M.C., by Miss Eva Godbey (43 pp.)
Typed material on West Woodlawn U.M.C.
Folder: Committee on Nominations, Bham East Dist.
W/Minutes of UM Women – East Dist.
Folder: “Bham East President”
Folder: “Minutes” (ca. 275 pp.) Signed Lucile Hamrick, August 1990.
Folder: Registration lists for various dist. Meetings”
Folder (orange plastic cover) Correspondence with W.G. Waldrop, CPA 1970-71
Folder (clear plastic cover) Bham East News – newsletters 1988-91.
Folder: collection of typescript histories of women’s organizations of several churches, including St. Paul’s United, St. John’s, Mt. Moriah, Mtn. Chapel United, McCoy Methodist, Irondale, Fairview United, East Lake United.
Folder, tan notebook: “Bham East newsletters, 1959-1982”
Folder: Horizons Conf., newsletter, 1968-86.
Folder: Newsletters BE Dist. 1985-87.
Folder: blue notebook, “Nominees for 100 Women of Methodism Centennial Observance”
File folder (last item) Membership material. Includes “Guidelines for Organizing New Units of UM Women.”

3.2 United Methodist Women, Birmingham East District
Coll. of brochures. School of Missions.
Blue notebook. “Missionaries.”
Spiral notebook. “Duplicate copies of minutes, 1943-1986”
Envelope “1984 & 1985, Where the Money Goes, Packet on Finances Stock #1371”
Misc. programs, minutes, clippings, booklets, etc.

3.3 Scrapbooks and photo albums
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3.5 Scrapbooks and photo albums
3.6 Unsorted materials
3.7 Unsorted materials
3.8 Unsorted materials
3.9 Miscellaneous files
3.10 Oversize: Scrapbooks and photo albums
3.11 Early Women in Missions
3.12 Women’s Missionary Society, Tuscaloosa District minutes 1929-1936
   (housed in box 3.10)

NAC 4 Central Heights (Florence District)
Although there is a 1976 copy of the Board of the Ministry Conference Report,
collection appears to be a mix of miscellaneous records, 1952-1958, from a
variety of sources, mostly Central Heights and Pastor Martin Gunnin,
1 box (1.25 linear feet)
4.1.1 Miscellaneous correspondence, 1958-
4.1.3 “Sermons and speeches given at Central Heights.”
4.1.4 Central Heights, 1956-1957.
4.1.5 Central Heights, 1956-1957.
4.1.6 Meridianville Circuit, 1949-1950. [former post of Martin Gunnin?]
4.1.7 Gurley Circuit.
4.1.8 Walnut Hill.
4.1.9 Whitesburg Drive, Huntsville, 1948-1949.
4.1.10 Correspondence, M.L. Gunnin and others, 1952.
4.1.11 Pastors reports, correspondence, etc. 1954-1955.
4.1.12 Florence District.
4.1.13 Flat Creek Circuit, 1952-1953.
Rest of box: miscellaneous unfoldered material, including S.E.J. publication,
“Financing the Church Budget,” 1976 Board of the Ministry Conference Report;
pamphlets, lists, etc.

NAC 5 Walker Memorial, formerly Elyton (Birmingham District)
Church records and orders of service, 1970-1985 (3 linear ft.) In addition there are
five additional boxes of Walker Memorial material as yet unprocessed. Also three
oversize boxes containing Brotherhood Class Journals have been inventoried. The
Brotherhood Class Journals go back to 1913; there are in addition church
registers, attendance journals, scrapbooks, ledgers, photographs. See archival
additional information.
12 boxes (14 linear feet)
5.1 Miscellaneous files, including treasurers’ reports and church birthdays
   5.1.1 History
   5.1.2 Birthday Roll
   5.1.3 Birthday & historical letters
   5.1.4 Chrismon symbols
   5.1.5 Incorporation
   5.1.6 Birthday – Jam Daniell
   5.1.7 Birthday – 1970’s
   5.1.8 Birthday – 165th – 1983
   5.1.9 Large envelope awards forms with lists, “Birthday certificates”
   5.1.10 Equipment, 1987
5.1.11 Inventory – parsonage
5.1.12 Parsonage – water line
5.1.13 Birthday – 167th – 1985
5.1.15 Ibid. 1977-1979
5.1.17 Treasurer’s Reports, June 1978
5.1.18 Treasurer’s Reports, June 1978
5.1.19 Treasurer’s Reports, 1966 & to date
5.1.20 Treasurer’s Report, 1982-1985
5.1.21 Treasurer’s Report, 1987 and Administrative Board Meetings
5.1.22 Brochures
5.1.23 Weekly Money Report, 1983-1984
5.1.25 Weekly Reports, 1982-1983
5.1.26 Monthly Reports, 1981-1982
5.1.27 Weekly Reports, 1981-1982
5.1.28 Treasurer’s Reports, 1980-1981
5.1.29 Weekly Reports, 1980-1981
5.1.30 Monthly Reports, 1979-1980
5.1.31 Weekly Reports, 1979-1980
5.1.32 Monthly Reports, 1978-1979
5.1.33 Weekly Reports, 1978-1979
5.1.34 Monthly Reports, 1977-1978

5.2: Miscellaneous files, including board minutes, treasurers’ reports, quarterly conference minutes
5.2.1 Board Minutes, 1956-
5.2.2 Board Minutes, 1956-
5.2.3 Board Minutes & Treasurer’s Reports, 1952-53
5.2.4 Administrative Board Minutes, Treasurer’s Reports, 1948 (3 folders)
5.2.5 Ibid
5.2.6 Ibid
5.2.7 Treasurer’s and Miscellaneous Reports, 1958-1981
5.2.8 Miscellaneous Reports, 1973-1977
5.2.9 UMW Treasurer’s Reports & Receipts, 1976-
5.2.10 Minutes of Administrative Board, June15,1977-Dec.15,1980
5.2.11 Miscellaneous minutes of various church programs and departments
5.2.12 Board Minutes, 1967
5.2.13 Minutes of Quarterly Conference, 1963
5.2.14 Ibid
5.2.15 Quarterly Conference Record Book, 1945-
5.2.16 Ibid
5.2.17 Administrative Board, 1988
5.2.18 UMW Minutes, 1989-
5.2.19 Matron’s Class Notes, 1952-
5.2.20 Matron’s Class Finance Committee, 1956-
5.2.21 Matron’s Class Finance Committee, 1954-

5.3 Miscellaneous files, including administrative board minutes, Sunday School record books
5.3.1 Matron’s Class
5.3.2 Secretary’s Roll Call Book, Matron’s Class, 1955-56
5.3.3 Sarah Eubanks Class, 1929
5.3.4 Ibid, 1940-41
5.3.5 Ibid, 1938-40
5.3.6 Board Minutes, 1964-65
5.3.7 Administrative Board Minutes, 1969-77
5.3.8 Administrative Board Minutes, 1969-77
5.3.9 Minutes, 1958-1962
5.3.10 Ibid
5.3.11 Minutes, 1958-1962 (cont’d)
5.3.12 Sarah Eubanks bank statements, etc. 1952-(?)
5.3.13 Sarah Eubanks Records & Notes
5.3.14 Sarah Eubanks Miscellaneous
5.3.15 Sarah Eubanks, 1946-
5.3.16 Sarah Eubanks, 1927-28
5.3.17 Miscellaneous
Rest of box: Guest book, secretary-treasurer’s books.

5.4 Miscellaneous files, including board of stewards, quarterly conference records, guest books, Sunday School record books
5.4.1 Board of Stewards, 1933-
5.4.2 Ibid
5.4.3 Ibid
5.4.4 Quarterly Conference Record Book, 1939
5.4.5 Quarterly Conference Reports, 1942-
5.4.6 Quarterly Conference Record, 1915-1918
5.4.7 Quarterly Conference Record, Elyton & Walker memorial, 1907-1908
5.4.8 Quarterly Conference Minutes, Elyton, 1891-
5.4.9 Ibid
5.4.10 Ibid, 1895-
5.4.11 Ibid, 1904-
Rest of box: secretary-treasurer’s books, Sunday School books, guest books.

