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WILLIAM BACON OLIVER COLLECTION
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Collection Size: 11 cubic feet

Description: The William Bacon Oliver Collection consists of approximately 11 cubic feet of books and memorabilia from United States Representative from Alabama, William Bacon Oliver. Born in Eutaw, Alabama, on May 23, 1867, Oliver received the degree of Bachelor of Laws from the University of Alabama in 1889 and later distinguished himself in many areas including: solicitor for the Sixth Judicial Circuit of Alabama (1898-1909); Dean of the University of Alabama School of Law (1901-1913); member of the United States House of Representatives from the Sixth District of Alabama (1915-1937); and special assistant to the Attorney General at Washington, D.C. (1939-1944). Oliver died on May 27, 1948, and is buried in Eutaw, Alabama.
**Memorabilia**  
*Clothing, etc., owned by William Bacon Oliver*

- Gold-headed cane (broken).
- Loving Cup (plated silver) given to Oliver by the law class of 1910.
- One black top hat in a "Supernatural" brand hatbox; hatbox in poor condition.
- Plaque reading "First in Citizenship/ Tuscaloosa/ Citizenship Award. 1937/ Presented to William B. "Buck" Oliver/ By the Civitan Club."

**Books Owned By William Bacon Oliver**

- *Alabama Official and Statistical Register 1943.* (inscribed to Congressman Oliver by Marie Bankhead Owen).
- *Alabama Reports*, Volume 127 (1900; signed by Henry B. Foster; very poor condition).
- Congressional Record. May 27, 1948. (contains tributes to Congressman Oliver after his death; copy laid in of "Final Speech of William B. (Buck) Oliver in the U.S. Congress . . ." [1936?])
- Connecticut State Register and Manual 1932. (inscribed to Congressman Oliver)
- Daniels, Addie Worth Bagley. Recollections of a Cabinet Minister’s Wife, 1913-1921. Raleigh, NC: 1945. (inscribed to the Olivers by Josephus Daniels)
- Daniels, Josephus. The Life of Woodrow Wilson, 1856-1924. London: Allen & Unwin, 1924. (inscribed to Oliver by the author)
- Daniels, Josephus. Tar Heel Editor. Chapel Hill: U of North Carolina Press, 1939. (inscribed by author; John Temple Graves’s review pasted in; another review laid in)
- Memorial Services Held in the House of Representatives of the United States, Together with Remarks Presented in Eulogy of Nicholas Longworth, Late Representative from Ohio, Seventy-Second Congress, First Session. Washington: U.S.G.P.O., 1932. (newspaper clipping of a recent date laid in)
- Miller, J.R. *Making the Most of Life*. New York: T.Y. Crowell, 18910 (inscribed to a member of the Oliver family)
- Prentiss, Elizabeth. Stepping Heavenward. New York: Rand, 1880. (inscribed to Mrs. Oliver, 1937)
- Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. The Constitution of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America. Philadelphia: Presbyterian Board of Publication and Sabbath-school work, 1894. (signed by Oliver's mother, Lizzie Oliver, in 1897; title on spine: Confession of Faith)
- Readjustment of Service Pay: Hearings Before a Special Committee, Congress of the United States. Washington: U.S.G.P.O., 1921. ("W.B. Oliver" stamped in gold on the cover)
- Strode, Hudson. *The Story of Bermuda*. New York: Harrison Smith and Robert Haas, 1932. (signed by author; paste-down and end-sheets stained)

**Photographs**

- Framed photograph of Oliver in cadet uniform.
- Framed photograph of Oliver as a young man; photograph marked "C. W. Motes, 34 Whitehall Street, Atlanta, Georgia."
- Photograph of Oliver mounted on wooden plaque. Poor condition.
- Large framed photograph of Congressman Oliver and others on steps of what is probably a building in Washington, D.C. Various officials of the Wilson administration, including Josephus Daniels and Franklin D. Roosevelt are in the group. The people in the photograph are identified in a legend below the image.