

Finding Aids- Tillotson College and Samuel Huston College Collection



Creator: Tillotson College, Samuel Huston College

Title: Tillotson College and Samuel Huston College Collection

Dates: 1876-2007

Extent: 9 boxes (6 Document Boxes, 3 Banker's Box)

Abstract: The collection mainly contains Samuel Huston College and Tillotson College's correspondence, articles, institutional reports, student information, and bulletins.

Location: The Huston-Tillotson University Archives Repository at Downs-Jones Library

Call Number: R-R-001

Language: English

Access: Open for research

Restrictions: Conditions Governing Access-Advance notice required retrieval, contact repository for retrieval. Most materials are delicate, needed to be handled carefully.

Biographical Notes:

The roots of Tillotson College date back to 1875 and build upon work of the Freedmen's Aid Society of the American Missionary Association of the Congregational churches (now United Church of Christ). Chartered in 1877 as Tillotson Collegiate and Normal Institute, the school began classes on January 17, 1881. Tillotson Collegiate and Normal Institute

officially opened in 1881, offering elementary, secondary, and college education to black residents of Austin, Texas. The campus was located on a piece of land then known as Bluebonnet Hill, 23 acres bound by Mesquite Street (now E. 11th Street). Bois d'Arc (now E. 7th Street), Chicon Street, and Chalmers Avenue. The school was renamed Tillotson College, a “normal school” for the training of teachers for the black community. The school was reorganized in 1925 as a junior college; in 1926 as a women’s college; and again in 1935 as a senior, co-educational institution.

The root of Samuel Huston College date back to 1876, when the Reverend George Warren Richardson leased the St. Paul Methodist Episcopal Church in Dallas, Texas, as the site for a school for the African American youth of the city. Before the end of its first year, the school had been adopted by the West Texas Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In September 1878, the school was moved to Austin, Texas, and housed in what is now Wesley United Methodist Church. In 1882, Dr. Richard Rust, secretary of the Freedmen’s Aid Society, purchased a six-acre site for the school at College Avenue (now 12th Street) and East Avenue (now I-35), about one mile west of the Tillotson campus. In 1887, Samuel Huston, a farmer from Marengo, Iowa, donated a farm estimated to be worth \$10,000 to support the construction of the school, with the understanding that the school would bear his name. Samuel Huston College officially opened in November 1900.

In 1952, Tillotson College and Samuel Huston College merged and become Huston-Tillotson College. In 2005, Huston-Tillotson College became Huston-Tillotson University.

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- York College*, March 1956
- Veteran administration
- Music department
- Aome Stencil Company invoice to Tillotson College, 1951
- Aiff, the Florist
- Letters, 1953-1954
- Division of Teacher Education, Sr. 1951; 1951-1952

- Division of Social Sciences; Sr. 1951; 1951-1952
- Division of Science & Math; Sr. 1951; 1951-1952
- Division of Fine Arts, Sr. 1951; 1951-1952
- Dr. M. S. Davage
- Miscellaneous, C. 1951-1952
- Miscellaneous, B. 1951-1952
- Other college and universities
- Program and events, 1951-1952
- Athletic Committee, Sr. 1951; 1951-1952
- Drama de, Sr. 1951; 1951-1952
- Cor: Board of Trustees, Sr. 1951; 1951-1952
- Annual conferences, 1951-1952
- Samuel Huston College history
- Samuel Huston College bulletin catalogue, 1921-23
- Austin Daily Statesman*, February 8, 1898. Mentioning Samuel Huston College

Box 2: Resident correspondence

- Stanley E. Grannum, Samuel Huston College, 1940s
- Harrington, Robert Franklin. 1940s-1950s
- Residents at Tillotson
- Residents at Samuel Huston
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Box 3: Tillotson College

- Tillotson College introduction booklet (circa 1931)
- Tillotson College history, by American Missionary Association.

- Tillotson College-Articles of Incorporation, 1909
- Tillotson College land purchase communication, 1876-1887; 1909
- Annual catalogue of Tillotson College: An Accredited Senior College for Both Men and Women. 1935-1936
- Tillotson College Annual Bulletin of Announcements for 1945-1946
- The Austin Statesman*. February 1882. Mentioning Tillotson College
- The Austin Statesman*, 1923. Mentioning Tillotson College

Box 4: Tillotson College Institution Reports, 1930-1940

- Tillotson College Equipment, 1934-1936
- Tillotson College Equipment, 1934-1937
- Physic equipment, 1936-1937
- Congregational churches list, 1939
- Monthly reports financial aid, 1935-1938
- Tillotson College budget, 1949-1950
- Tillotson Committee-Texas Centennial Celebration
- Friendly Service donation letters, 1944-1947
- Commencement order, 1946
- Student verification correspondence, 1943
- Warranty information-PT6 Magne recorder
- Tillotson College alumni information, 1952
- Correspondence-students, 1945-1946
- Correspondence-Friendly service donations, 1945-1946
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- Prospective students & President correspondence, 1945-1946
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- Tillotson College budget, 1951
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- Friendly Service donation letters, 1949-1952
- Friendly Service donation letters, Missionary boxes. 1948-1952
- Committee on Administration Faculty Fellowship Program form. Circa 1951