5.5 Miscellaneous
Walker Memorial yearbooks
Journal, Elyton, 1908

5.6 Miscellaneous files
5.6.1 Administrative Board Minutes, Nov. 1983-May, 1986
5.6.2 WSCS--1972
5.6.3 United Methodist Women, 1976-1977
5.6.4 Ibid, 1973-
5.6.5 Ibid, 1983-84
5.6.6 Ibid, 1974-
5.6.7 WSCS Festival
5.6.8 World Day of Prayer, 1942-
5.6.9 Ibid
5.6.10 Ibid
5.6.11 Quarterly Conference Reports, 1958-1963
5.6.12 U.M. Women Treasurer’s Reports, 1986
5.6.14 Council on Ministries, 1975-
5.6.15 Miscellaneous
5.6.16 WSCS, 1944-
5.6.17 WSCS, 1947-
5.6.18 WSCS Correspondence, 1944
5.6.19 Treasurer’s Reports, 1949
5.6.20 WSCS, 1950-51
5.6.21 WSCS Procedural File
5.6.22 Wesleyan Service Guild Promotion
5.6.23 Photographs
Rest of Box: Record and Report Books

5.7 Miscellaneous
Orders of service, brochures, extra copies of the printed *History of Walker Memorial Church*, 6 notebooks from Brotherhood Class.

5.8 Orders of Service
5.9 Brotherhood Class journals (Notes by Caryl Johnston excerpted from longer file)
Of the accounts by the different recording secretaries glanced over in cursory fashion by the archivist, the accounts of C.O. Hodges deserve to be mentioned. Mr. Hodges discharged his duties with flair.
1911 October 1 – 1913 March 23
Mostly typed reports of meetings, lists of members, and reports on the competitions between the Reds and the Blues.
1913 - 1916
It is interesting to compare earlier versions of the Walker Memorial Brotherhood Journal. Most of the notes of the 1913-1916 volume are typed, the pages having been pasted into the journal. Reports are more mechanical in nature, with tabulations taken of enrollment, officers present, members with Testaments, members who have read the lesson, etc. Evidently there was some kind of points system, with the daily total noted. At the end of this 1 p. typed report, there is room for “Remarks.” These comprise motions made, topics for lessons, etc. -- though often this section is blank.
1916 October 1 – 1919 September 28
1922 August 6 – 1927 July 17
In the 1922-1927 volume, we have come into a much fuller world. There is a whole handwritten page devoted to each Brotherhood class. The points system seems to have survived having to do with the “Reds” and the “Blues.” The points detail roll call, total attendance, officers, Bibles, etc.

1935 June 9 – 1943 September 12
Handwritten accounts of Brotherhood Class meetings; typed and printed material (copies of Constitution, by-laws, etc.); letters glued or folded in; news clippings; a typed history of the Brotherhood Class by A.W. Mangum, secretary, “written for the Alabama Christian Advocate;” (explains origins of Reds and Blues, among other things) -- condolence cards, etc.

There are not as many descriptions of lessons in this journal, but descriptions of proceedings are full, sometimes catching note of conversations and remarks made. Eugene Connor makes his appearance; for example, on Nov.1, 1936, when he spoke in favor of teaching the temperance law in the public schools.

On Jan.17, 1937, the note was made that Dr. Henry Edmonds would be speaking at the Church at 5. There is correspondence from Clarence Small and Dr. Guy Snavely.

1943 September 26 – 1952 January 6
Before adding this journal to the Walker Memorial material, I scanned it and discovered some interesting features. My attention was arrested by a passage in the second entry, for October 3, 1943, in which a “motion was made by Bull Connor to turn the class over to the teacher at 10:20 every Sunday morning regardless of what activity it may be in the midst of the motion was unanimously carried.” Later, on December 16, 1944, Bull Connor became president of the class, a position he held for some six months.

The Brotherhood Class usually comprised 30 to 40 people. Collections averaged about $10. Note is taken of the prayer, handshake moment, singing, report from sick visiting committee, etc. Topics of the lessons are sometimes mentioned, such as “Joy in Active Service,” “Why is Lying Wrong,” “Children, Obey your Parents,” “What Is Reverence?” “Christ Way of Life,” “Why Confess in Faith in Christ,” “Seeking the Great Treasure,” etc. But about half the time the topics of the lessons are not mentioned, only the notation being provided that the teacher Mr. Clayton Acker taught “a very interesting lesson.” Still, whether the topics are actually mentioned or not, there is never any notation regarding the actual content of the lessons nor the quality of the dialogue. This is disappointing. It does not seem to be enough to know that the Gospel is transmitted. We want to know how it was transmitted. More and more, I think, we will want concrete dialogue, examples, mannerisms, questions, responses, etc. These
details bring life and dynamism into any form of writing -- even reports of Sunday School classes.

One other small note. Up until November 23, 1947, the journal is written in either blue or black ink, and for the most part the different hands are flowing and legible. On November 23, 1947, however, ball point makes its entrance. The deterioration in the clarity of the letters is noticeable. In the rest of the journal, ink and ball point are used alternately (but not in any pattern.) In the present such a minor matter as the use of ball point or ink is of very little importance. But if there were any historical catastrophe, and the Walker Memorial Brotherhood Class journal were among the survivors, the difference in quality between the clean look of ink and the smudged and careless appearance of ballpoint, would be of historical interest.

5.10 Bound records
   Includes WACS, executive board, etc.
5.11 Membership records
5.12 Oversize: Scrapbooks and photo albums
5.13 Oversize: Brotherhood class journal (1927)
   1927 September 25 – 1933 January 29
   Literate and often detailed notes (when recorded by A.W. Mangum).

   On November 6, 1927, the note was entered that Miss Helen Keller was to speak at the Municipal Auditorium that afternoon.

   On June 12, 1932, “L.B. Cooper introduced Clay Touchstone, Bull Connor and [Johnnie?] Morgan to the class. Mr. Morgan sang a solo after being introduced.”

5.14 Attendance records
   1961 – 1982 Attendance Record
   [1939?] – 1950 Attendance Record

**NAC 6 Bishops’ Papers**

Papers, files, and materials related to bishops of the North Alabama Conference.

6.1/1  Bishops’ Office Files
   Includes North Alabama Conference papers, 1963-64; pamphlets and printed matter; material from Bishops Goodson and Hodge; David J. Vann’s letter to Bishop Hodge about the race issue and Methodist Layman’s Union (1959); material on the Dumas Bill. Folders 6.1.6-9 have material relating to race issue and the churches. There is a March 12, 1959, letter from David J. Vann to Bishop Bachman Hodge concerning the Methodist Layman’s Union, accompanied by Vann’s letter to the latter body—a plea for temperance—that is in the Central Alabama Conference Papers, NAC 30.3B18.

   There are also numerous resolutions from local churches resisting or disagreeing with the movement towards merger; condemning the emphasis on integration to be found in the Sunday School literature; and
taking issue with theological doctrines that equated segregation with sin. There are also letters to Bishop Hodge from L. Gordon Scarboro, the president of the Layman’s Union, reproaching the Bishop for giving tacit support to the liberals.

Also of interest in the collection is the pamphlet, “The Episcopal Address of the Bishops of the United Methodist Church to the Uniting Conference” (NAC 6.1.18), Dallas, April 22, 1968. The merger issue, the urban riots, student unrest, etc. seem to have prompted from the Bishops an unusually thoughtful effort. The report contains a history of Methodism in America; reflections on theology and church vocation; questions and thoughts about “the city” and what it is; youth rebellion; disillusionment (e.g., “many of our liberal ideas about the inevitable perfectibility of man have come to shipwreck”) and finally a call to ask the big questions once again and to define the place of the human being in the world, his destiny and relation to God. Pamphlet provides a good study-piece for the clarity and confusion of 1968, its historical consciousness (“Fellow Christians, we cannot escape history”), and its hopes.

Inventory date: March 18, 1998

6.1.1 North Alabama Conference
6.1.2 North Alabama Conference
6.1.4 Misc. pamphlets and printed matter; 5 items.
6.1.5 Misc. material from Bishop Goodson, Bishop Hodge, etc.
6.1.6 David J. Vann to Bishop Bachman Hodge, March 12, 1959; with letter to Methodist Layman’s Union regarding race issue.
6.1.7 Copy of letter from Bishop Bachman Hodge to Gov. John Patterson concerning Dumas Bill; with other correspondence concerning Methodist jurisdictional system.
6.1.8 Misc. material from bishop’s office files.
6.1.9 Declarations, resolutions, letters, memorials, clippings, etc. on race – desegregation, 1959. 29 pp.
6.1.10 Nine issues, The Current (1972--) Greater Birmingham Ministries
6.1.12 Correspondence, 1975.
6.1.15 Belle Meade United Methodist Survey, Fall, 1972. With church/school study project.
6.1.17 Misc. printed articles from Methodist publications.
6.1.18 Four pamphlets, with 2 issues of “Concern,” October 1 & 15, 1967.
   Includes booklet, “Operating Plan,” from the Committee on Church and Society.
6.1.20 Papers, printed material etc. about anatomical gifts – donor organs.
6.1.22 Denman Memorial, bulletins, 1975.
6.1.26 Host for the Administrative Board dinners, 1974.
   Memberships transferred.
6.1.28 Ibid, cont’d.
6.1.29 Norwood parish newsletter, 1974.
   Norwood proposed budget, 1974.
6.1.31 Stockham bulletins, 1976 (partial).
6.1.32 Norwood Treasurer’s Reports, 1974.
6.1.34 Ibid, cont’d.
6.1.35 Women’s Society of Christian Service. Bank passbooks; misc.
6.1.36 United Methodist Women: 2 handbooks.
6.1.41 Marriage and children’s baptismal certificates.
6.1.42 Contemporary Drama Service – flyers, information, etc. Provider of dramatic skits for churches.
6.1.43 Stockham Methodist – miscellaneous material.

