

Billy G. Page Papers (MC 244)

Biographical Note

Billy G. Page is a researcher and amateur historian residing in Phenix City, Alabama. He received an B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Alabama in 1961. He has spent many years researching and collecting information on early settlement and church history in Russell County and Lee County in Alabama. Mr. Page's collection adds value to Rev. F.L. Cherry's book *The History of Opelika and Her Agricultural Tributary Territory* (1883-1885), which was republished by the Genealogical Society of East Alabama in 1996, and upon which he drew heavily for his research.

Scope and Content

This collection consists of photocopies of documents (maps, photographs, land deeds, etc.) from the earliest days of the Baptist and Methodist churches in east Alabama including minutes from the Tuskegee Baptist Association and similar organizations. It also includes Page's handwritten and typed research notes and indexes to deed books in Russell County and Cherry's *The History of Opelika*. Also included are pages from the *Alabama Historical Quarterly* dealing with the area and its early churches. Of note is Mr. Page's interest in early grist mills and saw mills in the area.

ca 1830-1900 4 boxes (2 linear feet)

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This collection was given to the CSU Archives at various times by Billy G. Page between 2006 and 2016, and includes the previously separate collections:

Philadelphia Baptist Church of Smith Station, Alabama (SMC 67)Mt. Zion United Methodist Church of Smith Station, Alabama (SMC 68)Baptist Church of Crawford, Alabama (SMC 69)Concord Baptist Church of Bleeker, Alabama (SMC 70)Crawford, Russell County, Alabama Collection (MC 243)Old Churches of Russell County, Alabama (MC 244)Billy G. Page Collection (MC 349)

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[Bethel Primitive Baptist Church of Phenix City Records \(MC 206\)](#)

[Eagle & Phenix / W. C. Bradley Collection \(MC 13\)](#)

[First Baptist Church Records \(MC 355\)](#)

[First Presbyterian Church Records \(MC 171\)](#)

[Mount Sinai Baptist Church Collection \(SMC 113\)](#)

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