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Creator

Bentley, John Boyd, 1896-1989

Creator

Bentley, Elvira Carr, d. 1983

Creator

Goodwin, William Archer Rutherford, 1869-1939

Creator

Sherrill, Henry Knox, Bp., 1890-

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2.50 Linear Feet

Extent

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Biographical Information:

John Boyd Bentley was born in Hampton, Virginia 9 February 1896. He attended the College of William and Mary and served in the U. S. Field Artillery in World War I. Bentley attended the Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria, Virginia. He served as an Episcopal clergyman in Alaska and in Williamsburg. He then served as Suffragan Bishop and Bishop of Alaska. From 1947 to 1964, Bentley was Director of Overseas Missions of the Episcopal Church. He died 12 June 1989.

Biography Timeline

1896, February 9 Born, Hampton, Virginia, son of Charles Headley Bentley and Susan Elizabeth (Cake) Bentley

1915 Entered College of William and Mary (attended 1915-1916 and 1920-1921 but did not graduate)

1917 Entered service in U.S. Field Artillery

1921, May 28 Married Elvira Wentworth Carr (died, 1983)

1921 Attended Theological Seminary in Alexandria, Virginia

1921-1925 Episcopal clergyman in Alaska

1926-1930 Episcopal clergyman in Williamsburg, Virginia

1931 Ordained Bishop in Denver, Colorado

1931-1942 Suffragan Bishop of Alaska

1942-1947 Bishop in charge of Alaska

1947-1964 Director of Overseas Missions of Episcopal Church

1964 Retired and moved to Hampton, Virginia

1964-1989 Episcopal minister in Diocese of Southern Virginia

1989, June 12 Died, Hampton, Virginia. Further information about this individual or organization may be available in the Special Collections Research Center Wiki:

http://scdbwiki.swem.wm.edu/wiki/index.php/John_Boyd_Bentley.

Scope and Contents

Personal and professional papers, 1896-1987, of Bishop John Boyd Bentley, Bishop of Alaska and Director of Overseas Missions for the Protestant Episcopal Church and personal papers, 1895-1983, of his wife Elvira Carr Bentley.

Includes comprehensive records of his ministerial career including records of his official acts and texts of sermons and invocations. There is some correspondence relating to Bentley's career, including letters from W. A. R. Goodwin (1869-1939), Rector of Bruton Parish Church, Williamsburg, Virginia; Peter Trimble Rowe (1856-1941), Bishop of Alaska; and Henry Knox Sherrill (1890-1980), President Bishop of the Episcopal Church.

There is material relating to Bentley's work in Alaska, including a series of letters to his wife, 1930-1937, describing his travels on the Alaskan frontier. The collection also includes a photograph collection as well as diaries, correspondence, and photographs which chronicle his tours of the Far East in 1949; a world tour, 1959-1960; and tours of Latin America, 1960-1961. There are audio-cassettes of his autobiography.

Separated Materials:

Artifacts transferred to the Manuscripts Artifact Collection (Mss. 1.03) include Alaskan Landscape Painting (82B44.A11)

All audiovisual material from this collection has been moved to the Manuscripts Audiovisual Collection.

Related Materials:

Audiocassettes from this collection have been moved to the Manuscripts Audiovisual Collection.

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Correspondence

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World War, 1914-1918

Bruton Parish Church (Williamsburg, Va.)

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General

Other Information:

Additional information may be found at <http://ead.lib.virginia.edu/vivaead/published/wm/viw00058.frame>

Arrangement of Materials:

Organization: This collection is organized into 7 series. Series 1 contains papers and correspondence; Series 2 contains bound volumes and other related material; Series 3 contains photographs; Series 4 contains oversized material; Series 5 contains artifacts; Series 6 contains audio tapes; Series 7 contains the addition to the collection. Arrangement: This collection is arranged by chronologically by date. Series 1: Papers and Correspondence, is further divided into the following subseries: genealogical material, the papers of John Boyd Bentley, and the papers of Elvira Carr Bentley.

Description of Subordinate Components

Series 1: Papers and Correspondence

Unit ID id170112

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442533

Unit Date 1896-1987

Scope and Contents

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Genealogical Material

Unit ID id170113

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442539

Scope and Contents

Box 1, Folders 1-3

Genealogical material on Bentley family and ancestral families: Headley, Bull, and Boyd

Unit ID id170115

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442614

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

19 items. Includes photocopies of commissions and papers of family revolutionary war veterans.

