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Bishop John Lloyd Decell was born August 12, 1887, near Brookhaven, Mississippi, and grew up in Wesson, Mississippi. He attended Union College at Barbourville, Kentucky and was licensed to preach by the Danville District of the Kentucky Conference. He returned to Mississippi, attended Millsaps College, and was admitted on trial into the Mississippi Conference in 1910. Bishop Decell served the following pastorates: Osyka, Mount Olive, Waynesboro, McComb, St. Paul's in Fresno, California, Central, Meridian, and Galloway Memorial, Jackson. He served as District Superintendent for the Jackson and Brookhaven Districts, and was Editor of the *New Orleans Christian Advocate* in 1930. In 1938, he was elected Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and presided over the following Conferences: Alabama, North Alabama, Georgia and North Georgia, Memphis, Mississippi and North Mississippi. He married Bertha Whitley of Adrian, Missouri, in 1910, and they had two children, Frances Elizabeth and William James. On January 10, 1946, he died at his home in Jackson.

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BOOKS

1940 Discipline

Pastor's Daybooks, 1911 Osyka, 1914 Waynesboro, 1915 Waynesboro,
1919 McComb

Pocket Calendars 1931, 1932, 1940

Mrs. J. Lloyd Decell's Bible, given by J.L. Decell, 1916

Ordination Certificate, blank

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- 1 Biographical data, letters, tributes, memoirs written at death of J.L. Decell
- 2 Newspaper clippings after death
- 3 Telegrams received after death
- 4 Newspaper clippings, articles by or about J.L. Decell, letters, church programs
- 5 Sermons, prayers, 1907, 1938, 1945, 1946

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- 1 Photographs: as student
first Millsaps Preachers Conf. 1942
with Rev. John Burns Horton
Consecration Service as Bishop 1938, with mother
Foreign Missionary Conf., Prague, Czechoslovakia, 1936
other photographs, unidentified
- 2 Pastor, Central church, Meridian, photo of church, correspondence concerning
Gipsy Smith revival
- 3 Whitworth College merger with Millsaps, President of Conference Board of
Education, correspondence
- 4 Decell Memorial Methodist Church, Wesson, Miss.
- 5 J. Lloyd Decell Lectureship at Millsaps College
- 6 Presiding Elder, Jackson District 1925-1928
book of preaching schedule, texts, notes
- 7 Presiding Elder, Jackson District 1925-1928
clippings, correspondence, data
- 8 Editor, *New Orleans Christian Advocate*, 1930
- 9 Seashore Campground, 1924-1928
correspondence, Charter of Incorporation 1927,
Pastors School program 1934
- 10 Unification Effort in 1920's: documents, correspondence
- 11 Unification of Methodist Church 1938-39 correspondence, documents, photo
"The High Road of Methodism" souvenir booklet
clippings

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- 1 Programs and Magazines
 - Methodist Banquet, 1938
 - Daily Christian Advocate, May 8, 1939
 - Consecration of Bishops Service, June 26, 1944
 - Our Heritage and Hope, June, 25, 1944
 - Chicago Methodist Social Union, December 8, 1939
- 2 Printed Material
 - At the Front: Sketches of Our Missionaries
 - Handbook for delegates to SEJ Conference, June 22, 1944
 - Jackson District Conference, April 18-20, 1928
 - Souvenir "One Hundred Years of Methodism in Jackson, Mississippi, 1836-1936"
 - Episcopal Address to General Conference, 1934
 - Report to SEJ Conference, June 1944
- 3 Souvenir - Methodists of Mississippi, 1922
- 4 Correspondence and Minutes, 1937-1940
 - Includes correspondence between J.B. Cain and Mrs. E.B. Bell, Jr. (Bishop Decell's daughter), 1974
- 5 Literature on unification of Methodist Episcopal Church; Methodist Episcopal Church, South; and Methodist Protestant Church
 - The Southern Methodist, November 9, 1927
 - Various pamphlets on unification
- 6 "A Man's Greatest Treasure" sermon
- 7 Homecoming and Dedication program for Decell Memorial Methodist Church, September 1, 1946

BOOKS

- Condensed Minute Book, 1929-1930
- The Eclectic Primary History of the United States
- Journal of the North Alabama Conference, 69th session, November 3, 1938