6.1/2 Bishops’ Office files (formerly Collection 6.2)
   Includes material from Greater Birmingham Ministries; correspondence of Rev. Robert Grigsby; Norwood, Mt. Olivet, Belle Meade, Stockham, Denman Memorial etc. UM churches; WSCS; administrative and financial records; and miscellaneous pamphlets on various aspects of church history.
6.2.1 Chilton appointment to Norwood.
6.2.2 Audio-visual resources, UM Film Service; catalogues.
6.2.3 Bible Study: organizing and operating a small group. Oliver J. Edwards.
6.2.4 Material relating to issues of church and society.
6.2.5 Miscellaneous: Evangelism, membership notes, mission, nominating committee, Norwood community services.
6.2.7 Removals. (3 small notebooks)
6.2.8 New members, young people, notes (5 small notebooks)
6.2.9 Birmingham District Treasurer’s Receipts.
6.2.10 Miscellaneous.
6.2.11 Miscellaneous.
6.2.12 Methodist Rite: Service of High Communion.
6.2.13 “Dunmore’s Proclamation of Emancipation…1775” pamphlet,
    University of Virginia, 1941. McGregor Library Publication; with
    notes by John Cook Wylie.
6.2.15 Six pamphlets.
6.2.16 Mt. Lookout Institute for Young Ladies. Brochure.
6.2.17 Laws and statutes.
6.2.18 “An Account of Mr. John Reed,” Methodist Magazine, May 1804.
6.2.19 Black history: newsletter and pamphlet.
    copies.
6.2.21 Church and State: study commission pamphlet on church-
    government relations; 1967.
6.2.24 Booklet, “Attempts at Methodist and Moravian Union, 1785-86,”
    Warren Thomas Smith. Reprint from Methodist History, January
    1970.
6.2.25 “Mission and Witness,” January 1959. (2 copies; one placed on
    shelf)
6.2.26 Interdenominational relations. UMC General Conference, Atlanta
    1972.
6.2.27 Diocese of Alabama, 1907.
6.2.28 Board of Church Extension, 1915.
6.2.29 Miscellaneous pamphlets.
6.2.30 ibid.
6.2.31 ibid.

6.2 Bishop Kenneth Goodson’s files (four boxes)
6.2.1
6.2.2
6.2.3
6.2.4

6.3 Bishop Bachman Hodge’s files (formerly NAC 12)
[The arrangement for the most part follows the original order in which
    collection was found, folder titles and indications of contents being part of
    this original order.]
12.1.1. General Correspondence
    Various correspondence with a young Japanese woman; young
    Methodists marrying Catholics and concern over possible Catholic
12.1.2 Sermons (with comments)


Other items in this folder of interest to the spiritual ministry of Bachman Hodge are:

1 p. typed interpretation of Luke 14:26: “If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.” Bishop Hodge writes: “…Apparently what Jesus was saying to his disciples and to us was this: there is no obligation that supersedes our obligation to love and serve God.”

On Jan.13, 1958, J. M. Edwards, Lay Leader of the Leeds First Methodist Church wrote to Bishop Hodge saying that a study group had been formed to inquire about the objectives of the church, and “The thought occurred to me that it would be interesting to have an expression in this regard from a high official of our church such as yourself.” Bishop Hodge wrote back that “I think the first main objective toward which we should work in the local church is the deepening of the spiritual life of each member through bible study and prayer.” He goes on to recommend more effective evangelistic programs and the development of a more Christian attitude toward money and stewardship.

Also on January 13, 1958, J. Withers Blake, minister of Seminole Heights Methodist Church in Tampa, Fla. wrote to Bishop Hodge asking him to write down his definition of Evangelism— “I tried to take down your definition of Evangelism but I do not believe I got it just as you gave it.” Bishop Hodge replied (Jan.16): “Thank you for your letter and for your expressions of appreciation of my service at the evangelistic conference… The definition of evangelism I used was this: ‘The communication of a Person through a person to other persons.’ The point I tried to make was that the person we are to communicate to others is none other than Christ himself. If the Christian is the channel through which the message and the spirit of Christ are to be communicated, then he or she should be clean in mind, spirit and body. This definition is not mine, but for the life of me I can’t remember where it came from…”

1 p. typed reminder that modern Christians need to have some of the passion and zeal of the early Christians, whose church
grew phenomenally during its first three centuries -- “The reason for the rapid growth was the fact that the followers of Christ…were witnesses.” January 30, 1959.

In a May 13, 1959 letter to the Rev. A. M. Freeman, Bishop Hodge defends the Jurisdictional System, “the fundamental law and structure of Methodism.”

And in an August 26, 1959, letter addressed to “Dear Friends,” and concerning the forthcoming session of the North Alabama Conference, Bishop Hodge wrote that “I have always had the feeling that a Methodist Annual Conference should be a time when preachers and laymen alike should seek and find a deeper spiritual experience. The reports we make of work well done are important, but the most important thing about an Annual Conference should be, and I pray may be, our Christian fellowship with one another and that deeper fellowship which we can have with our Lord.”

12.1.3 NASHVILLE AREA, 1958: “BISHOP HODGE IN NASHVILLE AREA WHILE ROY SHORT TRAVELING”
Bishop Hodge replaces Bishop Short for a brief time in Nashville.

12.1.4 OFFICE RECORDS. Correspondence concerning racial matters in Birmingham and telegram by Dr. Martin Luther King; a resolution passed in the Council of Bishops; Methodist statement on Brown vs. Board of Education; essay on jurisdictional system by Bachman Hodge; and miscellaneous.

12.1.5 CRUSADE FOR METHODIST COLLEGES. Correspondence, 1961.

12.1.6 TRANSFERS IN AND OUT.

12.1.7 BOARD OF HOSPITALS AND HOMES. Concerning a hospital in Dothan, Ala.


12.1.10 WOMEN’S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE.

12.1.11 CABINET MATTERS. Appointments of pastors, ministers, etc. to various churches and districts; 1958-1959. Ca.100 pp.


12.1.13 BOARD OF EVANGELISM. Includes typed letter from Wallace M. Lovett, Pastor of Central Methodist Church in Decatur, to Bishop Hodge, about Evangelism; June 27, 1958; 4 pp.

12.1.15 METHODIST LAYMAN’S UNION. Correspondence between Rev. Robert Hughes of the Alabama Council on Human Relations and Bishop Bachman Hodge concerning the Methodist Layman’s Union; including Press Release by the ACHR and Newsletter; also, letter from Bishop Hodge to the Methodist Publishing House.

12.1.16 “NEW MEN SEEKING ADMISSION TO THE NORTH ALABAMA CONFERENCE”
Correspondence with applicants for positions in the NAC area; miscellaneous.

12.1.17 SUPERANNUATE HOMES.

12.1.18 OFFICE NOTES. Memos in hand of Bachman Hodge, Secretary Betty Hunter; draft of (talk?) by Bachman Hodge, “To the Methodists of the Birmingham Area,” 3 pp.; photos; child drawings; travel arrangements; misc.

12.1.19 ORDIATION MATTERS. COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN VOCATIONS. COMMISSION ON PROMOTION AND CULTIVATION. Miscellaneous.

12.1.20 ANNUAL CONFERENCE PROGRAMS -- NORTH ALABAMA CONFERENCE -- 1961.
Correspondence, programs, lists, schedules, etc. for Conference.

Mostly printed material; some correspondence.

12.1.22 COMMISSION ON TOWN AND COUNTRY WORK.

12.1.23 NEW HOSPITAL COMMITTEE. Plans for Carraway Methodist; correspondence, etc.

12.1.24 COMMITTEE ON URBAN LIFE.

12.1.25 TELEVISION, FILM AND RADIO COMMISSION.

12.1.26 COMMISSION ON WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE.

12.1.27 BOARD OF LAY ACTIVITIES.

12.1.28 BOARD OF MINISTERIAL TRAINING.

12.1.29 BOARD OF MISSIONS & CHURCH EXTENSION.

12.1.30 BOARD OF TEMPERANCE.

12.1.31 CAMP AND ASSEMBLY COMMISSION.

12.1.32 DEACONESS BOARD.

12.1.33 COMMISSION ON PUBLIC RELATIONS.

12.1.34 BOARD OF EDUCATION.

12.1.35 CARRAWAY METHODIST HOSPITAL.

12.1.36 CARRAWAY METHODIST HOSPITAL.

12.1.37 SNEAD JUNIOR COLLEGE.

12.1.38 BISHOP HARMON. Correspondence of Bishop Nolan Harmon.

12.1.39 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE; PREACHING, etc.

