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WILLIAM BACON OLIVER COLLECTION  
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**Date Span:** 1852-1947

**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.

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## 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

- *Acceptance of the Statue of Huey P. Long Presented by the State of Louisiana, Proceedings in the Congress and in Statuary Hall* (1941).
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## 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.