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MARY E. BRANCH COLLECTION
Collection 7-1

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Scope Note

The Mary E. Branch Collection was created from the efforts of Dr. Sadie Daniel St. Clair, who was assembling information for a proposed biographical study of Miss Mary E. Branch. The information in this collection spans the period July, 1909 through May 3, 1948, and totals « linear feet.

Miss Mary E. Branch was the first woman president of Tilloston College, Austin, Texas, as a coeducational institution of higher learning. This collection contains biographical data, correspondence in terms of form letters signed by President Branch, and letters from inquiries written by Dr. Sadie Daniel St. Clair regarding Mary E. Branch. Other items included are typescripts of Mary E. Branch's addresses and writings. The collection does not contain any personal information about Mary E. Branch's family, nor is there any documentation of her other career activities.
Biographical Sketch

Mary E. Branch
1882, May 20  Born in Farmville, Virginia, to Tazewell and Harriet (Lacey) Branch. Tazewell Branch, a two term member of the Virginia Legislature, had been a slave during Reconstruction.

1895-1897  Attended Virginia State College
1904-1925  Member of faculty at Virginia State College
1922  Received Ph.D. from the University of Chicago, Illinois
1926  Received M.A. from the University of Chicago, Illinois
1925-1926  Taught English, Sumner Jr. College, Kansas City, Kansas
1926-1930  Dean of Women, Vashon High School, St. Louis, Missouri
1930, July 1  Appointed president of Tillston College, Austin, Texas, by the American Missionary Association
1935  Received honorary LL.D., Howard University
1944, July 6  Died in Camden, New Jersey
Series Description

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