

**THE DUNCAN FAMILY COLLECTION**  
PP0035

**Descriptive Summary**

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Duncan, Pope Alexander, Jr., 1920-2003

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## **Collection Description**

### *Biographical Note*

Pope Alexander Duncan, Sr., was a white man born in 1883. He grew up in Dewey Rose, Georgia, and earned his B.A. from Mercer University in 1909. Duncan Sr. also attended the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He married Mabel Roberts. He pastored in Kentucky from 1915 to 1923, where their son, Pope A. Duncan, Jr., was born in 1920. Duncan Sr. also pastored First Baptist Churches in Cordele (1923-1925), Royston (1926-1928), and Thomson, Georgia (1932-1934), as well as Central Baptist Church in Muskogee, Oklahoma, from 1929 to 1931. He earned an Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree from Mercer University in 1935. His last pastorate was at Prince Avenue Baptist Church in Athens, Georgia, from 1935 to 1938. Duncan Sr. died on March 28, 1938.

Pope Alexander Duncan, Jr. was a white man born on September 8, 1920, in Glasgow, Kentucky. He earned a B.S. (1940) and M.S. (1941) from the University of Georgia and a Th.M. (1944) and Th.D. (1947) from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He served as a pastor in Kentucky in the 1940s. Duncan Jr. served as Director of Religious Activities (1945-1946) and Roberts Professor of Church History (1948-1949) at Mercer University. He was a professor of religion at Stetson University in DeLand, Florida from 1946 to 1953. Duncan Jr. also served as a professor of Church History at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary from 1953 to 1963. His career also included: Dean at Brunswick College (1964), President of South Georgia College (1964-1968), Vice President (1968-1971) and President (1971-1977) at Georgia Southern College, President (1977-1987) and Chancellor (1987-2002) of Stetson University. He also authored several books during his career. Duncan Jr. died in DeLand, Florida, on December 18, 2003.

### *Scope and Content Note*

The Duncan Family Collection is divided into 5 series. Series 1 contains materials from Pope Alexander Duncan Sr., while Series 2-5 contain materials from Pope Alexander Duncan Jr.

As a general rule, Duncan Sr.'s (d. 1938) sermon notes (Series 1) extended to no more than two handwritten half-sheets of paper or one typed half-sheet paper. He marked a few of them Gd = Good or Gt = Great. No full manuscripts were found. Most sermons were used only once or twice. A few were used ten, fifteen, or twenty times. Original order was used to determine the groupings of Series 1.

Materials in Files A-D are usually typed on half-sheets of paper and were apparently prepared from handwritten notes that were then destroyed. Duncan (d. 1938) did not always remember where he preached a sermon or what all of the proper names meant.

Materials in Files E/1-5 and F are often handwritten and come from every part of his preaching career. He evidently died before he had the opportunity to retype these materials.

Materials now in File A and B were arranged in alphabetical order using a key word in the sermon title.

Materials now in File C seem to have been preached at Central Baptist Church in Muskogee, Oklahoma from 1929 to 1930.

Materials now in File D have no obvious order.

Materials now in File E are divided into five sections for ease in handling and designated as E/1, E/2, E/3, E/4, and E/5. No particular order could be determined, except to note that many came from his last two pastorates, Thomson and Prince Avenue/Athens and that some were in alphabetical order using a key-word in the sermon's title.

Materials now in File F were found loose in the box. Archives Personnel could find no particular order for them.

Materials now in Files A-E/5 are usually in the order in which they were found.

Materials now in File G (Sermons/Correspondence/Miscellaneous, 1918-1938 and no date) were removed from the other files. Each item in File G has been marked to show the file from which it was taken. File G is arranged in chronological order, with a final section devoted to items for which no date is presently known.

Duncan, Jr.'s (d. 2003) files are separated into 4 series. Files within each series are labeled chronologically.