Genealogical material on Wood and Cake families

Unit ID id170116

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442615

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

5 items. Includes several copies of Bishop Bentley's The Cake Family: A Bibliographical Memorandum, and other computations of information.

Genealogical material

Unit ID id170117

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442616

Unit Date 1965-1966

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

29 items. Includes notes and family correspondence related to compilation of Bishop Bentley's The Cake Family: A Biographical Memorandum.

John Boyd Bentley Papers

Unit ID id170118

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442540

Unit Date 1896-1987

Scope and Contents

Boxes 1-2

Bishop Bentley's personal correspondence

Unit ID id170120

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442617

Unit Date 1917-1981

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

44 items. Including letters and postcards to his parents from France during World War I, letters from French citizens, personal letters thanking him for ministerial services, letters from Giles Buckner Cooke (1838-1937) (last surviving member of R. E. Lee's staff) found (with photo of Cook) in Bentley's copy of

D.S. Freeman's R. E. Lee, Volume I. See also correspondence of Elvira C. Bentley.

Bishop Bentley's personal items

Unit ID id170121

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442618

Unit Date 1896-1980

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

23 items. Including birth certificate, school reports, passports, inoculation records, wedding invitation, driver's license (items from personal documents wallet), membership certificates, copy of a poem by Bentley, and copy of will, 1950, of Nancy Jones, for whom Bentley was an legatee.

Bishop Bentley's items, relating to his army service

Unit ID id170123

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442619

Unit Date 1971-1928

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 6 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

41 items. Including certificates of promotions and training, identity pass for service in France, roster and casualties of Battery B, 111th Field Artillery, a pressed poppy flower from Chateau Thierry, and 5 uniform insignias. See also medium oversize file.

Bishop Bentley's personal correspondence

Unit ID id170124

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442620

Unit Date 1930-1937

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 7 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents 35 items. Including letters to Elvira C. Bentley describing his travels and work in the interior of Alaska, especially travel conditions, weather, conditions at missionary posts, and his performance of official acts. Also includes several orders for supplies for mission and undated records of daily temperatures.

Bishop Bentley's personal correspondence

Unit ID id170125

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442621

Unit Date 1959-1961

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 8 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

45 items. Including letters to Elvira C. Bentley during his world tour of 1959 and tours of Latin America, 1960 and 1961. Descriptions and impressions of London, Paris, Geneva, Israel, several cities in India, Singapore, Thailand, Taipei, Japan, and the Philippines. Includes cursory discussions of church work.

Bishop Bentley's correspondence and other items

Unit ID id170127

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442622

Unit Date 1984-1985

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 9 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

20 items. Items relate to his receipt of an honorary degree (Doctor of Divinity) from the College of William and Mary, May 1985. Including program and Alumni Gazette. See also Medium Oversize file.

Bishop Bentley's documents, relating to his personal religious milestones

Unit ID id170128

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442623

Unit Date 1913-1981

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 10 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

14 items. Items include baptism certificate, licenses as lay reader and marriage commissioner, certificate as Suffragan Bishop of Alaska, and programs for observation of 50th anniversary of his consecration. See also Medium Oversize file.

Bishop Bentley's biographical information

Unit ID id170129

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442624

Unit Date 1943-1981

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 11 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents 5 items. Typed transcript of his oral history interview (September 19, 1981) as part of Columbia University's "Bishop Henry Knox Sherrill Oral History Project". Bentley discusses his own career, missions and missionary work, and Bishop Sherrill. Also a 1 page resume written ca. 1943.

Bishop Bentley's correspondence

Unit ID id170130

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442625

Unit Date 1925-1974

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 12 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

75 items. Items relate to his ministerial career, including extensive correspondence in 1930-1931 and 1937 among Bentley, Bishop P. T. Rowe, and W. A. R. Goodwin regarding Bentley's appointment(s) in Alaska, Williamsburg area in the 1920's, letters from Bishop Rowe discussing work in Alaska, extensive correspondence with Bishop Henry K. Sherrill regarding Bentley's appointment as director of overseas missions, and correspondence relating to Bentley's nomination as Suffragan Bishop of Southern Virginia (1958).

Bishop Bentley's correspondence

Unit ID id170140

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442626

Unit Date 1947

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 13 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

85 items. Items include letters congratulating Bishop Bentley on his appointment as Directory of Overseas Missions, including letters from missions around the world.