12.1.40 COLLEGE OF BISHOPS. Includes lists of bishops of the Methodist Church, 1962 & 1960. Minutes of meetings of the College of Bishops; miscellaneous.
12.1.41 CORRESPONDENCE -- COLLEGE OF BISHOPS -- 1958-1959
Bachman Hodge to Bishop William Watkins, November 5, 1958, 2 pp. about the race issue; status of Central Jurisdiction; minutes of meetings of the College of Bishops.

12.1.42 CORRESPONDENCE. Bishop Harmon asks Richard Stockham to answer a Northern critic of Southern ways (1964). Other material in folder -- miscellaneous problems with pastors, travel, memos, etc.

12.1.43 ATHENS COLLEGE.

12.1.44 HOME FOR AGING.
Remaining box: Treasurer’s reports; receipts and disbursements.

6.4/1 Bishop Clare Purcell’s files, including newspaper clippings
6.4/2 Bishop Clare Purcell’s files
6.5 Bishop J. Lloyd Knox (formerly NAC 1)
Church programs, bulletins, itineraries, information sheets, etc. of the Bishop’s travel activities. Folder 1.1.4 contains news clippings about the bishop’s efforts to deepen the spiritual life of the church, plus a few copies of his “Pastoral Letter,” published in the Advocate. Folder 1.1.6 contains TLS from George C. Wallace to Bishop Knox.
Remaining box is comprised of plaques, degrees, and awards.

NAC 7 Alex Woodall
Correspondence and articles for Voice and Advocate
1 box (1.25 linear feet)

NAC 8 Education in Methodism
Miscellaneous files
1 box (1.25 linear feet)

NAC 9 Sunnyside/Brookhaven (also Ann Memorial)
Miscellaneous files
2 boxes (2.5 linear feet)
1 bound The Membership and Church Record (NAC 9.3)

NAC 10 Brighton
Miscellaneous files
2 bound The Membership and Church Record
5 Quarterly Conference Records
2 other bound volumes
1 photo album
1 box (1.25 linear feet)

NAC 11 North Alabama Conference
Bound volumes (oversize)

NAC 12 NAC Historical Society
2 boxes (2.50 linear feet)
12.1 Miscellaneous files
12.2 Miscellaneous files

**NAC 13 Commission on Archives and History**
32 boxes (3.25 linear feet)
13.1 Miscellaneous files
13.2 Miscellaneous files
13.3 Miscellaneous files

**NAC 14 Pratt City**
2 boxes (1.75 linear feet)
14.1 Miscellaneous files
14.2 Two church registers, 1880-1930, two loose-leaf membership rolls

**NAC 15 Board of Laity**
Miscellaneous files
1 box (.5 linear feet)

**NAC 16 Courtland Circuit**
Quarterly Conference Records (1843-1877)
1 box (.25 linear feet)

**NAC 17 Socopatoy Circuit**
1 box (.5 linear feet)
Record Book (1845-1852)
Record Book (1855-1875)
Mary Burton slander case records (1853)

**NAC 18 Methodist Student Movement**
1 box (.25 linear feet)
Bound minutes (1949-1966)

**NAC 19 Wilton**
1 box (.5 linear feet)

**NAC 20 Virginia Atkinson**
Photographs and miscellaneous materials relating to this early missionary to China.
1 box (.5 linear feet)

**NAC 21 Mont Davenport**
1 box (.5 linear feet)
Miscellaneous sermons
NAC 22 Ensley First
11 boxes (12.5 linear feet plus 1 oversize)
22.1 Bulletins (1964-1995)
22.2 Miscellaneous bulletins, administrative board records, conferences
22.3 Financial records (1930-1995)
22.4 Women’s records
22.5 Miscellaneous files
22.6 Miscellaneous files
22.7 Women (1898-1995)
22.8 Miscellaneous, including photo albums
22.9 Bound records
22.10 Bound records, including membership rolls
22.11 (oversize) Photo albums and miscellaneous

NAC 23 Lake Highlands
1 bound *The Membership and Church Record*
1 bound *Church Register*
1 bound (in plywood) *History of Lake Highland Methodist Church*
2 bound guest books from opening of cornerstone
Files
Ministers’ photographs [removed and placed in Alex and Louise Woodall
Collection of Ministerial Biographies, west wall vertical file]
Waller, I. K.
Ledford, H. F.
Persinger, J. D.
Dill, R. L.
McGlawn, W. P.
Butterley, E. S.
Johnson, E. C.
Price, L. E.
Ward, O. G.
Parris, A.
Curl, W. H.
Dillard, Jack
Brasher, J. E.
Railey, Leon
Cole, W. L.
Crumpton, W. R.
Vance, Hillard C.
Turner, F. D.
Tidwell, K. M.
Maxwell, R. F.
Boling, R. W.
Short, J. G.
Cornerstone materials
History
1 box (1.25 linear feet)

**NAC 24 Board of City Missions** (Birmingham)
11 boxes (about 10 linear feet plus 3 oversize and bound ledgers)
24.1 Files: Ensley Community House, Elyton Center, Bethlehem House
24.2 Minutes
24.3 Bound records
24.4 Bound records, minutes
24.5 (oversize) Ensley Community House photos
24.6/1-8 (oversize) Bound ledgers
24.7 Scrapbooks, photo albums, etc.
24.8 Files
24.9 Scrapbooks, photo albums
24.10 (oversize) Eva Comer Home bound records, photograph
24.11 Photographs of Ensley Community House
24.12 Photographs of Eva Comer Home and Bethlehem House
24.13 Board of City Missions reports

**NAC 25 Alabama District, Methodist Protestant Church**
1 box and 4 bound ledgers
25.1-4 Bound ledgers
25.5 Miscellaneous materials

**NAC 26 North Alabama Study Group**
1 box (1.25 linear feet)
Correspondence, bank statements, and papers presented at study group sessions
(1959-1994)

**NAC 27 Norwood**
6 boxes (7 linear feet)
Mostly routine matters. Folders 27.2.1-3 concern the Birmingham Cooperative Parish. These three folders contain many handwritten notes and honest evaluations and reports concerning conditions in Birmingham in the 1970s, especially those in the deteriorating inner city that led to the formation of the ministry. Many of these materials are in Bishops’ Office Files (6.1).
**Note:** On 1977 September 11 Norwood merged with Wesley Chapel; see **Stockham-Wesley** (NAC 72)

27.1 Files
27.1.2 Ibid.
Book 5. October 1, 1939-Sept.29, 1940.
27.1.3 Business records.
27.1.4 Finance reports.
27.1.5 Finance committee.
27.1.6 Employee application and job description.
27.1.8 Norwood U.M. Steward’s Meeting, 1931-1937. 1 vol.
27.1.9 Memorial tributes.
27.1.10 “In remembrance.” 2 Scrapbook-type vols. Containing lists of deceased, prayers, resolutions, etc.
27.1.11 Quarterly Conference Records 1923-1926; 1926-1930; 1930-1933; 1934-1937; 1937-1940.
27.1.12 Memorial gifts: 14 pads. Most information recorded in Memorial Book.