*Subjects*

Duncan, Pope Alexander  
Duncan, Pope Alexander, Jr.  
Mercer University  
Stetson University  
South Georgia College  
Georgia Southern College (now University)  
Baptists – Georgia – Clergy  
Baptists – North Carolina – Clergy  
Baptists – Kentucky – Clergy

*Related Material*

None

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**Series Description**

Series 1: Sermons, Duncan Sr. (d. 1938)

Series 2: Addresses, Duncan Jr. (d. 2003)

Series 3: Correspondence, Duncan Jr. (d. 2003)

Series 4: Miscellaneous, Duncan Jr. (d. 2003)

Series 5: Publications, Duncan Jr. (d. 2003)

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**Container List**

SERIES 1: SERMONS, DUNCAN, SR. (d. 1938)

Folder 1/1: Duncan (d. 1938) – Sermons A

Folder 1/2: Duncan (d. 1938) – Sermons B

Folder 1/3: Duncan (d. 1938) – Sermons C

Folder 1/4: Duncan (d. 1938) – Sermons D

Folder 1/5: Duncan (d. 1938) – Sermons E/1

Folder 1/6: Duncan (d. 1938) – Sermons E/2

Folder 1/7: Duncan (d. 1938) – Sermons E/3

Folder 1/8: Duncan (d. 1938) – Sermons E/4

Folder 1/9: Duncan (d. 1938) – Sermons E/5

Folder 1/10: Duncan (d. 1938) – Sermons F – Loose

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SERIES 2: ADDRESSES, DUNCAN JR. (d. 2003)

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Folder 1/13: Addresses, 1942

Folder 1/14: Addresses, 1943

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Folder 1/16: Addresses, 1944

Folder 1/17: Addresses, 1945

Folder 1/18: Addresses, 1946

Folder 1/19: Reformation Day, 1946, 1951-1956, 1961

Folder 1/20: Addresses, 1947

Folder 1/21: Addresses, 1948

Folder 1/22: Baptist Beliefs, 1948, 1952-1954, 1958. 1962, n.d.

Folder 1/23: Addresses, 1949

Folder 1/24: Addresses, 1950

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Folder 1/26: A Time to Strengthen Stakes, 1951, 1952, n.d., 1956, 1962, 1978

Folder 1/27: Radio Series – It’s Nice to Know – 7 parts, 1951

Folder 1/28: Addresses, 1952

Folder 1/29: Addresses, 1953 (1 of 2)

Folder 1/30: Addresses, 1953 (2 of 2)

Folder 2/1: A Major Character in a Minor Roll – Stetson, 1998

Folder 2/2: Addresses, 1954

Folder 2/3: Wieuca Road Baptist Church, 1954, 1955, 1957, 1971, 1974

Folder 2/4: Addresses, 1955

Folder 2/5: Addresses, 1956

Folder 2/6: Addresses, 1957

Folder 2/7: Addresses, 1958

Folder 2/8: Addresses, 1959

Folder 2/9: February 1959 – UGA Religion in Life Week

Folder 2/10: Addresses, 1960

Folder 2/11: Addresses, 1961

Folder 2/12: A World in Metamorphosis, November 1961 (BSU Convention), 1966-1967

Folder 2/13: Addresses, 1962

Folder 2/14: Consultation of Baptist Historians, 1962

Folder 2/15: Too Much and Too Soon – Conrad Grebel, 1962 (Ridgecrest HC/SBC)

Folder 2/16: Addresses, 1963

Folder 2/17: Addresses, 1964-1966

Folder 2/18: Addresses, 1967

Folder 2/19: Commencement Addresses, 1967, 1969, 1978, 1984

Folder 2/20: Honors Day, 1967,1970, 1977

Folder 2/21: Conference on Concept of the Believer’s Church, 1967

Folder 2/22: Addresses, 1968

Folder 2/23: Past Present & Future, 1968, 1975-1977, 1983

Folder 2/24: Addresses, 1969

Folder 2/25: Addresses, 1970

Folder 2/26: Those Ignorant Baptists, April 24-25, 1970 (Baylor University)

Folder 2/27: Addresses, 1971

Folder 2/28: Socio-Humanistic Bases in the Education of a Junior College Student, April 1971

Folder 2/29: Commencement Addresses, 1971, 1972, 1978, 1981

Folder 2/30: Addresses, 1973-1977

Folder 2/31: Addresses, 1978

Folder 2/32: The University as a Christian Outcome, 1978, 1989 (SEBTS)

Folder 2/33: Addresses, 1979

Folder 2/34: Addresses, 1980

Folder 2/35: Built on the Rock Thy Church Doth Stand, 1980, 1986

Folder 2/36: Addresses, 1981

Folder 2/37: Addresses, 1982-1983, 1985

Folder 2/38: Addresses, 1990s

Folder 2/39: Addresses, Complete, n.d.