Letters congratulating Bentley on the 25th anniversary of his consecration as Bishop

Unit ID id170141

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442627

Unit Date 1956

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 14 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

9 items. See also bound volume of letters.

Bishop Bentley's correspondence

Unit ID id170142

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442628

Unit Date 1963-1966

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 15 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

27 items. Items are in regards to his retirement as Director of Overseas Missions; letters received from missions and church officials around the world, together with carbon copies of Bentley's acknowledgments. See also bound volume of letters received and Medium Oversize file.

Letters congratulating Bentley on the 50th anniversary of his consecration as Bishop

Unit ID id170143

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442629

Unit Date 1981

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 16 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

133 items. Items include Bentley's list of letters, gifts, etc., received and date acknowledged.

Bishop Bentley's papers

Unit ID id170145

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442630

Unit Date 1964-1984

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 17 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

22 items. Items include programs and bulletins from church services, historical observances and ceremonies in which Bishop Bentley participated, including bulletin of 1984 William and Mary commencement ceremony.

Bishop Bentley's papers

Unit ID id170146

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442631

Unit Date 1933-1970

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 18 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

10 items. Items include addresses at commencement ceremonies, dedications, ordinations, memorial services, and historical society meetings, 1933-1970, including comments on duties of priests, missionary work, and historical events.

Bishop Bentley's papers

Unit ID id170148

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442632

Unit Date 1971-1979

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 19 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

17 items. Items include addresses at ordinations, memorial services, and historical observances, 1971-1979, including outline of 1975 address entitled "Williamsburg As I Knew It."

Bishop Bentley's papers, including sermons

Unit ID id170150

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442633

Unit Date 1927-1932

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 20 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

10 items. Most items handwritten, a few typed, including record of occasions on which each was delivered; arranged chronologically, according to date first delivered.

Bishop Bentley's sermons

Unit ID id170152

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442634

Unit Date 1934-1948

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 21 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

13 items. Items include records of occasions on which they were delivered; arranged according to date first delivered.

Bishop Bentley's sermons and remarks at services delivered primarily at churches in Hampton and the Virginia Peninsula

Unit ID id170154

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442635

Unit Date 1959-1973

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 22 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

8 items. Arranged by date delivered.

Bishop Bentley's record of sermons and addresses delivered primarily in Southern Virginia

Unit ID id170156

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442636

Unit Date 1965-1985

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 23 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

1 item. Typed on 126 pages from looseleaf notebook. Arranged by place and date, specifying occasion and text used.

Bishop Bentley's "Appointments Completed"

Unit ID id170157

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442637

Unit Date 1964-1978

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 24 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

1 item. 159 pages. Comprehensive calendar/schedule of daily activities, including official acts, meetings, addresses, and invocations, including record of miles traveled and expenses incurred on his travels, mostly on the Virginia peninsula.

Bishop Bentley's copies of annual and monthly (tabular) reports of "Official Acts"

Unit ID id170159

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442638

Unit Date 1964-1969

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 25 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

5 items. Official acts include baptisms, confirmations, marriages, etc. that he performed in Diocese of Southern Virginia. Arranged chronologically, grouped by year.

Bishop Bentley's copies of annual and monthly (tabular) reports of official acts; and a tabulation and geographical breakdown of these acts

Unit ID id170160

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442639

Unit Date 1922-1985

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 26 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

13 items. Copies of annual and monthly (tabular) reports of official acts which he performed in Diocese of Southern Virginia, 1970-1978, 1985; and a tabulation and geographical breakdown of official acts performed, 1922- 1976.

Bishop Bentley's records of baptisms which he performed during his ministerial career

Unit ID id170163

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442640

Unit Date 1922-1987

Mixed materials 2 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

2 items. 211 pages. Items are from a loose-leaf notebook detailing names, dates, and places of services.

Bishop Bentley's records of consecration, ordinations, and marriages performed during career

Unit ID id170164

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442641

Unit Date 1922-1983

Mixed materials 2 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

9 items. 61 pages. Items are from a loose-leaf notebook(s) detailing names, dates, and place for each act, including occasional related correspondences.

Bishop Bentley's papers including record of burial services performed during career

Unit ID id170165

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442642

Unit Date 1922-1987

Mixed materials 2 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

13 items. 127 pages. Items are from a loose-leaf notebook detailing names, dates, and places of services. Also includes occasional funeral home records and newspaper obituaries.

