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OVERVIEW OF COLLECTION

Title: Pope A. Duncan papers

Date: 1920-2003, bulk 1937-2003

Extent: 10 linear feet (10 boxes)

Creator/Collector: Duncan, Pope A. (Pope Alexander)

Language: English

Repository: Zach S. Henderson Library Special Collections, Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, GA. specolle@georgiasouthern.edu. 912-478-7819. library.georgiasouthern.edu.

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Separated Material:

Books and Magazines (Cataloged Separately)

Pandora

1937 - [0200106672468](#)

1938 - [0200106672443](#)

1938 - [0200106672450](#)

1940 - [0200106672427](#)

1941 - [0200106672435](#)

Hatter

1978 - [0200106672476](#)

1979 - [0200106672484](#)

1980 - [0200106672492](#)

1981 - [0200106672575](#)

1982 - [0200106672500](#)

1983 - [0200106672518](#)

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1989 - [0200106672559](#)

Criterion

1939 - [0200106672567](#)

1940 - [0200106672583](#)

1956 - [0200106672591](#)

One hundred years of the First Baptist Church, Brunswick, Ga., 1855-1955. - [0200106672609](#)

To God be the glory : the history of Prince Avenue Baptist Church. - [0200106672682](#)

Elan

1965 - [0200106672666](#)

1966 - [0200106672658](#)

1968 - [0200106672674](#)

Cauldron

1946 - [0200106672641](#)

ABOUT THE COLLECTION

Biographical History: Pope Alexander Duncan (1920-2003) was a pastor, professor, administrator, and author. He served as pastor of River View Baptist Church, Louisville, KY, while attending Southern Seminary. He taught Religion at Stetson University and Church History at SEBTS. He then served as Dean at Brunswick College (GA), as Vice-President and President of Georgia Southern College (now University), and President of Stetson University (FL). He authored four books, among them *The Pilgrimage of Christianity* and *Our Baptist Story*, contributed to several volumes, notably the *Encyclopedia of Southern Baptists*, and wrote numerous articles. Pope Duncan attended the University of Georgia (B.S. Physics and Mathematics), Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (Th.M. and Ph.D., Church History), and did post-doctoral study at Oxford, Union Theological Seminary (NY), and the University of Zurich. He also received numerous honorary degrees. He married Margaret Flexer in 1943. Pope Duncan served as president of Stetson for ten years (1977-1987), followed by 15 years as chancellor (1987-2002), and was chancellor emeritus at the time of his death.

Scope and Content: This collection consists of the appointment booklets of Dr. Pope A. Duncan from 1920-2003. These materials span his years as president of South Georgia College, Georgia Southern College (1971-1976), Stetson University (1977-1987), and his later retirement.

System of Arrangement:

The collection is arranged by type and in chronological order.

Acquisitions Info: Gift of Dr. Pope A. Duncan's daughter, Mary Margaret Duncan Jones, March 2007; badges, October 2008; further presidential papers, November 2011.

Access Points:

Duncan, Pope A. (Pope Alexander), 1920-2003
South Georgia College -- Presidents
Georgia Southern College -- Presidents
Stetson University -- Presidents
Georgia Southern College
Georgia Southern University
South Georgia College
Stetson University
Presidents
Records (Documents)

Photographs
Deeds

CONTAINER LISTING

Box 1: 0200105113514

Dr. Duncan's daily appointment booklets, 1966-2001. Covers his years as president of South Georgia College, Georgia Southern College (1971-1976) and Stetson University (1977-1987), and then his later retirement. Also badges of the Georgia Southern President's Club & the Chris Schenkel Golf Tournament.	Box Number <u>1</u>
1966-1976	

Box 2: 0200105113316

Dr. Duncan's daily appointment booklets, 1966-2001. Covers his years as president of South Georgia College, Georgia Southern College (1971-1976) and Stetson University (1977-1987), and then his later retirement. Also badges of the Georgia Southern President's Club & the Chris Schenkel Golf Tournament.	Box Number 2
1977-1985	