27.2 Files
27.2.1
27.2.2
27.2.3 Birmingham Co-operative Parish. (3 folders; ca. 100 pp.) Papers, notes, reports and records of a co-operative urban ministry. Many handwritten notes, honest evaluations, etc. describing conditions in Birmingham in the 1970’s (and the condition of declining inner-city Churches) that led to the formation of the ministry.
27.2.4 Administrative records, finance statements, letters of appreciation and resignation; miscellany. ca. 75p
27.2.5 Inventory of items in church. Misc. correspondence, photograph.
27.2.7 Business correspondence.
27.2.8 Trustees.
27.2.9 Members transferred
27.2.10 Statistics on Sunday School attendance.
27.2.11 Treasurer’s blank forms.
27.2.12 Survey information, Greater Birmingham Ministries.
27.2.13 Stewardship.
27.2.14 Charge conference records.
27.2.15 Norwood bulletins, 1977.
27.2.16 Shut-in task force.
27.2.17 Norwood officials.
27.2.18, 27.2.19 Parish plans, minutes, job announcements, miscellany.
27.2.20 Parish retreat.
27.2.21 Pastor’s report; parish relations committee.
27.2.22 Church bulletins, 1970.
27.2.23 Church budget, 1973.
27.2.24 Correspondence, mostly carbon copies of routine letters of Pastor
Robert Lee Grigsby, 1973—
27.2.25 Weekly financial reports.
27.2.26 Transfer of membership, 1973-
27.2.27 Bulletins, June-August 1972.
27.2.28 Bulletins, 1971.
27.2.29 Correspondence, 1972.
27.2.30 Service volunteers.
27.2.31 Correspondence, 1971-1977.
27.2.32 Wesleyan Service Guild Reports.
27.2.33 Windowphanie.
27.2.34 WSCS Reports.
27.2.35 Organ maintenance.
27.2.36 Membership lists.
27.2.37 Norwood bulletins, 1977.
27.2.38 Weekly financial reports, 1977.
27.2.39 Leases.
27.2.40 Grant Adams.
27.2.41 Memorials, 1975-1976.
27.2.42 Quarterly Conference Records, 1971-73.
27.2.43 Q.C. – 1971-73.
27.2.45 Norwood Q.C., 1919—
27.2.46 Board of Stewards, 1914—
Rest of box: transfer of membership booklets; key; miscellany.

27.3 Minutes and files
27.3.1 Official Board Minutes, 1964-1967 (a)
27.3.2 Ibid. (b)
27.3.3 Norwood – misc.
27.3.4 Minute Book Official Board, 1963-64. (a)
27.3.5 Ibid. (b)
27.3.6 Minutes of Official Board, 1964-1966. (a)
27.3.7 Ibid. (b)
27.3.8 Norwood Administrative Board, finance reports, misc.
1968-69. (a)
27.3.9 Ibid. (b)
27.3.10 Ibid. (c)
27.3.11 Administrative Board, 1969-1970.
27.3.13 Minutes of Official Board Meetings, 1967-68.
27.3.14 Ibid. In steno notebooks.
27.3.15 Norwood Quarterly Conference, 1947-1953.
27.3.16 Ibid. (b)
27.3.17 Ibid. ©
NAC 28 Bob Storey

28.1 Sermons
28.2 Sermons

NAC 29 Charter Churches

1 storage box

NAC 30 Central Alabama Conference

3 storage boxes
This collection mostly contains Central Alabama annual conference materials, including: Journals, scattered issues of the Central Christian Advocate Magazine (1958-1963), some papers of Bishop Kenneth Goodson, other material of interest to black Methodists.

Box 30.1

30.1A Central Alabama Conference Journals
30.1B Session materials
   30.1B1 1969 Session materials
   30.1B2 1970 Session materials
   30.1B3 1971 Session materials
   30.1B4 1972 Session materials
30.1C M.E.C. Annual Conference Minutes (scattered)
30.1D Central Alabama Conference Reports
   30.1D1 Board of Pensions
   30.1D2 Commission on World Service and Finance
   30.1D3 Report of the Board of Education
   30.1D4 Report of the Board of the Ministry, 1968-1969
   30.1D5 Report of Conference Treasurer, 1969
   30.1D6 Financial Report, 1969
   30.1D7 Miscellaneous Materials and Reports
30.1E Central Alabama Conference Ministerial Appointments, etc.

30.1E1 Interim appointments, 1969-1970
30.1E2 Ministerial Appointments, 1970-1971
30.1E3 Transfers in and out, 1970-1971
30.1E4 Ministerial Appointments, 1971
30.1E5 Change Reports
30.1E6 Pastoral Relations letters
30.1E7 the Reverend Rocelius Allen case, 1971
30.1E8 List of Memorials

Box 30.2

30.2A Histories

30.2A1 General histories
30.2A2 Central Alabama Conference centennial
30.2A3 Cameron, “African American Women Pastors Then and Now”
30.2A4 Birmingham District, Central Alabama Conference
(descriptions and photographs of churches, c. 1970)
30.2A5 Chester Brown, Methodism for Two Centuries Proclaiming
Grace and Freedom: Black United Methodist Churches
[in] the North Alabama Conference (1984), two copies
30.2A6 Village View records photocopied from NAC 102
30.2A7 Correspondence
30.2A8 Miscellaneous

30.2B Clippings, 1954-1994
24 folders
1954-1957
1959-1972
1974
1976
1990-1991
1994
2005

30.2C Merger

30.2C1 Southeastern Bishops’ Statement on Race, c. 1954
30.2C2 Report to the 1960 General Conference Concerning the
Jurisdictional System
30.2C3 1966 Plan for Eliminating the Central Jurisdiction within
the Southeastern Jurisdiction
30.2C4 Davis and Wilson, “Church Desegregation is still Not
Integration,” 1966
30.2C5 “Minutes of the Conference Interjurisdictional Advisory
Committee,” 1967 January 30, Jackson, Mississippi
30.2C6 Tri-Conference Advisory Committee on Merger, studies
and reports, 1967-1971
30.2C7 Mostly legal materials regarding merger
30.2C8 Redistricting Plan, c. 1969
30.2C9 Merger Session of Alabama-West Florida, Central Alabama, and North Alabama conferences, 1972
30.2C10 Merger photographs, 1972
30.2C11 Miscellaneous Merger materials
30.2D Materials used by William E. Nicholas to prepare *Confronting Racial Injustice in the Deep South: Alabama Methodists, 1954-1974* [on the merger]
30.2D1 Newspaper clippings, 1954-
30.2D2 Interview materials
30.2D3 Bishop Goodson notes
30.2D4 Notes
30.2D5 Notes
30.2D7 Eleven Interviews on cassette tapes
   the Reverend Bill Davis 2001 May 9
   David J. Vann
   Ed Montgomery 2001 April 11
   the Reverend Joe Elmore, Sr. 2001 April 6
   Ruth Venn Lillion
   the Reverend Ted Leach 2001 April 25
   Nina Reeves 2001 May 7
   the Reverend Tillman Sprouse 2001 May 22
   Bishop Bob Morgan 2001 May 9
   the Reverend Duncan Hunter 2001 April 25
   the Reverend Claude Whitehead 2001 May 22
30.2E Miscellaneous Materials
30.2E1 Proposed Constitutional Amendments
30.2E3 Metropolitan UMC, Montgomery, Alabama, 1969-1971
30.2E4 Bishop’s Convocation on the Christian Mission, 1969 January 31-February 2
30.2E5 Central Alabama Conference Ministers Wives Association
30.2E6 Alabama Civil Rights Movement Chronology
30.2E7 Miscellaneous

Box 30.3
30.3A M.E.C. Central Jurisdictional Conference Materials
   Central Jurisdictional Conference *Daily Christian Advocate*
   1967
30.3A Central Christian Advocate
30.3A2 Central Christian Advocate 1958
   December 15
30. 3A3 Central Christian Advocate 1959
   March 15
30. 3A4 *Central Christian Advocate* 1960
   February 15
   April 1
   August 1
30. 3A5 *Central Christian Advocate* 1961
   September 1
30. 3A6 *Central Christian Advocate* 1962
   May 15
   July 15
   August 1
   August 15
   September 15
   November 15
   December 15
30. 3A7 *Central Christian Advocate* 1963
   January 15
   February 1
   February 15
   March 1
   March 15
   April 15
   May 1
   May 15

30.3B Materials from before the 1972 Merger
   30.3B1 Talladega 1847-1948 (collected by the Reverend Duncan Hunter)
   30.3B2 Alabama Council on Human Relations, Organization and work (collected by the Reverend Duncan Hunter)
      See 30.3B12 Bob Hughes
   30.3B3 Miscellaneous materials on segregation (collected by the Reverend Duncan Hunter)
   30.3B4 Education Desegregation 1953, 1955
   30.3B5 Southern Regional Council 1955 (mostly collected by the Reverend Duncan Hunter)
      Includes “The Attack on the Southern Regional Council and the Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation” (1955) and several copies of *New South*
   30.3B7 *Birmingham News: Dateline Tuskegee* 1961
   30.3B8 Sixteenth Street Baptist Bombing—reactions 1963
   30.3B9 *Motive* magazine controversy 1962-1971
      *Motive* was a Methodist-sponsored magazine produced by the Division of Higher Education of the Board of Education of the United Methodist Church. Its highly politicized, left-wing ideology, which favored Cuba, socialism, the Black
Panthers, SDS, unrestricted abortion rights, etc., did not win it popularity among the Methodist faithful. The folder contains correspondence to Bishop Goodson, copies of Letters to the Editor, and numerous resolutions from local churches (among them Trinity Methodist) either calling for the cessation of publication of the magazine, or for the Methodist educational arm to stop supporting it. For example, in its resolution, Trinity Methodist said that “this Board finds that the contents of the magazine are presented without any reference to universally accepted ethical or moral principles identified with the Christian Church” – not to mention its obscene and vulgar language and anti-American ideology. The protests finally had their effect; the magazine was terminated in 1971.

