

**CHARLES O. WALKER COLLECTION**  
PP0130

**Descriptive Summary**

*Creator* Walker Charles O., 1929-2010

*Title* Charles O. Walker Collection

*Accession Number* PP0130

*Physical Description* Mostly paper materials in 10 records center boxes and 2 half boxes, with 2 boxes of oversized scrapbooks, photographs, and other ephemera.

*Inclusive Dates* 1950s-2010

*Language Note* English

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**Administrative Information**

*Repository*

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*Citation*

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*Acquisition*

Gift of the family of Charles O. Walker

*Processing note*

Inventory prepared by Robert G. Gardner and Daniel Williams

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## **Collection Description**

### *Biographical Note*

Charles Orville Walker was born February 17, 1929, in East Point, Georgia, and was baptized in the First Baptist Church of East Point in 1940. He served in the United States Army from 1950-1952, including 10 months in Germany. He earned a bachelor of commercial science from Georgia State University and a bachelor of divinity from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Jefferson Avenue Baptist Church of East Point ordained him in May 1954, and he pastored Lick Branch Baptist Church in Deputy, Indiana (1954-1956), and the First Baptist Church of Abbeville, Georgia (1956-1960), before settling into the First Baptist Church of Jasper, Georgia, where he pastored from 1960-1997. He was active in Baptist denominational life, serving as moderator of the Coffee Creek (Indiana), Little River, and Etowah associations; on the executive committee of the Georgia Baptist Convention for four terms; on the Georgia Baptist Historical Commission and Georgia Baptist Historical Society; on the Southern Baptist Historical Commission and the Southern Baptist Historical Society; and on the coordinating council of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. He was also active in civic life, a member of the Lions Club, the American Cancer Society, and the Marble Valley Historical Society, among others. He also taught in Mercer University's extension program. He was the author of numerous books, articles, pamphlets, and columns about Baptist history, genealogy, and Cherokee history and culture. He married Betty Anne Hulseley in 1956, and together they had two children, Charles Mark and Paul Dorsey (d. 1983). Betty Anne died on May 5, 2000. Charles died on December 1, 2010.

### *Scope and Content Note*

The collection contains correspondence, memorabilia, notes, scrapbooks, photographs, publications, sermons, and other documents from Walker's life and work. The majority are in good condition.

### *Subjects*

Baptists—Georgia—History  
Cherokee Indians—History  
First Baptist Church (Jasper, Ga.)—History  
Georgia—Church history  
Indians of North America—Georgia  
Pickens County (Ga.)—History

### *Related Material*

Books by Walker in the library catalog  
Georgia Baptist Historical Society collection

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## **Series Description**

SERIES 1: Personal

Subseries 1: Summaries (Box 1)

Subseries 2: 1856-1960 (Box 1)

Subseries 3: Army (Box 1)

Subseries 4: Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (Box 1)

Subseries 5: Lick Branch and Coffee Creek (Box 1)

Subseries 6: Abbeville and Little River (Box 1)

Subseries 7: 1960s (Box 1)

Subseries 8: 1970s-2010 (Box 2)

SERIES 2: Speeches

Subseries 1: Sermons and Bible studies (Boxes 2-5)

Subseries 2: Lectures (Box 6)

SERIES 3: Publications (Box 6)

SERIES 4: Correspondence (Box 6)

SERIES 5: Jasper First Baptist Church (Boxes 7-8)

SERIES 6: Denominational Work

Subseries 1: Southern Baptist Convention (Box 8)

Subseries 2: Georgia Baptist Convention (Box 8)

Subseries 3: Georgia Baptist History Committee/Commission (Box 8)

Subseries 4: Georgia Baptist Historical Society (Box 8)

Subseries 5: Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (Boxes 8, 14)

Subseries 6: Mercer University (Boxes 8, 13)

SERIES 7: Research, Family, and Other Activities

Subseries 1: Cherokees (Box 9)

Subseries 2: Betty Anne Walker (Box 9)

Subseries 3: Georgia Baptist Ministers' Wives, 1963-1988 (Box 9)

Subseries 4: Mixed (Boxes 9-10)

SERIES 8: Oversized Photographs, Scrapbooks, and Drawings (Boxes 11-12)