Box 3: 0200105113118

Dr. Duncan's daily appointment booklets, 1966-2001. Covers his years as president of South Georgia College, Georgia Southern College (1971-1976) and Stetson University (1977-1987), and then his later retirement. Also badges of the Georgia Southern President's Club & the Chris Schenkel Golf Tournament.	Box Number 3
1986-1993	

Box 4: 0200105113126

Dr. Duncan's daily appointment booklets, 1966-2001. Covers his years as president of South Georgia College, Georgia Southern College (1971-1976) and Stetson University (1977-1987), and then his later retirement. Also badges	Box Number 4
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of the Georgia Southern President's Club & the Chris Schenkel Golf Tournament.	
1994-2001. Badges of the Georgia Southern President's Club & the Chris Schenkel Golf Tournament.	

Box 5: 0200105973990

	Box Number
The Attic Press, Inc. (Correspondence, balance sheets, minutes of directors' meetings, by-laws, book lists) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undated, 1964-1965 • 1966-1973 • 1974-1982, 1985 	5
The Timuquana Trailblazer (North Florida Junior College), April 20, 1967, with front-page story on Duncan as graduation speaker	5
Newspaper publicity (Statesboro Herald, Savannah Morning News, etc.), Undated, 1968- 1977	5
GSC Alumni Newsletter, February 1968 (Eidson & Duncan get administrative posts after Henderson retirement)	5
Georgia Association of Junior Colleges Annual Meeting program, October 1968 (Duncan a speaker)	5
4 issues of GSC Alumni Record (April 1969, Oct. 1971, March 1972, Dec. 1972)	5
14 typescript speeches & columns, 1971-1976 ("As I See It," State of the College 1973-1976, Freshman Convocation 1974 & 1975, Open Letter to Students 1976)	5
Duncan columns, "As I See It," as GSC president, 35 columns, Undated but 1971-1976	5
2 programs & invitation to Duncan inauguration, April 1972	5
Guest book for inauguration, April 1972	5
Inauguration Student Pageant program, April 1972	5
Honors Day speech by Prof. David Ruffin, May 1974	5
Certificate from Air War College, National Security Forum, May 1977	5
Miscellaneous publicity, 1976-1977	5
"The Duncan Dunkin" program, Farewell, July 1977	5

Various Stetson University papers & photographs, 1984-2004 (including biographical sketch to 1987 and program for his memorial service, January 2004)	5
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Box 6: 0200105974006

Photographs (some color) showing Duncan with figures from Georgia Southern (Jack Averitt, Harry Carter, John O. Eidson, Zach Henderson, Nick Henry, Kirbylene Stephens, etc.) as well as figures who visited the campus (Abba Eban, Bob Hope, Lester Maddox, Kurt Waldheim, etc.) in three separate envelopes: 13 are 8 1/4 X 10 in.; 60 are 5 X 7 in.; 40 are 3 1/2 X 5 in.	Box Number 6
Margaret E. Flexer University of Georgia group documents, 1938, 1940 (Alpha Lambda Delta, Parthenians of Mortar Board, Xi Phi Xi)	6
Pope A. Duncan University of Georgia group documents (Phi Kappa Phi, Sigma P. Sigma, Xi Phi Xi)	6
2 large photographs, 14 X 11 in., one of an unidentified dormitory, the other of a sketch portrait of Dr. Duncan)	6
15 pages from a scrapbook kept by Mrs. Duncan for Dr. Duncan's inauguration, April 1972	6
VHS videocassette of interview with Dr. Duncan conducted by Kirbylene Stephens, October 1989	6

Box 7: 0200106671841

	Box Number	Folder Number
Malcomb A. Duncan Papers, Deeds and Loans	7	1
Letters by Mother (Belle), 1901-1914, to her brothers and Bob	7	2
Pope A. Duncan's Life Insurance, January 26, 1931, age 10	7	3
Pope A. Duncan, Sr.'s Notebook and Letters from Conventions	7	4
Elementary and High School Diplomas and Report Cards; Boy Scout Membership Card; Journal	7	5
University of Georgia Material for Pope Duncan and Margaret Flexer/Duncan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Commencement Ceremony Booklets ● Letters 	7	6

