

University of Mississippi

eGrove

---

Archives & Special Collections: Finding Aids

Library

---

## Finding Aid for the Eugene B. Ferris Collection (MUM00183)

Follow this and additional works at: [https://egrove.olemiss.edu/finding\\_aids](https://egrove.olemiss.edu/finding_aids)

---

### Recommended Citation

Eugene B. Ferris Collection (MUM00183). The Department of Archives and Special Collections, J.D. Williams Library, The University of Mississippi.

This Finding Aid is brought to you for free and open access by the Library at eGrove. It has been accepted for inclusion in Archives & Special Collections: Finding Aids by an authorized administrator of eGrove. For more information, please contact [egrove@olemiss.edu](mailto:egrove@olemiss.edu).

# Eugene B. Ferris Collection

## MUM00183

### TABLE OF CONTENTS

- [Summary Information](#)
- [Biographical Note](#)
- [Scope and Contents Note](#)
- [Administrative Information](#)
- [Collection Inventory](#)
  - [Box 1: Correspondence](#)
  - [Box 2: Genealogy and Memoirs](#)
  - [Box 3: Manuscripts](#)
  - [Box 4: Reports and Notes](#)

### SUMMARY INFORMATION

**Repository**

University of Mississippi Libraries

**Title**

Eugene B. Ferris Collection

**ID**

MUM00183

**Date**

1826-1984

**Extent**

2.0 Linear feet (4 boxes)

**General Physical Description note**

4 boxes

**Abstract**

Collection consists of genealogies, memoirs, correspondence and ephemera related to the life and work of Eugene B. Ferris. Items were created 1826-1984.

**Preferred Citation**

Eugene B. Ferris Collection (MUM00183). The Department of Archives and Special Collections, J.D. Williams Library, The University of Mississippi.

[Return to Table of Contents »](#)

### BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

A native of Trinity, Alabama, Eugene Beverly Ferris was associated with Agricultural Extension work in Mississippi

for more than fifty years. Ferris was a graduate of Mississippi A and M College, now Mississippi State, and was appointed the first superintendent of the first branch experiment station located in McNeil, in south Mississippi. He would later become an agronomist for the Mississippi Extension Service, and in 1937 was appointed the superintendent of the Holly Springs Experiment Station. A landowner in his own right, Ferris has been the subject of features in the *The Progressive Farmer*, *Southern Agriculturalist*, and *Country Life*. Additionally, Ferris was also the author of a History of the Experiment Stations of Mississippi as well as a number of articles over the course of his career.

[Return to Table of Contents »](#)

---

## **SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE**

---

Collection consists of genealogies, memoirs, correspondence and ephemera related to the life and work of Eugene B. Ferris. Items were created 1826-1984.

[Return to Table of Contents »](#)

---

## **ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

---

### **Publication Information**

University of Mississippi Libraries September 2005

### **Access Restrictions**

Collection is open for research.

### **Use Restriction**

The copyright law of the United States (Title 17, United States Code) governs the making of photocopies or other reproductions of copyrighted material. Under certain conditions specified in the law, libraries and archives are authorized to furnish a photocopy or other reproduction. One of these specified conditions is that the photocopy or reproduction is not to be "used for any purpose other than private study, scholarship or research." If a user makes a request for, or later uses, a photocopy or reproduction for purposes in excess of "fair use", that user may be liable for copyright infringement.

### **Accruals**

No further additions are expected to this collection.

## COLLECTION INVENTORY

---

### Box 1: Correspondence

Folder 1: Micou Letters. 1826-1882

Folder 2: E.B. Ferris to John and Jane Reynolds Harvey. 1839-1872

Folders 3-4: Miscellaneous Family Letters. 1840-1971

Folder 5: E.B. Ferris to Mattie Ferris. 1905—1920

Folders 6-7: Letters to E.B. Ferris Relating to Family Genealogy. 1919--1939

Folders 8-12: E.B. Ferris to daughter, Frances Ferris. 1921-1954

Folder 13: E.B. Ferris to sisters, Mildred and Dooley. 1924-1953

Folder 14: Trinity, Alabama associates to E.B. Ferris. 1928-1951

Folder 15: Business Correspondence. 1931—1954

Folder 16: E.B. Ferris to W.R. Perkins. 1935-1938

Folder 17: Dooley Ferris to Frances Ferris Hall. 1957-1972

Folder 18: Miscellaneous Correspondence.

Folder 19-20: Speeches and Articles.

### Scope and Content

"Some Perception on the Negro Question" by E.B. Ferris

### Box 2: Genealogy and Memoirs

Folder 1: Blackford Genealogy.

Folders 2-3: Ferris Genealogy.

Folder 4: Micou Genealogy.

Folder 5: Minor Genealogy.

Folder 6: Reynolds and Ferris Family Tree.

Folder 7: Washington Genealogy.

Folders 8-9: E.B. Ferris Memoirs.

Folder 10: E.B. Ferris Memories of South Mississippi.

Folder 11: Eugene Beverly Ferris/His Ancestor's by Frances Ferris Hall.

Folder 12-13: E.B. Ferris Travel Memoirs.

Folder 14: Reminiscences of the Civil War.

Folder 15: Reminiscences of Frances Ferris Hall's Life.

Folder 16: Reminiscences of Henry Minor Faser.

Folder 17: Duplicate Copies of articles by E.B. Ferris.

Folders 18-19: Biographies written by E.B. Ferris.

Folder 20: A History of Experiment Stations in Mississippi.

[Return to Table of Contents »](#)

---

### **Box 3: Manuscripts**

Folders 1-8: "E.B. Ferris and Agricultural Science in the Lower South" by Roy V. Scott.

#### **Scope and Content**

Multiple Drafts

[Return to Table of Contents »](#)

---

### **Box 4: Reports and Notes**

Folder 1: "A Historical Sketch-The Mississippi Agricultural Experiment Stations," by E.B. Ferris 1895

Folder 2: "A Historical Sketch of the Mississippi Agricultural Experiment Station," by John Wendell

Bailey 1923

Folders 3-6: Mississippi Agricultural Experiment Station  
Bulletins 1899-1945

Folder 7: A Course of Study for Mississippi's Agricultural  
High School 1908-1925

Folder 8: Mississippi Extension Annual Reports 1916-1967

Folder 9: A History of Taft County, Georgia 1948

Folder 10: "The Organization of the Agricultural Sciences,"  
by Margaret W. Rossiter. 1979

Folder 11: "Chemical Regulation in Mississippi," by Walter  
Pittman

Folder 12: Farm Notes by E.B. Ferris, Popularville Free  
Press 1903-1923

Folder 13: Agricultural Reports by E.B. Ferris and Charles  
Brand. 1903-1938

Folder 14: The Holly Springs South Reporter 1937-1944

Folder 15: "Some Ancient Literature and History of  
Horticulture," by W.S. Anderson 1983

Folder 16. "Trade Secrets," Mississippi Cooperative  
Extension Service. 1984

Folder 17: Mississippi Newsletter and Mindscape. 1984

Folder 18: Cotton Growers in Mississippi, Sociology  
Research Report Series. 1984-1985

Folder 19: Notes on E.B. Ferris: The Early Life.

Folder 20: Notes on the Ferris Family.

Folder 21: Notes on the McNeill Years.

Folders 22-23: Notes on Extension Work in Popularville.

Folders 24-25: Notes on Agricultural Conditions in  
Mississippi.

Folder 26: Notes on Mississippi Soil Condition.

Folder 27: Notes on Mississippi Extension Work.

Folder 28: Notes on TVA

Folders 29-31: Notes on Dissertation

[Return to Table of Contents »](#)

---

---