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Guide to the

William D. Eppes correspondence

1981-1992

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Summary

Creator: Eppes, William D.

Title: William D. Eppes correspondence

Date: 1981-1992

Size: .21 linear feet (1 box)

Source: Donated by William Eppes, 1992.

Abstract: William D. Eppes was a historian and writer whose research interests included Tallulah Bankhead and Gertrude Michael. His correspondence consists primarily of letters from Zora Ellis (d. 1991), an educator who had been friends with Bankhead since childhood. Ellis lived most of her life in Talladega, Alabama, though she met Bankhead while a child in Jasper, Alabama. Ellis' letters contain information about Bankhead, Talladega native Gertrude Michael, local Alabama history, and personal subjects. The collection also contains Eppes' incoming and outgoing letters regarding his collection of Bankhead materials and their disposition in various museums and archives. The collection includes some clippings, pamphlets, and newsletters regarding Bankhead and various commemorations of her life, and photographs of locations from her childhood.

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Key Terms

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Correspondence

Names

Bankhead, Tallulah, 1902-1968
Ellis, Zora
Michael, Gertrude, 1911-1964