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Professional Fraternities/Sororities Acceptance Certificates ● Notes from School 		
Letters by Lamar Dobbs and Family to Duncans, some letters are from the University of Georgia	7	7
Miscellaneous Financial Documents/ Personal Documents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Margaret Flexer Cancelled Student Loan Debt ● Purchase and Sale of 1951 Kaiser Sedan ● Duncans' Wedding Announcement ● "A Resolution of Honor of Margaret Flexer Duncan" ● "Duncan Christmas Party - 1980" 	7	8
Gift Copy of Golden Verse by Lyter J. Rouse	7	9
Church History 71: Notebook Winter Term 1943-1944	7	10
Doctrine of Sanctification as Treated by Martin Luther with notes	7	11
Doctrine of Sanctification as Treated by Martin Luther with notes, marks, and sources call numbers	7	12
Pope Duncan's Articles from Original Publications, pages removed from magazines of Dr. Duncan's articles, various magazines	7	13
Pages from the Quarterly Review and the Adult Baptist, Duncan's articles	7	14
Southeastern Baptists Theological Seminary Miscellaneous Documents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Memorials ● Graduation Invitations ● Commencement Ceremonial Booklets ● Money Deposits 	7	15
Letters from Pope Duncan's Mother and Wife Margaret while Duncan was Attending Oxford, 1950 - 1952	7	16
"Barth's Seminary," Pope Duncan's Essays while in Europe	7	17
What We May Learn from the Anabaptists, Pope Duncan's Manuscript from Trip in Europe, April 1961, includes some research material	7	18
Letters Between Pope and Margaret Duncan and John Steely while Pope was in Europe, May 1960 - August 1961	7	19

<p>Pope Duncan Time through Europe, with and without his family</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letters to his Margaret Duncan from Pope • Tickets to Leave Europe of Boat for Pope and Margaret • Post Cards • Letter from Margaret • Written Work 	7	20
<p>Letters Pope Duncan Written while at European Schools, addressed to various people</p>	7	21
<p>Photographs from Pope Duncan's Professor Years</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Richard Niebuhr, two photos • (From left to Right) John A Mackey, Elmo Scoggin, and Pope A. Duncan, 1956-57 • "Signing Abstract" (from left to right) Stealey, Hendricks, Young, and Duncan, 1953 • Pope Duncan and another person, 1962 – 63 • Class Photo, reprinted, and a note 	7	22
<p>Pope Duncan's Slides for Foreign Missions Board, no actual photos, just the slide information</p>	7	23
<p>The Pilgrimage of Christianity by Pope Duncan, Copy Right Information and Chapter 1 Manuscript</p>	7	24
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • University of Georgia Yearbook of 1939 • Athens High Yearbook 1943 • Notebook for Baptist Student Union • Seminary Notebook with Song sheets for Chapel, 2 different notebooks • Pope A. Duncan's Service Book, may have belonged to his father first (Pope, Sr.) • Duncan's Thesis, A History of Baptist Thought 1600 – 1660 • Pope A. Duncan, Sr. Mercer University Doctorate of Divinity Diploma • Pope A. Duncan, Jr. Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary Master of Theology Diploma • Pope A. Duncan, Jr. Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary Doctorate of Divinity Diploma 	7	<i>loose</i>

Box 8: 0200106671965

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	Number	Number
Newspaper Clippings from time at South Georgia College, Presidential Years	8	1
Newspaper Clippings from time at Georgia Southern College, Vice President and Presidential Years	8	2
Newspaper Clippings from time at Stetson University, Presidential Years	8	3
Newspaper Clippings from time of his Presidential Retirement and Post Presidential Years	8	4
Newspaper Clippings of Margaret Duncan Autographing Books and Poetry Celebrations	8	5
Jimmy Carter Inauguration Invitation to United States President and Newspaper Clippings of his Campaign	8	6
Miscellaneous Newspaper Clippings of Duncan Family and Others	8	7
Photographs from time at Stetson prior to Retirement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● "Happy Birthday Dr. Pope Duncan" Bank Sign, 1982 ● Pope A. Duncan giving speech, August 1, 1986 Commencement Ceremony ● Pope A. Duncan and Doug S, November 1997, two copies 	8	8
Jefferson Encyclopedia, "BAPTISTS" by Pope A. Duncan; "The Upward Reach" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Letter and Agreement by World Publishing Company ● Edited Article Manuscript ● "The Upward Reach" is handwritten 	8	9
Sermons and Speeches from Early Career, Pope A. Duncan as professor in De Land, Florida.	8	10
South Georgia College Pamphlets, Letter, and Photographs	8	11
Stetson Magazine Pages and Partial Volumes	8	12
Miscellaneous Bulletins and Corresponding Notes	8	13
"Baptist Principles and Catholic Dogma" by Pope A. Duncan, Stetson Professor, 1951	8	14