30.3B10 “Black Power as it Relates to the Methodist Church” 1970
30.3B11 Alabama Council on Human Relations
30.3B12 Bob Hughes
30.3B13 Miscellaneous Clippings regarding Desegregation
30.3B14 Miscellaneous Materials on Segregation, donated by Ed Montgomery
30.3B15 Miscellaneous Materials on Segregation, donated by Will Franke
30.3B16 Methodist Layman’s Union: A Pronouncement (10 copies)
30.3B17 Methodist Layman’s Union: Miscellaneous materials donated by Ed Montgomery
30.3B18 Methodist Layman’s Union: David Vann to Bishop Hodge, 1959 March 12 (see NAC 6.3, folder 12.1.15)
30.3B19 Methodist Layman’s Union: Miscellaneous clippings
30.3B20 Association of Methodist Laymen: Miscellaneous materials
30.3B21 Dumas Bill
30.3B22 Southern Methodist Church, mostly donated by Ed Montgomery
30.3B24 Miscellaneous materials

30.3C Miscellaneous Materials from after the 1972 Merger
30.3C1 “Report of the Commission on Religion and Race” 1972
30.3C2 Shockley, Brewer, and Townsend, “Black Pastors in United Methodism” 1976
30.3C3 NAC “Plan for the Ethnic Minority Local Church. 1989-1992”
30.3C4 Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference “Convocation on the Ethnic Local Church” 1987
30.3C5 “America’s Original Sin: A Study Guide on White Racism,” *Sojourners* magazine 1988
Blanket from Gulfside Methodist Assembly (not in box)

**NAC 31 West End**
7 boxes (8 linear feet)
31.1 Records: financial, membership, baptisms, etc.
   31.1.1 Bank statements
   31.1.2 Employee audit for workman’s compensation.
   31.1.3 Inter-office memos.
   31.1.4 Sunday School attendance records.
   31.1.5 Memorials and donors.
   31.1.6 Lease contract with Urban Ministry.
   31.1.7 Membership booklets: 1 blank; & one from 1960.
   31.1.8 “Myra Hawkins list of names suggested to be removed from roll.”
   31.1.11 Treasurer’s reports, 1981-
   31.1.12 Treasurer’s reports, 1980-
   31.1.14 Notes: “From Membership Book I”
   31.1.18 Dedication Day, October 1, 1944.
   31.1.19 Brochure (1960?)
   31.1.20 Photograph of Church.
   31.1.21 Conference payments.
   31.1.23 Membership transfer certificates.
   31.1.24 Baptismal records: mostly 1960-61, but one from 1942.
   31.1.25 Church rolls.
   31.1.27 Payroll sheets.
   31.1.28 Membership records, 1975.
   31.1.29 Membership transfers.
   31.1.30 Charge conference, October 21, 1990. With list, “Names to be removed.”
   31.1.31 Contract with pastor.
   31.1.32 Notes: miscellany and personal.

31.2 Bound records
Box contains notebooks, albums, binders, etc. Following is a list of contents:

Black notebook with giving and donation records
Tan notebook: giving, donations; monies received
White notebook: financial statements and reports
Large brown notebook with title, “Membership Record System for the Local Church”
Blue spiral notebook, Notes of meetings of kindergarten programs, charge conferences, council on ministries, etc. 1970--
Black spiral notebook: Minutes and notes of Wesley Fellowship Class, 1938-
Folder notebook: Board of Stewards, pastor’s notes, etc. 1940-
Black spiral notebook: Wesleyan Service Guild, 1960-

31.3 Files
31.3.1 Minutes of Administrative Board, 8/10.81---10/11/87
31.3.2 Minutes of Administrative Council, 1987--
31.3.3 Financial reports.
31.3.4 Petitions and informational circular (from the American Family Assn.) regarding the film, “The Last Temptation of Christ”
31.3.5 Fall Charge Conference, November 27, 1988.
31.3.6 Charge Conference, 1981.
31.3.7 Charge Conference, 1990.
31.3.8 Miscellany: parsonage task force, living wills, memos to Birmingham East District, pastors, janitors, etc.
31.3.9 Treasurer’s reports, 1987-
31.3.10 Older youth; Vacation Church School.
31.3.11 Moore Fellowship Class.
31.3.12 Two Record Books.
31.3.14 Miscellany: pastor’s report; needy families; organ.
31.3.15 Pastor’s correspondence.
31.3.16 Membership.
31.3.17 Miscellaneous financial records.
31.3.18 Miscellaneous financial records.

Rest of box: Journals, record books, tax and insurance papers.

31.4 Files, orders of worship
31.4.1 Charge Conferences -- miscellaneous materials.
31.4.2 Pastor-Parish Relations
31.4.3 Nominations
31.4.4 Worship
31.4.5 Membership
31.4.6 Financial statements.
31.4.7 Roll and attendance records.
Minutes of Administrative Board.
Payroll taxes, 1990.

Floor plans, files, bound records
- Notes for “Your Link,” 1988 issue
- Business, administrative and budget: miscellaneous.
- Educational building fund.
- Budget Report.
- Memorial fund information.
- City taxes.
- Architectural drawings, plans and sketches, including sketch of proposed Educational Building of West End Methodist.

Memorial records, women

Files, bound records

NAC 32 Aldrich
1 box (.25 linear feet)

NAC 33 Deaconess Board
1 box (.5 linear feet)

NAC 34 McCoy
7 boxes (6.25 linear feet plus oversize)
- Files
- Bound volumes, Owenton and St. Paul’s churches; women’s directories
- Files
- Bound records
- Photo album; scrapbooks; orders of service; etc
- (oversize) bound volumes
- Cornerstone materials
- (oversize) Layman’s Club scrapbook
[Note: an old finding aid, which needs to be updated, is available]

NAC 35 Henry L. Aldridge
1 box (.5 linear feet)
14 pastor’s books
Miscellaneous material

NAC 36 Gadsden Circuit
1 box (.25 linear feet)
1 bound record

NAC 37 Kimbrell
1 box (.25 linear feet)
1 register of church membership

**NAC 38 Stevenson/Bridgeport**
1 box (.25 linear feet)
1 quarterly conference record

**NAC 39 Simpson Memorial**
1 box (.25 linear feet)
Bound records, photographs, files

**NAC 40 Morgan**
1 box (.25 linear feet)
2 bound volumes

**NAC 41 Denman Memorial**
1 box (.25 linear feet)
1 bound volume of membership records

**NAC 42 King’s Chapel**
1 box (.25 linear feet)
1 bound volume of membership records

**NAC 43 Cypress Circuit** (Florence District)
1 box (.25 linear feet)
1 bound volume
2 manuscripts

**NAC 44 West Woodlawn**
1 box (.5 linear feet)
Membership records
Miscellaneous legal papers

**NAC 45 Pleasant Ridge** (Tuscaloosa and Jasper Districts)
1 box (.25 linear feet)
2 bound volumes

**NAC 46 Muphree’s Valley** (Guntersville District)
1 box (.25 linear feet)
1 volume quarterly conference records (1888-1891)

**NAC 47 Birmingham Methodist Preachers**
1 box (.5 linear feet)
3 bound volumes

**NAC 48 Lowe’s Chapel**
1 box (.5 linear feet)
Newspaper clipping, photographs, videotape

**NAC 49 Unknown Church Records**
1 box (.5 linear feet)

**NAC 50 Providence**
1 box (.25 linear feet)
1 bound register

**NAC 51 Fortieth Street**
1 box (.25 linear feet)
1 bound register

**NAC 52 Shannon (Bessemer District)**
1 box (.25 linear feet)
1 bound register (1929-1931)

**NAC 53 Harrell’s Chapel**
1 box (.25 linear feet)
1 bound register (1892-1932)

**NAC 54 Crim Memorial**
1 box (.25 linear feet)
1 bound register

**NAC 55 Gate City**
1 box (.5 linear feet)
1 bound register

**NAC 56 Pocahontas**
1 box (.5 linear feet)
1 bound register

**NAC 57 Russellville**
1 box (.5 linear feet)
1 bound register

**NAC 58 Mooresville**
1 box (.5 linear feet)
1 bound register

**NAC 59 Providence (oversize)**
1 bound register (1956-1973)

**NAC 60 Mt Carmel (oversize)**
1 bound register

NAC 61 Pamphlets and Tracts
1 box (.5 linear feet)