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- Invitation from The Freedmen's Aid Society for laying the cornerstone at Samuel Huston College. February 2, 1898. Flyer
- Tillotson College brochure. Circa 1949
- Photo copies of old HT buildings (Samuel Huston College and Tillotson College), 1913-1952. Booklet
- Life at Huston-Tillotson, 1954-1955. Brochure. 2 copies
- Samuel Huston College history, articles. No date
- Elizabeth and Calvin Gapland, 1877
- Mid-Year Concert program, Tillotson College. February 29, 1924
- Tillotson, 1952. From *Negro Achievements*
- Alma Mater of Tillotson College, Samuel Huston College and HTC
- Founder biographies of Tillotson College and Samuel Huston College, including article from *Tillotson Tidings*, February 1902
- History of Huston-Tillotson College, "The Beginning to 1885". By Ward Allen White III, Class of 1962
- Photos of Tillotson College students

Box 7: Samuel Huston College correspondence

- Hole, J. Wesley. 1941
- Homes, M. J. 1936
- Homes, M.J.1939
- Candidates for Positions in Negro Schools. Methodist Board of Education. 1939
- Business correspondence
- Catalogue, 1940
- Homes, M.J. 1940
- Bureau of Recommendations – forms. 1942
- Bulletins, US Government, American Council on Education, etc. 1942
- Faculty Reports, 1940-41
- Faculty complaints, Faculty contracts
- Contracts, 1942-1943
- Conference communications
- Annual reports-various meeting, 1940-1941
- Extension school, Austin division. 1944-45
- Alumni correspondence
- Accounts, 1939
- Class schedules, 1940
- Hazel Adams
- Bertrand Adams
- H. D. Asbury
- Ida Bess Barton
- J. Mason Brewer
- O. H. Elliott

- National Alumni Association, 1944
- Alumni enrollment
- Frederick M. Hunter
- Alumni-all graduates
- Extension school-Austin Branch
- Davage, M. S., 1940-1945
- Dean of Men-reports, etc.
- The Methodist Church Board of Education. 1951-1952
- Budget, 1951-1952
- Literature
- Miscellaneous, 1940
- The Methodist Church Board of Education, miscellaneous files. 1939-1940
- Methodist Board, 1940-1941
- Methodist publishing house
- Accredited colleges-Dr. Grannum, 1937-38
- N. Y. A.-Federal Security Agency, 1940. Dr. Grannum
- The Methodist Church Board of Education loans, Dr. Stanly Grannum
- Holy week, 1942
- Samuel Huston College miscellaneous

Box 8: Tillotson College Bulletins

- Tillotson College brochure. Circa 1949
- Tillotson Institute, Catalogue of Officers and Students for the Scholastic Year 1892-93
- Tillotson College catalogue. 1912-1913; 1916-1917; 1918-1919; 1922-1923; 1924-1925; 1948-1949
- Class office materials

- Annual Catalogue of Tillotson College For the Year 1931-1932. with Announcements for 1932-1933
- Annual Catalogue of Tillotson College For the Year 1934-1935, with Announcements for 1935-1936
- Annual Catalogue of Tillotson College For the Year 1936-1937, with Announcements for 1937-1938
- Annual Catalogue of Tillotson College For the Year 1940-1941, with Announcements for 1941-1942
- Annual Catalogue of Tillotson College For the Year 1941-1942, with Announcements for 1942-1943
- Tillotson College Annual Bulletin of Announcements. 1945-1946; 1946-1947; 1947-1948; 1950-1951;1951-1952
- The Bulletin of Tillotson College, Summer Session. 1942, 1943, 1944, 1946, 1947, 1949, 1951, 1952
- Special Supplementary Bulletin of Tillotson College, College Calendar,1942-1943. With Announcements for 1943-1944
- Special Supplementary Bulletin of Tillotson College, College Calendar, 1943-1944. With Announcements for 1944-1945

Box 9: Samuel Huston College Bulletins, 1930s-1950s

- College of Liberal Arts Part II-Course of Instruction 1939-40; announcements, 1940-41. Samuel Huston College
- College of Liberal Arts Part I-General Information 1940-42. Samuel Huston College
- College of Liberal Arts Part II-Course of Instruction 1941-42; announcements, 1942-43. Samuel Huston College
- Samuel Huston College Bulletin, Catalog number, 1947-1948; Announcements, 1948-1949. College of Liberal Arts
- Samuel Huston College Bulletin, Catalog number, 1950-1951; Announcements, 1951-1952. College of Liberal Arts
- Samuel Huston College Bulletin, 1952 Summer Session