

ARCHIBALD JOHN BATTLE COLLECTION
PP0005

Descriptive Summary

Creator Battle, Archibald John, 1826-1907

Title Archibald John Battle Collection

Accession Number PP0005

Physical Description One quarter-sized flip-top box containing four folders of letters and a notebook, all fragile.

Inclusive Dates 1870-1890

Language Note English

Administrative Information

Repository

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Acquisition

Gift of Dr. Spencer B. King (possibly)

Processing note

Inventory prepared by Daniel Williams et al.

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Biographical Note

Archibald John Battle was born in Powelton, GA, on September 10, 1826, son of Dr. and Mrs. Cullen Battle. He was reared in Alabama and graduated from the University of Alabama in 1846, under the administration of Dr. Basil Manly. He later received the Doctor of Divinity degree from Howard College (Alabama) and Columbian University (Washington, D. C.), and the Doctor of Laws degree from the University of Georgia. Battle was married to Mary E. Guild of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, in 1847. Their family included two sons, Cullen Gil and Archibald, Jr., a daughter, Mary G. (Mrs. Thomas S. Lowry), and two other children who did not survive to adulthood.

Battle's career as an educator/administrator stretched from 1847 to 1902. He taught ancient languages in the University of Alabama and East Alabama Female College. Beginning in 1860, he served as President of six institutions: Alabama Central Female College, East Alabama Female College, Judson Female Institute (Alabama), Mercer University (Georgia), Shorter College (Georgia), and Anniston College (Alabama).

Although he had contemplated a career in law, Battle was ordained to the ministry in 1853 and consequently served as pastor of Tuscaloosa Baptist Church (Alabama) and the First Baptist Church of Macon (Georgia), among others, for brief periods of time. He was President of the Georgia Baptist Convention from 1888-1890. Battle published a regionally acclaimed book, *A Treatise, Psychological and Theological, on the Human Will*, in 1876.

Archibald Battle retired to Macon, Georgia, and survived his wife by ten years. He died on September 29, 1907, and is buried in Macon's Riverside Cemetery.

Scope and Content Note

The Archibald Battle Papers contains two letters regarding Battle (1871 and 1879); a volume of Battle lecture notes taken by William S. West (1879-1880); and a notebook of miscellaneous notes (undated) with loose notes and scrap paper bearing West's name inserted. The volume of lecture notes has significantly deteriorated. The collection was possibly given by Dr. Spencer B. King.

Subjects

Mercer University
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Related Material

Mercer University Presidents biographical files

Container List

Folder 1/1: Correspondence regarding A. J. Battle, 1871-1879

Folder 1/2: A. J. Battle lecture notes taken by William S. West, 1879-1880

Folder 1/3: A. J. Battle Biographical File

Folder 1/4: Miscellaneous notes of William S. West