Class Syllabi by Professor Duncan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Christianity and Western Thought" with Lafette Walker • "Turning Points in Christianity" 	8	15
"God, Give Me a Mountain" by Margaret Flexer Duncan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copyright Information • Music Sheets and Notes • First Place "Inspiration Music" Award • Song "I Would Bring Stars to You" 	8	16
Margaret Duncan Poetry and Writings; her personal hand written poetry ideas, poetry, notes, and manuscripts	8	17
Letters Between Duncan and Mrs. Edmunds/ Emily, December 1953 – September 1954	8	18
Margaret Duncan 1930-1940's Notes, Poetry, and Bible Class; Bible Class material includes workbook, essay, and notes	8	19
A History of Stetson University: A Brief Survey by Pope Duncan, September 18, 1997, includes resources and material from colleagues	8	20
Letters Concerning Pope Duncan Becoming Stetson President; Letter offering him to run and being nominated; Letters congratulating him on his win from friends and colleagues	8	21
Stetson University Ceremony Material <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inauguration Booklet and Invitation • Art Gallery Named after Duncans • Stetson Memorial Service after Pope Duncan's Death 	8	22
Duncan's Chancellor Years' Speeches and Writings; Speeches addressed to De Land communities and Chapel at Stetson University	8	23
Duncan's Chancellor Years' Speeches; Speeches addressed to other schools either for commencement ceremonies or for the staff	8	24
Annual Meeting of the Sons of the American Revolution," Speech given by Pope Duncan September 16,1985; Rotary Club of De Land, FL letters and writings	8	25
Florida Baptist Historical Society 2007 Conference and Baptist	8	26

Heritage Award		
Miscellaneous Notes, Letters, Writings, and Speeches while Pope Duncan was at Stetson University <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written Letters and Notes • "Achieving Excellence in Undergraduate Education;" Conference February 27 – March 1, 1985 • "Changing Strategies;" Speech • "My Memories of S.L. Stealey" • "Pope Duncan's Answers to Questions for Leaders" • "Individuals Outside the Stetson Family" 	8	27
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To God be the Glory: The History of Prince Avenue Baptist Church 1912 – 1987 by Marguerite Crowley • Crimson colored binder; Duncan's person research • Leaders of Stetson University by Pope A. Duncan • "11-18-02 P.A.D. AutoBio;" Zip Brand 100MB floppy disk inside original case • Loose publications 	8	<i>Loose</i>

Box 9: 0200106672088

	Box Number	Folder Number
Church Bulletins and Related Messages Given by Pope Duncan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Baptist Church, Pearson, Ga June 18, 1967 • Pine Street Baptist Church July 16, 1972 • Central Baptist Church, Muskogee, Ok August 6, 1979 	9	1
"The Issue of Church and State: An Historical Perspective" by Withrop S. Hudson; Hudson's letter and paper to Pope Duncan; Duncan's response letter	9	2
Margaret Duncan's Travel Journals; October trip to Frankfort, year unknown; May 1989 Trip; these journal entries are not bound together but loose paper	9	3
Pope and Margaret Business Share <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eastern National Financial Agency, Inc. • Xepol, Inc. • Life Style Broadcasting, Inc. • Greenstone Roberts Advertising, Inc. 	9	4

