

DANIEL WEBSTER KEY COLLECTION
PP0051

Descriptive Summary

Creator Key, Daniel Webster (1854-1927)

Title Daniel Webster Key Collection

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Biographical Note

Daniel Webster Key was born on April 14, 1854, in Panola County, Texas. He grew up in Clinton, Tennessee, and graduated from Carson-Newman College in 1879 with a B. A. He taught for one year at Carson-Newman before graduating from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1880. He married Sarah McIntosh Norwood in 1892. He first served churches in South Carolina, including Mt. Carmel, St. Matthews, Williston, Welsh Neck, Rutherford Street, and Greenville. Key's other activities in South Carolina included leading in the establishment of the Welsh Neck Association and Coker College. He also served as a trustee of Furman University and Greenville Female College. He led in the organization of the Board of Ministerial Education of South Carolina as well as the Baptist Ministers- Mutual Benefit Association. He was one of the founders of the Connie Maxwell Orphanage.

In 1905, Key moved to Georgia to serve as pastor of First Baptist Church of Washington. Key moved to First Baptist Church of Monroe in 1912. He served as a trustee of Mercer University and was a contributing editor to *The Christian Index*. Key retired from active ministry in 1920 but continued to serve as a supply pastor throughout the South until his death on March 12, 1927. Key was buried in Greenville, South Carolina.

-*The Christian Index*, March 17, 1927

Scope and Content Note

The papers cover the personal life and preaching career of Daniel Webster Key. The majority of the collection (5 folders) is correspondence, both personal and professional, from the last year of Dr. Key's life (1926-1927). Also contained within the papers are several folders of sermons and sermon notes written by Dr. Key. Of special interest is a notebook containing a record of marriages, funerals, and baptisms performed between 1882-1920 by Dr. Key. The collection also contains information of Dr. Key's finances, as well as information on his family. Many photographs of Dr. Key and his family can also be found.

Subjects

Key, Daniel W.
Carson-Newman College
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
Baptist Church – Clergy - Georgia
Baptist Church – Clergy – South Carolina
The Christian Index

Related Material

Daniel W. Key Biographical File
The Christian Index

Series Description

Series 1: Advertisements and Clippings

Series 2: Correspondence

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- Series 4: Lectures
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- Series 6: Sermons
- Series 7: Photographs and Post Cards
- Series 8: Personal Papers
- Series 9: Personal Possessions
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Container List

SERIES 1: ADVERTISEMENT AND CLIPPINGS

- Folder 1/1: Cigarette Advertisement
- Folder 1/2: Clippings
- Folder 1/3: Obituaries and Condolences
- Folder 1/4: Obituaries, 1927

SERIES 2: CORRESPONDENCE

- Folder 1/5: Correspondence, 1893-1927
- Folder 1/6: Correspondence, 1926-1927
- Folder 1/7: Correspondence, 1926-1927
- Folder 1/8: Correspondence, 1926-1927
- Folder 1/9: Correspondence, 1926-1927
- Folder 1/10: Correspondence, 1926-1927

SERIES 3: FINANCES

- Folder 1/11: Finances, 1884-1927
- Folder 1/12: Finances, 1900-1901

Folder 1/13: Finances, 1911; Church Activities, 1921-1922

Folder 1/14: Finances, 1925-1926 (Sermon Notes)

SERIES 4: LECTURES

Folder 1/15: Southern Authors

Folder 1/16: Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, 1880 (Dr. Whitsitt; Dr. J.A. Broadus)

SERIES 5: PERSONAL PAPERS

Folder 1/17: License and Ordination

Folder 1/18: Obituaries, 1927

Folder 1/19: Passport

Folder 1/20: Photo Album

Folder 1/21: Photographs

Folder 1/22: Record of Baptisms, Marriages, and Funerals, 1882-1920

Folder 1/23: Resolutions, 1894-1924

SERIES 6: SERMONS

Folder 1/24: Sermons

Folder 1/25: Sermons—Assorted Notes

Folder 1/26: Sermons—Assorted Notes

Folder 1/27: Sermons—Assorted Notes

Folder 1/28: Sermon, “Modern Industrialism an Ally of Christianity”

Folder 1/29: Record of Sermons

Folder 1/30: Sufficient Grace; God’s Image in Man, 1887

SERIES 7: PHOTOGRAPHS AND POSTCARDS

Folder 2/1: Framed Photo of Dr. and Mrs. Key

Folder 2/2: 5 unlabeled photographs

Folder 2/3: Photograph of O.L. Haley, Trenton T.

Folder 2/4: Photograph of Dr. and Mrs. Key

Folder 2/5: Photograph of Mrs. Sarah Norwood Key and Wesley Key, 1909

Folder 2/6: Photograph of Dr. and Mrs. Key

Folder 2/7: Photograph of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Key

Folder 2/8: Photograph of Group during the 1906 Southern Baptist Convention, Chattanooga, TN

Folder 2/9: Photograph of Dr. Key

Folder 2/10: Photograph of Dr. Key

Folder 2/11: Photograph of Mrs. Sarah Norwood Key

Folder 2/12: Photograph, WTH

Folder 2/13: Photograph, Church (inscription from Paul Willis)

Folder 2/14: Photograph of Jesse M. Key

Folder 2/15: Postcard, Group of Children

Folder 2/16: Photograph of Dr. Key

Folder 2/17: Photograph of S. M. Leath

Folder 2/18: Photograph, Church

Folder 2/19: Photograph, Group (possibly Sunday School)

Folder 2/20: Photograph of Wooden Building

Folder 2/21: Photograph, Church

Folder 2/22: Photograph of Wesley Key's Army Unit, 1918

Folder 2/23: Photograph of Wesley Key's Army Unit, 1918

SERIES 8: PERSONAL PAPERS

Folder 2/24: Notes to/from Family Members; Financial Accounts

Folder 2/25: Letter from Susan Rich to J.F. Rich, 1860

Folder 2/26: Letter from Isaac M. Key to Oliver Hoskins (January 20, 1852)

Folder 2/27: Letter From I. M. and L. C. Key to Family (August 2, 1854)

Folder 2/28: Miscellaneous Notes

SERIES 9: PERSONAL POSSESSIONS

Folder 2/29: Gavel

Folder 2/30: Certificate, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary—May 2, 1881 (D. W. Key)

Folder 2/31: Certificate, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary—May 6, 1882 (D. W. Key)

Folder 2/32: Daughters of the American Revolution Membership—March 9, 1909 (Sarah
Norwood Key)

Folder 2/33: Diploma, Convention Normal Course—April 14, 1912 (D. W. Key)

Folder 2/34: Diploma, Philomathean—June 5, 1879 (D. W. Key)

Folder 2/35: Diploma, Cox College Master of Arts—May 12, 1914 (Norwood Key)

Folder 2/36: Diploma, Cox College Bachelor of Arts—May 20, 1913 (Norwood Key)

Folder 2/37: Diploma, Mossy Creek Baptist College Bachelor of Arts (D.W. Key)