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SERIES 3: CORRESPONDENCE, DUNCAN JR. (d. 2003)

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Folder 2/48: Correspondence, 1964

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SERIES 4: MISCELLANEOUS, DUNCAN JR. (d. 2003)

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Folder 3/4: Miscellaneous, 1942

Folder 3/5: Southern Baptist Theological Seminary – Christian Sociology 91, 1942

Folder 3/6: Southern Baptist Theological Seminary – New Testament 32, 1942-1943

Folder 3/7: Miscellaneous, 1943

Folder 3/8: Miscellaneous, 1944

Folder 3/9: Church and State, 1945, 1947, 1949-1951, 1954-1956, n.d.

Folder 3/10: Miscellaneous, 1946

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Folder 3/12: Stetson Courses – Old Testament, 1946-1948

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Folder 3/14: Mercer – Christianity 11, 1948-1949

Folder 3/15: Miscellaneous, 1950-1952

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Folder 3/18: Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, 1953 (with PAD Notes)

Folder 3/19: Miscellaneous, 1954

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Folder 3/32: Miscellaneous, dates unknown

Folder 3/33: The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary Directories, 1950s

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Folder 3/35: Sermons on 3 Magnetic Tapes

Folder 3/36: A Guide to the Study of Church History by W. J. McGlothlin, 1914 (Part 1)

Folder 3/37: A Guide to the Study of Church History by W. J. McGlothlin, 1914 (Part 2)

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SERIES 5: PUBLICATIONS, DUNCAN JR. (d. 2003)

Folder 4/1: Duncan Family Biographical Sketch

Folder 4/2: 1947 – Ph.D. Dissertation

Folder 4/3: 1947 – Book Review, Reveille

Folder 4/4: 1955 – Knollys, Quarterly Review

Folder 4/5: 1955 – Baptist Distinctives, Reveille

Folder 4/6: 1956 – Baptist Distinctives, Biblical Recorder & The Christian Ministry, Southeastern Seminary Bulletin

Folder 4/7: 1957 – When the SBC Came of Age, Outlook Training Union Lessons

Folder 4/8: 1958 – Threats to Our Freedom, BTV

Folder 4/9: 1957-1958 – Our Baptist Story – Correspondence

Folder 4/10: 1958 – Our Baptist Story II-IV – 1<sup>st</sup> Copy

Folder 4/11: 1958 – Our Baptist Story V-VIII – 1<sup>st</sup> Copy

Folder 4/12: 1958 – Our Baptist Story – Pope Alexander Duncan's Carbon

Folder 4/13: 1958 – Our Baptist Story – Carbon Typed by Convention Press – With Corrections

Folder 4/14: 1959 – One Hundred Years of Seminary Education

Folder 4/15: 1962 – Sentimental Journey, Quarterly Review

Folder 4/16: 1964 – Quarterly Review

Folder 4/17: 1964 – Baptist Advance

Folder 4/18: 1964 – Young Adults, Our Baptist Heritage

Folder 4/19: 1964 – Die Baptisten

Folder 4/20: 1965 – Pilgrimage of Christianity

Folder 4/21: 1965 – Hansend Knollys – 1962 Original Manuscript

Folder 4/22: 1965 – Knollys – 1<sup>st</sup> Carbon Copy

Folder 4/23: 1965 – Knollys – 2<sup>nd</sup> Carbon Copy, 93 pages

Folder 4/24: 1965 – J.M. Dawson, Quarterly Review

Folder 4/25: 1965 – Eras of Christian History

Folder 4/26: 1965 – Sing it Fast, Baptist Program

Folder 4/27: 1965 – Brotherhood Journal

Folder 4/28: 1965-1975 – Book Review, Foundations

Folder 4/29: 1966 – Three Freedoms, Quarterly Review

Folder 4/30: 1966 – Crawford W. Toy

Folder 4/31: 1967 – Open Windows, April-June

Folder 4/32: 1969 – Southern Baptists, Outlook (SEBTS)

Folder 4/33: 1972 – Review & Exposition, Changing Role

Folder 4/34: 1976 – Statesboro Herald

Folder 4/35: Southern Baptist Educator

Folder 4/36: 1979 – Southern Baptist Educator

Folder 4/37: 1989 – Interview with Pope Alexander Duncan

Folder 4/38: 1996 – Phi Kappa Phi

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