

**Register of the
Kilgore Family Papers
Collection 239**

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Scope and Content:

Charles L. Kilgore (1869-1941) was the son of Robert Mead Kilgore (1839-1912), a pioneer in the Adventist work in Texas who later served in top administrative positions in the Illinois, Georgia, and Southern Union Conferences. After graduating from Battle Creek College in 1891, Charles L. Kilgore worked for a time for the *American Sentinel*, the publication of the Religious Liberty Association. He went on to serve in several administrative capacities in Texas, Oklahoma, and later in Tennessee, including acting as business manager and commercial teacher at the Southern Training School. In 1910 he moved to South Lancaster, MA, where for 22 years he served as secretary-treasurer and auditor of the Atlantic Union Conference.

The Kilgore Family Papers consist of two principle parts: the family's personal correspondence, and the business correspondence of Charles L. Kilgore.

The personal correspondence is primarily that of Letha Ethel (Hall) Kilgore (1872-1928), the wife of Charles L. Kilgore, though it includes some of her husband's and other family members' correspondence.

The business correspondence is divided into three categories. The first is a letter-book of correspondence from R.M and C.L. Kilgore who were serving as President and Secretary/Auditor of the Southern Union Conference, respectively. The correspondence is to various denominational workers, and deals primarily with accounting issues.

The second category is correspondence concerning the Southern Training School from 1897-1909. Both R.M. and C.L. Kilgore were board members of the school. This part of the collection is not restricted to Kilgore correspondence, but includes copies of correspondence among board members, school officials, union officials, and General Conference officials, as well as drafts of certain documents from the Board of Trustees concerning the school.

The third category consists of correspondence from the early 1930's when Charles L. Kilgore was working for Ayers & Hammond Insurance-Real Estate, which provided insurance to several denominational entities. The correspondence deals primarily with billing, investment, policy, and claim issues.

Arrangement:

The personal correspondence is arranged chronologically. A detailed content listing, both chronological and by name of sender follows the register. A number of envelopes which were empty when received by the Center for Adventist Research have been included in a separate folder. The Southern Training School portion of the business correspondence is likewise arranged chronologically. The Ayers & Hammond portion follows Charles L. Kilgore's original arrangement: alphabetical by name. As the Center for Adventist Research did not receive Kilgore's Ayers & Hammond files from A to G, the correspondence files begin with the letter H.

Provenance:

The collection was donated to the Center for Adventist Research in May, 2005 by Atlantic Union College.

Use:

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Inventory

I. Personal Correspondence

Bx 1	Fld 1	1888-1891
Bx 1	Fld 2	1892
Bx 1	Fld 3	1893
Bx 1	Fld 4	1894
Bx 1	Fld 5	1895-1897
Bx 1	Fld 6	1898
Bx 1	Fld 7	1899
Bx 1	Fld 8	1901-1904
Bx 1	Fld 9	1905
Bx 1	Fld 10	1906
Bx 2	Fld 1	1907
Bx 2	Fld 2	1908 (Part 1)
Bx 2	Fld 3	1908 (Part 2)
Bx 2	Fld 4	1908 (Part 3)
Bx 2	Fld 5	1908 (Part 4)
Bx 2	Fld 6	1909 (Part 1)
Bx 2	Fld 7	1909 (Part 2)
Bx 2	Fld 8	1910-1912
Bx 3	Fld 1	1913-1917
Bx 3	Fld 2	1918
Bx 3	Fld 3	1919 (Part 1)
Bx 3	Fld 4	1919 (Part 2)
Bx 3	Fld 5	1920
Bx 3	Fld 6	1921 (Part 1)
Bx 3	Fld 7	1921 (Part 2)
Bx 3	Fld 8	1922-1923
Bx 4	Fld 1	1924
Bx 4	Fld 2	1925-1927
Bx 4	Fld 3	Empty Envelopes

II. Business Correspondence

Kilgore Letter-book- Southern Union Conference (1899-1901)

Bx 4 Fld 4 Contents from front of Letter-book
Bx 4 Fld 5 Letter-book

Southern Training School

Bx 4 Fld 6 1897-1907
Bx 4 Fld 7 1908
Bx 4 Fld 8 1909

Ayers & Hammond (early 1930's)

Bx 5 Fld 1 H
Bx 5 Fld 2 I
Bx 5 Fld 3 Investments
Bx 5 Fld 4 J
Bx 5 Fld 5 K
Bx 5 Fld 6 L
Bx 5 Fld 7 M
Bx 5 Fld 8 Miles, E. Edgar
Bx 5 Fld 9 N
Bx 5 Fld 10 Nelson, Myrtle
Bx 5 Fld 11 New England Sanitarium
Bx 5 Fld 12 Northern New England Conference
Bx 5 Fld 13 O
Bx 5 Fld 14 P
Bx 5 Fld 15 Q
Bx 5 Fld 16 R
Bx 5 Fld 17 S
Bx 5 Fld 18 Shelly, Marion
Bx 5 Fld 19 Smith, Sydney
Bx 5 Fld 20 Southern New England Conference
Bx 5 Fld 21 T
Bx 5 Fld 22 U
Bx 5 Fld 23 V
Bx 5 Fld 24 Wendell, Harold U.
Bx 5 Fld 25 W
Bx 5 Fld 26 Miscellaneous

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