NAC 62 Andrew Chapel
1 box (.5 linear feet)
1 bound register

NAC 63 Notestine
1 box (.5 linear feet)
Personal hymnbook of A. J. Notestine

NAC 64 Clyde Dean Cook
1 box (.5 linear feet)
Sermon notes of Clyde Dean Cook

NAC 65 Marion W. Jones
“Places, Dates, and Texts of Scripture used by Marion W. Jones, Also a record of marriages.” (1878-1907)

NAC 66 Samuel Edward Maples
Samuel Edward Maples’ pastor’s pocket record books

NAC 67 Pickensville
Recording Steward’s Book for Pickensville Circuit, 1872

NAC 68 MELS Program

NAC 69 Alabama Advocate Trustees’ Records

NAC 70 W. B. Hope
W. B. Hope’s Preacher’s Minute Book

NAC 71 Adamsville/Black’s Chapel
Four record books

NAC 72 Stockham-Wesley (including Cain’s Chapel, Twenty-First Avenue, Walnut Hill, North Highlands, East Birmingham, and Stockham)
6 boxes (7.5 linear feet)
Note: constituent churches
1879 Cain’s Chapel organized in Norwood
1888 Cain’s Chapel moved to become Twenty-First Avenue
1946 October 6 Twenty-First Avenue changed to Walnut Hill
1966  North Highlands and Walnut Hill merged to form Wesley Chapel
1977 September 11  Norwood (NAC 27) merged with Wesley Chapel
1980 January 4  Wesley Chapel conveyed its property to Carraway Methodist Medical Center anticipating disbanding

1949 November 25  East Birmingham changed to Stockham Memorial
1985 June 16  Wesley Chapel merged with Stockham Memorial to form Stockham-Wesley United Methodist Church
2003  Stockham-Wesley closed

72.1  Twenty-First Avenue/Walnut Hill (bound volumes)
72.2  Twenty-First Avenue/Walnut Hill and North Highland (files)
72.3  North Highland (bound volumes)
72.4  Wesley Chapel (files and bound volumes)
72.5  East Birmingham/Stockham (bound volumes)
72.6  Stockham-Wesley (files)

NAC 73 Will Franke
1 box (1 linear foot)
Papers of Will Franke, former NAC Archivist
Photographs
Miscellaneous, mostly unidentified photographs from Greasy Cove, Etowah County, Alabama: Gallant, Clear Creek, Brasher Springs, Ivalee
Photographs are generally late nineteenth century
Note: Some materials in the Franke papers have been moved
Arad Simons Lakin (NAC 104)
Alabama District, Methodist Protestant Church (NAC 25.5)
Snead College (NAC 106)
Cahaba Valley (NAC 103)
John Lakin Brasher (NAC 105)
Wesley Foundation moved to Youth in Methodism (NAC 80)
Tracts moved to Pamphlets and Tracts (NAC 61)
Miscellaneous churches moved to vertical files

NAC 74 Ed Montgomery
3 boxes (4.5 linear feet)
Papers of Ed Montgomery, long-time member of Forest Lake and active layman. Much have to do with lay leadership
74.1 Laity work and various committee work
   S.E.J. Association of Conference Lay Leaders
      Montgomery was vice president in 1976, president 1977-1979, and treasurer 1981-19??
   Committee on Structure
   Committee on Rules
Committee on Pensions

Advocate

74.2 Miscellaneous laity work
74.3 Unorganized material mostly involving general conferences

NAC 75 Ensley Highlands
9 boxes (11 linear feet)
Closed 1990 May 27
75.1 Bound Records
75.2 Church histories; miscellaneous files
75.3 Bound memorial lists
75.4 Administrative Board minutes
75.5 Women
75.6 Women
75.7 2 scrapbooks, 2 bound membership books, 1 guest book
75.8 Financial records, deeds, charge conferences

NAC 76 Southeast Jurisdiction Archives and History
2 boxes (3 linear feet)
76.1 Annual files
76.2 Annual Proceedings

NAC 77 Foreign Missions
Most materials on display

NAC 78 Lazenby
2 boxes (2.5 linear feet)
Corrected draft of Lazenby’s History of Methodism in Alabama and West Florida
78.1 Chapters 1-17
78.2 Chapter 18-Appendices

NAC 79 Alabama Conference, M.E.C.
2 boxes (2.5 linear feet)
79.1 Conference journals (1867-1910)
79.2 Conference journals (1911-1938), photographs
79.3 Branscomb
    Minutes kept by L. C. Branscomb, presiding elder, M.E.C. (5 volumes)

NAC 80 Youth in Methodism
1 box (1.25 linear feet), 2 scrapbooks, 1 oversize scrapbook
80.1 Miscellaneous
    2 scrapbooks
    Inter-conference Commission, Methodist Student Religious Work, 1949-1956
    Tuscaloosa subdistrict MYF
    Materials collected by Will Franke
Miscellaneous regarding Methodist Board of Education
Wesley Foundation
The Epworth High Road (1936-1938)
80.2 North Alabama Conference 1965 Youth Rally scrapbook (oversize)
80.3 Oversize: *The Nacel* of the North Alabama Conference Epworth League

**NAC 81 Walter Perry McGlawn**
1 box (1.25 linear feet)
Saddlebags once owned by Walter Perry McGlawn
Photograph of McGlawn

**NAC 82 Forest Lake**
1 box (1.25 linear feet)
Material donated by Ed Montgomery (NAC 74)
Miscellaneous files and bound bulletins

**NAC 83 Inglenook**
1 box (1.25 linear feet)

**NAC 84 Shadyside**
1 box (1.25 linear feet)

**NAC 85 Greater Birmingham Religious Survey** (1964)

**NAC 86 Gadsden District**
86.1 Quarterly Conference
86.2 UMW Minutes 1976-1985
86.3 UMW Minutes 1984-1996
86.4 UMW Miscellaneous

**NAC 87 Fairfield First UMC**

**NAC 90-99**

**NAC 90 Royal Methodist Church** (formerly McCain’s Chapel MEC)
Albertville District
2 volumes
NAC 90.1 *Official Membership and Church Record*, 1908-1980
NAC 90.2 *The Church Register*, 1908-

**NAC 91 Levie Memorial Methodist Church** (formerly Allis-Chalmers)
Gadsden District
3 volumes
NAC 91.1 *Official Membership and Church Record*, 1949-1978
NAC 91.2 *Membership Register and Church Records*, 1949-1978
NAC 91.3 *Register of Church Membership* for Allis-Chalmers Methodist Church, 1949-1954

**NAC 92 Jones Memorial Methodist Church**
Bessemer District

**NAC 93 Curtiston Methodist Church** (formerly Gaines Chapel)
Gadsden District, on circuit with Deerman Chapel, Smith, Chapel, and Beason Union
1 volume, *Official Membership and Church Record*, 1904-1994

**NAC 94 Sibert Methodist Church**
Gadsden District
2 volumes
NAC 94.1 *Official Membership and Church Record*, 1952-1982
NAC 94.2 *Official Membership and Church Record*, 1952-1984

**NAC 95 Bynum Methodist Church**
3 volumes
NAC 95.1 *Official Membership and Church Record*, 1955-1985
NAC 95.2 Register of Church Membership, 1955-1959
NAC 95.3 Membership Record Book, 1985-1989

**NAC 96 Bradford Methodist Church**
1 volume: *The Church Register*, 1907-1955

**NAC 97 West Decatur Methodist Church**
1 volume: *The Church Register*, 1930-1952

**NAC 98 Paint Rock Methodist**
1 volume: *The Church Register*, 1900-1998

**NAC 99 Forest Church**
Pickens County
1 volume: *The Church Register*, 1899-1980

**NAC 100 District Records**
100.1 Roanoke Lafayette
Bound records (1883-1944)

100.2 Districts
Bessemer (3 volumes)
Florence (2 volumes of minutes, 1881-1893, 1910-1917; one volume of D. L. Parrish, presiding elder)

100.3 Districts
1. Tuscaloosa (2 volumes of D. L. Parrish, presiding elder; one folder)
.2 Jasper District Conference Records 1898-1903 (1 volume)
.3 Tuscumbia District Conference Records, date unknown (1 bound vol.)
.4 Anniston District United Methodist Women History (1 folder)
   See Also NAC 3 Women in Methodism
.5 Tuscaloosa. History
.6 Birmingham-East (1 folder of churches and dates organized)
   See. Decatur District NAC 116
   See. Decatur District NAC 128

100.4 Birmingham-West
Churches A-C
100.5 Birmingham-West
Churches D-I
100.6 Birmingham-West
Churches J-P
100.7 Birmingham-West
Churches R-Z
100.8 Birmingham-West
   Birmingham-West (copies of The Western Word)
   Unsorted files

NAC 101 Mildred Taylor
   1 box (.5 linear feet)
   Mostly personal of Mildred Taylor, a missionary

