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Summary Information

Repository:	University Libraries Division of Special Collections, The University of Alabama
Creator:	Branscomb, Lewis Capers
Creator:	Branscomb, Richard Edwin
Title:	Richard Branscomb and Lewis Branscomb papers
ID:	MSS.0205
Date [inclusive]:	1922-1935
Physical Description:	0.4 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	Diary, travel journals, and account book of Richard Edwin Branscomb (1902-1980), Methodist Minister from Guin, Alabama, and Condensed Minute Book for Presiding Elders of the Southern Methodist Episcopal Church belonging to Branscomb's father, Lewis Capers Branscomb (1865-1930).

Preferred Citation

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Biographical / Historical

Lewis Capers Branscomb (1865-1930) was a prominent Methodist Minister in late nineteenth and early twentieth century Alabama. He was assigned to a variety of churches on the Wheeler circuit -- Bessemer, Decatur, Huntsville, St. John's Birmingham, Talladega district, Talladega station, and First Methodist Church, Birmingham. He also edited the Alabama Christian Advocate.

Richard Edwin Branscomb (1902-1980) was one of six children born to Lewis Capers Branscomb and his second wife, Minne McGehee Branscomb. He too, was a Minister, in Guin, Alabama.

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Scope and Contents

This collection consists chiefly of materials relating to Methodist Minister Richard Edwin Branscomb (1902-1980), including his account book for the period 1922-24, two diaries or journals (with illustrations) of trips to Europe and the Middle East, 1926 and 1930, and what might be termed his "spiritual diary" for 1935. As an indicator of the contents of the last, the opening entry begins "I need more faith -- confidence that things which have not been accomplished may be done. Never fear tacking a job because it looks hard. Never fear prospect of failure. Worst failure is lack of faith and courage. Grateful for progress made in year 1934-." Along with these books are a miscellany of notes and papers, some of which record Branscomb's professional activities during late 1926 and part of 1927.

The collection also includes a single item -- a Condensed Minute Book for the Use of Presiding Elders and Pastors of the Southern Methodist Episcopal Church -- belonging to Lewis Capers Branscomb (1865-1930), father of Richard Edwin Branscomb, and like his son a Methodist Minister. To the cover of this book, somebody, presumably R. E. Branscomb, affixed a note that states "His Last Quar[terly] Conf[erence] Record.

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Conditions Governing Access

None

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Related Materials

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Related materials may be found in the Branscomb family papers (MSS.4017), University Libraries Division of Special Collections, The University of Alabama. Please see staff for assistance.

Other materials may be found in the Midway, Alabama, city records, A. S. Williams III Americana Collections, Amelia Gayle Gorgas Library, The University of Alabama. Please see the staff for assistance.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Methodist Church
- Diaries
- Religion and Spirituality
- Community and Place
- Methodist Church -- Clergy
- Account books
- Drawings (visual works)
- Travel and Tourism
- Marion County (Ala.)
- Branscomb, Lewis Capers
- Branscomb, Richard Edwin

General

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Title/Description	Instances
Papers	box 3109