
Guide to the Merrill K. Bennett Papers

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Overview

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Title: Merrill K. Bennett papers

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Physical Description: 2.25 Linear feet

Summary: Unpublished papers and speeches (1923-1966) on topics such as agricultural costs, wartime economy, food problems of post-war Europe, and world population problems; correspondence; newsclippings; pamphlets; mementos; and other papers relating to Bennett's travels to Hawaii (1942), Japan (1947), and Africa.

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Biographical/Historical Sketch

Director, Stanford Food Research Institute (1952-1962); executive director (1942-1951); faculty member (1922-1962).

Bennett was an authority on the economics of food consumption.

Description of the Collection

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Access Terms

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Stanford University. Food Research Institute. Faculty.

Africa.

Clippings.

Food consumption.

Hawaii.

Japan.

Memorabilia.

Pamphlets

Speeches.

Papers 1908-1975

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	Family correspondence 1922-1968 and undated
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Box 13, Folder 7	Assets, budgets, bank notes, etc. Undated
	Miscellaneous and oversize materials 1939-1954 and undated
Box 14	Miscellaneous and oversize materials 1939-1954 and undated
	Scope and Content Note
	"2/3 Mankind Hungry too Pessimistic, Expert Says", Science service article, 1954 May 24; 2 boxes of slides: 257 total - family, 1953; domestic travel to California, Oregon, Colorado, and Texas (1951-52); Mexico; and African trip; Mementos from Japan; Postcard from Dorcas Bennett to son John, 1939 April 6; One large framed group Photograph (including Bennett) in the "House of Shining Waters", Japan; Two diplomas: M.A. Brown university, M.A. Harvard; Two testimonial scrolls: FRI retirement and recognition of service in the Governmental Food Agency; One unidentified photograph
	Miscellaneous Memorabilia 1908-1970 and undated

Box 15

Miscellaneous memorabilia 1908-1964 and undated**Scope and Content Note**

Brown Commencement Week, 1920: booklet; Japan Tour, 1964: 2 photographs; Correspondence from Australia, 1964; Sachet of slides; MKB diary 1908; 3" reel of recording tape; Dorcas B. Gallup diaries 1916, 1917, 1918; Postcards from MKB to family, miscellaneous; Miscellaneous envelopes

Box 16

Miscellaneous memorabilia 1917-1970 and undated**Scope and Content Note**

Brown University Handbook, 1917-1918; Address book; Notebook; 2 world maps; "Aspects of the Pig"; Dedication of Food Research Institute, 1970 April 6: program and addresses; Miscellaneous letters to MKB and Clippings

Miscellaneous and Biographical Materials 1913-1975 and undated

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Eulogy for Dorcas Gallup Bennett 1975

Box 17, Folder 2

MKB and children to Dorcas Bennett 1939

Box 17, Folder 3

Miscellaneous correspondence to MKB 1941-1945

Box 17, Folder 4

Gallup family to MKB/DGB 1927-1931

Box 17, Folder 5

Killingsley High School graduation program 1913 June

Box 17, Folder 6

Stanford University diploma: Ph.D. 1927

Box 17, Folder 7

Brown University diploma: L.H.D. (honorary) and commencement program 1954, 1921

Box 17, Folder 8

Certificates: birth, marriage, honorable discharge, identification papers Undated

Box 17, Folder 9

Publications Undated

Box 17, Folder 10

Miscellaneous Undated

Box 17, Folder 11

Bibliography of MKB biography 1961 February 6

Box 17, Folder 12

Correspondence (re: Stanford University Oregon offer) 1920 January 15-1926 August 14

Box 17, Folder 13

Miscellaneous correspondence 1956-1963

Box 17, Folder 14

Brown University honorary degree, photos 1954 June

Box 17, Folder 15

Brown University commencement attendance 1954

Box 17, Folder 16

MKB correspondence to Mrs. Blyth circa 1919

Box 17, Folder 17

Materials re: MKB's death 1969

Box 17, Folder 18

Miscellaneous from correspondence Undated

Box 17, Folder 19

Newsclippings Undated

Box 17, Folder 20

Saturday Morning Club, 17th anniversary 1941