Pope Duncan's Life Insurance Plans, 1955 and 1982	9	5
Roba Lee Colvard Roberts Last Will and Testimony	9	6
Photographs: Special Dinner and the 1990 Stetson University Commencement Ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Huskey company dinner with business card; three photos plus one photo inside photo card ● Tallahassee Luncheon; one photo ● Dinner with President Gerald Ford; two photos- one shows Margaret Duncan ● Stringer's Retirement Dinner, November 1988; one photo- group shot ● Stetson University Commencement Ceremony, December 16, 1990; four photos of Pope 	9	7
Drawn Art – Cartoon Pope and Margaret Duncan playing tennis, 1978; three of Scrooby Church	9	8
Bulloch County, Statesboro, Ga Property Information; when it was owned by the Duncan family; legal documents and payments	9	9
Five Flags Antiques, Inc.	9	10
Robert Pringle's Letters to Duncan Family	9	11
Letters Concerning Glencairn Heights, Inc. 1965 – 1974	9	12
Stetson Letters during Duncan's Stetson Presidential Years	9	13
Letters for the Snyder Family, 1943 – 1964	9	14
Letters to Margaret Duncan by E.F. Flexer, 1943 – 1966	9	15
Letters from Agones Sharpe, 1952 – 1968	9	16
Letters to Margaret Duncan from Joyce Miller (Booth), 1952-1976	9	17
Congressman Russell Tuten and Atlanta Journal Constitution Letters to Margaret Duncan, 1966 – 1968	9	18
Letters from Maude (M) from Bowman, Ga, 1965 – 1995	9	19
Stockley Webster Letters and Newspaper, 1983	9	20
B.B. McKimey Letters and Material	9	21

Miscellaneous Professional Letters to Pope Duncan	9	22
Miscellaneous Personal Letters to Duncan Family	9	23
Tribute and Awards for Pope Duncan and "Brief Biography"	9	24
Sue Mae Flexer Letters, 1966 – 1985 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● One Susan H. Flexer Letter 	9	25
Sue Mae Flexer's Certificates and Degrees	9	26
Margaret Duncan Letters from M.J. Bukley and Beulah Lott	9	27
Claire Laundolf Letters, 1960 – 1967	9	28
Claire Laundolf Letters, 1968 – 1969	9	29
Claire Laundolf Letters, 1970 – 1971	9	30
Letters and Newspaper Clippings about Pope A. Duncan, Sr	9	31
Etter Turner Letters to Margaret Duncan	9	32
Pope A. Duncan and Margaret Flexer Duncan's Last Will and Testimony	9	33
Personal "Prayer", Sermon, and "Statement of Purpose"	9	34

Box 10: 0200106672419

	Box Number	Tube Number
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pope Alexander Duncan Master's Diploma from the University of Georgia (Latin) ● Pope Alexander Duncan Bachelor's Diploma from the University of Georgia (Latin) ● Margaret Eulla Flexer Bachelor's Diploma from the University of Georgia (Latin) ● Athens High School Diploma to Pope Alexander Duncan, Junior ● Elementary School Certificate to Margaret Eulla Flexer ● Glynn County Academy Diploma to Margaret Eulla Flexer 	10	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pope Alexander Duncan Diploma (Latin) ● Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary Bachelor's Degree of Theology to Pope 	10	2

<p>Alexander Duncan (Latin)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary Master's Degree of Theology to Pope Alexander Duncan (Latin) ● Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary Doctorate Degree of Theology to Pope Alexander Duncan (Latin) 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Certificate of Promotion for Margaret Flexer, September 24, 1933 ● Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary 1913 Faculty and Th. M. Students ● Service of Dedication Wieuca Road Baptist Church Ceremony Book ● Baptist Training Union Administration Diploma, The Sunday School Board Awarded to Pope Alexander Duncan ● "Dean Duncan New President of South Georgia College" Newspaper Clippings ● Radio Award and South Georgia College Newspaper Clippings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Front: Radio 750 Award to Dr. Pope A. Duncan by WSB Radio September 18, 1964 ● Back: "Dr. Duncan Calls for South Georgia Campus Expansion, December 17, 1964 ● Photo with Names: Twenty-Fourth Annual Air War College Nation Security Forum 16 – 20 May 1977, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama ● Blue Prints: President's House South Georgia College, Douglas, Ga 	<p>10</p>	<p><i>Loose Items</i></p>