

Henry Eugene WATTERS



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Provenance

It is not known when the papers of H. E. Watters were placed in the care of the Georgetown College Archives. When President Watters left Georgetown College in 1934, his correspondence and other papers were probably stored at various places on campus. At some point, they were deposited in the Cooke Memorial Library where they remained until the Ensor Learning Resource Center was completed, and they were transferred there in 1998. The papers were opened for research in July 2000.

Biographical Note

Watters served as president of Georgetown College, 1931-34. He was born in Graves County, Kentucky, on September 14, 1876, to Theodore M. and Josephine (Ransom) Watters. He was educated at Southern Normal University (B.S., 1899) and Union University (A.B., 1903; A.M., 1916). He did graduate work at Brown University, 1905-07; at Chicago University, 1933-34; and at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, 1935. He received honorary D.D. and LL.D. degrees from Hall-Moody Institute, 1906, and Union University, 1921, respectively. He was principal of public schools in Kentucky and Tennessee for seven years. Watters taught history at Union University. He was president of Hall-Moody Institute, 1905-15; of the College of Marshall (later East Texas Baptist College), 1916-18; of Union University, 1918-31; and Jonesboro Baptist College (Arkansas), 1935-37. He pastored many churches. He first married Annette Routon on August 28, 1899, and then Ethen Reed, July 22, 1931. He fathered four children: Lillian, Evelyn, Everette, and Marden. He died, April 15, 1938, Jackson, Tennessee.

Watters authored BIBLE OF SUPER-HUMAN ORIGIN (1908); PHYSICS SIMPLIFIED (1905); PLANNING A LIFE (1935); YOUTH MAKE THE CHOICE (1938).

When Watters became president of Georgetown College, the college was on the verge of closing permanently. Declining student enrollment had created heavy deficits. Because of ill health, Watters was ineffective in reversing the trends, and eventually had to resign when the college was nearly insolvent. The appointment of the first woman trustee, Mrs. Emil Peters, was the one notable event that occurred during his presidency.

Homer Waldrop, "Watters, Henry Eugene," *ENCYCLOPEDIA OF SOUTHERN BAPTISTS*, Vol. 3, Nashville, TN: Broadman Press, 1971; Robert Snyder, *HISTORY OF GEORGETOWN COLLEGE*, pp. 106-09.

Subseries Description

Subseries I Box 1 Correspondence of W. B. Jones, 1930-32

William Bristow Jones, Professor of English, was appointed acting president in October 1930, after Dr. M. B. Adams resigned on January 1, 1931. His correspondence was not arranged in any particular order.

Subseries II Boxes 1-4 Correspondence of H. E. Watters, 1930-34

Most of Dr. Watters's correspondence involves the recruitment of students. The files were arranged alphabetically according to subject.

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