NAC 102 Village View
   1 box (.5 linear feet)
   Photocopy of church records, including history of Central Alabama Conference

NAC 103 Cahaba Valley
   1 box (.5 linear feet)
   1 bound record

NAC 104 Arad Simons Lakin
   1 box (.5 linear feet)
   Materials collected by Will Franke

NAC 105 John Lakin Brasher
   1 box (.5 linear feet)
   Materials collected by Will Franke

NAC 106 Snead College
   2 boxes (1 linear foot)
   Unsorted materials

NAC 107 Children’s Home
   1 box (.5 linear feet)
   Selma Methodist Children’s Home materials (from Ed Montgomery (NAC 74)
   The Caring Connection
   Miscellaneous materials

NAC 108 Miscellaneous Periodicals
   1 box (.5 linear feet)

NAC 109 Toney UMC
   1 box (.5 linear feet)
Mortgage deed, correspondence, and miscellaneous information

**NAC 110 Grace UMC**
7 boxes (6 linear feet)
110.1 Roll cards, alphabetical order A-Mc
110.2 Roll cards, alphabetical order M-Z
110.3 Files
   110.3.1 W.S.C.S. yearbooks
   110.3.2 Edith Barber Sunday School class
   110.3.3 Bonds
   110.3.4 1997 Children’s Musical (video)
110.4 Files
   110.4.1 Bound Membership Records
   110.4.2 Remembrances
   110.4.3 Blueprints/building and site plans
   110.4.4 Membership cards – final congregation
110.5 Alphabetical Files
   110.5.1 Charge Conference records
   110.5.2 Church history
   110.5.3 Church Register
   110.5.4 Membership
   110.5.5 Photos and Clippings
   110.5.6 Property Info
   110.5.7 Quarterly Conference records
   110.5.8 Miscellaneous other records and files
110.6 W.S.C.S. Files
   110.6.1 Meetings and minutes
   110.6.2 Evaluation reports
   110.6.3 Eva Comer Home
   110.6.4 History
   110.6.5 Record and report book
110.7 W.S.C.S. Records
   110.7.1 Bound scrapbooks
   110.7.2 Certificates of recognition

**NAC 111 St. Paul UMC**
2 boxes (2.5 linear feet)
111.1 Records
   111.1.1 Charge conference records
   111.1.2 Planning
   111.1.3 Historical sketches
   111.1.4 Membership rolls
   111.1.5 Church officers
   111.1.6 Miscellaneous photos
   111.1.7 Noteworthy church services
111.2 Membership
111.2.1 Bound membership records
111.2.2 Membership transfer records
111.2.3 Two bound photograph albums
111.2.4 Miscellaneous information (mostly about membership)

**NAC 112 Jasper District**
1 box (1.25 linear feet)
Records of individual churches, 1998-2001
Records of charges/circuits
Bound proceedings of Jasper District Conference 1954-1964
Jasper District parsonage scrapbook

**NAC 113 Roebuck Drive UMC**
1 box (1.25 linear feet)
113.1 Bound membership records and unbound membership files
  Charge conference and W.S.C.S records
  Church history
  Miscellaneous church records
  145 Curly Lane Rental key
113.2 Scrapbook

**NAC 114 Susanna Wesley Circle**
2 boxes (2.5 linear feet)
114.1 Photograph albums
  114.1.1 Album, 1914-1964
  114.1.2 Album, 1953-1984
  114.1.3 Album, 1998-2006
  114.1.4 Loose photos
114.2 Photograph albums
  114.2.1 Scrapbook, 50th Anniversary
  114.2.2 Album, 1973-1984
  114.2.3 Album, 1975-1986
  114.2.4 Album, 1982-1987
  114.2.5 Album, 1989-1997

**NAC 115 Ebenezer UMC (Albertville District)**
1 box (1.25 linear feet)
Annual and Charge Conference reports
Financial reports
Administrative and various other board meeting minutes
Bound membership records

**NAC 116 Decatur District**
1 boxes (1.25 linear feet)
Quarterly Conference records
For District Conference records, 1906-1963, 1968-1969, 1972, see **NAC 128**
Decatur District Cont.

**NAC 117 Methodist Retirement Homes**
1 box (.3 linear feet)
Fair Haven
McCoy
Wesley Acres
Wesley Manor
Wesley Terrace

**NAC 118 Evergreen UMC**
1 box (.16 linear feet)
Bound membership records

**NAC 119 Oakman UMC**
1 box, 1 envelope (.5 linear feet)
Bound membership records
Bound church records

**NAC 120 Birmingham East District**
1 box (.33 linear feet)
Directory, 1985
District Conference records
District Missions and Church Extension Committee records (1982-1993)
Newsletters

**NAC 121 Fairfield Highlands UMC**
1 box (.33 linear feet)
Bound Membership Record
Church Directory (2009)

**NAC 122 Mt. Hebron UMC**
1 box (.33 linear feet)
Bound Membership Record
Bound Church Registry

**NAC 123 Race Relations**
1 box (.33 linear feet)
Miscellaneous materials

**NAC 124 Johannes Theodore Dressler**
Collection Donated by Theo Dressler, son of John and Charlotte Dressler.
Arranged 2012 by Stephen Deloney, summer intern.
Introductory Biography
Austrian born musician and composer. Drafted into German army as musician, served three years in Norway as band leader. In 1945 served as band leader for the British officer’s corps in Norway. First composition published during this year. Graduated summa cum laude in Church and School Music major in conducting and french horn at the Akademie in Vienna. Evaluated in 1958 by the Methodist Board of Education in Washington, D.C., as a Master's Degree in Sacred and School Music. In 1949-1954 employed in Vienna as orchestra leader and choir director of the United Protestant 200-voice choir. Minister of Music in the Second Methodist Church for 8 years. Desire to go in full time ministry of music.

In 1954 he and his family immigrated to the United States. From 1945-1963 he served as the Minister of Music at the Sylacauga First United Methodist Church. Ordained by Bishop Bachman C. Hodge in June 1958. In 1960 he received the Master of Music in Voice Education by Birmingham-Southern College. From 1963-1976 he was the Organist and Minister of Music at the Peachtree Road United Methodist Church, Atlanta, Georgia. Conductor of five choirs and the church orchestra, from the Atlanta Symphony and Georgia State University, three major choral works each year. In 1972 Dressler was the Music Chairman of the General Conference, United Methodist Church. He published more that 50 choral and organ works in six leading American publishing houses.

In 1976 hired by First United Methodist Church Montgomery, Alabama, as Music Director, in 1979 asked to resign due to controversy regarding the hiring of two black singers for a musical performance at the church.

In 1979 assisted in the establishment of the Delaware Music School.
124.2.5 Vital Records- Transcripts, Diplomas, Certification
124.2.6 Vital Records – Residency, immigration, and passport documents
124.2.7 John's Scrapbook
124.2.8 Sermons and Meditations
124.2.9 Miscellaneous
25 year celebration in Sylacauga scrapbook
NAC 124.3 Arrangements and Compositions- organized alphabetically (1.25 linear feet)
NAC 124.4 Recordings A(1.25 linear feet)
NAC 124.5 Recordings B(1.25 linear feet)
NAC 124.6 Sheet Music (1.25 linear feet)
Oversized: Two portraits of John Dressler, One of John and Charlotte Dressler, and One of Charlotte Dressler.

NAC 125 Guy B. McGowan
1 box (.33 linear feet)
The sermons of Guy B. McGowan (1902-1983) during his years as pastor of Highlands Methodist Church (1948-1966)
See also Guy McGowan, Messages: A Selection of Pastoral Essays [Methodist Archives BV4014.M31]

NAC 126 Albertville District
126.1 Photograph Album (1991-1993)
126.2 Composition of Districts and Charges 1986-1993
126.3 Albertville District Newsletter 1991-1999

NAC 127 Huntsville District
2 boxes
127.1 Photograph album of churches, District Conference Record 1930-1934, miscellaneous quarterly conference records organized by Charge/Church
127.2 Woodville Charge quarterly conference records, district conference Record, 1919-1929

NAC 128 Decatur District
128.1 Miscellaneous
128.2 Church Extension Applications
128.3 Evangelism (From the office of District Superintendent M.C. Barret)
Committee on Wills and Legacies
Unsorted Materials
See. NAC 116 Decatur District

NAC 129 Conference Restructuring Team (1997-1998)

NAC 130 Gadsden District
See NAC 86, Gadsden District

NAC 131 Ira Hawkins

NAC 132 Forest Lake UMC

NAC 133 Camp Sumatanga

**NAC 150 William H. Willimon**

150.1 Published Articles 1964-1979
150.2 Published Articles 1980-1983