Bishop Bentley's papers including records of confirmations performed during ministerial career

Unit ID id170167

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442643

Unit Date 1931-1966

Mixed materials 2 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

14 items. 166 pages. Pages from a loose-leaf notebook detailing names, dates, and places of services, plus records of confirmations performed on his East Asian travels.

Bishop Bentley's papers including record of confirmations performed during ministerial career

Unit ID id170168

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442644

Unit Date 1967-1985

Mixed materials 2 (Box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

14 items. 189 pages. Pages from a loose-leaf notebook detailing names, dates, and places of services.

Bishop Bentley's papers including items relating to his trip to Far East and his world tour of 1959

Unit ID id170170

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442645

Unit Date 1948-1959

Mixed materials 2 (Box)

Container 6 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

8 items. Items include travel diaries of both trips, documents pertaining to honorary degree received in Japan (December 1948), and itinerary for 1959 tour. See also travel diary of Elvira C. Bentley for the 1959 trip and Medium Oversize subseries.

Bishop Bentley's writings

Unit ID id170171

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442646

Unit Date 1916, 1931-1946

Mixed materials 2 (Box)

Container 7 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

13 items. Items include "Blackbeard (a story)" in March 1916 The William and Mary Literary Magazine, and 12 articles on his adventures and travels in The Alaskan Churchman.

Bishop Bentley's papers including newspaper and magazine clippings on personal matters

Unit ID id170172

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442647

Mixed materials 2 (Box)

Container 8 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

12 items. Items especially concern his army service, and high school football team and re-unions, and a copy of wedding announcement.

Newspaper and magazine clippings

Unit ID id170173

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442648

Unit Date 1927-1970

Mixed materials 2 (Box)

Container 9 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

42 items. Items regard Bentley's professional career, including articles on his appointments, many describing his work in Alaska and his retirement. Also includes a 1927 article by Bentley, entitled "With the Episcopal Students at the College of William and Mary," and the December 1956 issue of The Alaskan Churchman.

Elvira Carr Bentley Papers

Unit ID id170175

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442541

Unit Date 1895-1983

Scope and Contents

Box 2, Folders 10-13

Personal items of Elvira C. Bentley

Unit ID id170177

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442561

Unit Date 1895-1983

Mixed materials 2 (Box)

Container 10 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

13 items. Items include a birth certificate, passports, inoculation certificates, social security card (items from wallet), obituary, death certificate, and description of her death by her husband, and items relating to retirement and death of her father.

Personal items of Elvira C. Bentley

Unit ID id170178

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442562

Unit Date 1914-1953

Mixed materials 2 (Box)

Container 11 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

13 items. Items include all materials related to her education, high school graduation memorabilia, membership certificate of Colonial Dames, copy of address given in Atlantic City (1934) and her diary of 1949 Far East trip. See also Medium Oversize File.

Personal correspondence of Elvira C. Bentley

Unit ID id170179

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442563

Unit Date 1921-[?], undated

Mixed materials 2 (Box)

Container 12 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents 14 items. Item mostly concern undated letters received from Bentley family and friends in Alaska, and silver anniversary cards received.

Personal letters of Elvira Carr Bentley received from Bishop P. T. Rowe

Unit ID id170181

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442564

Unit Date 1921-1941

Mixed materials 2 (Box)

Container 13 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents 21 items. Most letters were received during his trips to East Coast and during Bishop Bentley's absence; discusses church financial troubles during the Depression, her work with women's church organizations in Alaska, and Rowe's expectation that Bentley will succeed him; includes letter from Mrs. Vernon M. Geddy on behalf of the "Bishop Bentley Branch of the Women's Auxiliary of the Bruton Parish Church" (10 February 1934) inquiring how they can assist work in Alaska and Rowe's letter (5 December 1935) describing his visit to Williamsburg and Hampton.

Series 2: Bound Volumes and Related Material

Unit ID id170182

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442534

Unit Date 1873-1986

Scope and Contents

Box 2, Folders 14-24

Account book of C. D. Cake, (Bentley's grandfather), Hampton, Virginia

Unit ID id170186

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442565

Unit Date 1873 March-November

Mixed materials 2 (Box)

Container 14 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

40 pages. Manuscript Volume 1. Record of purchases for construction projects; originally a pocket diary for 1871, but never used for this purpose.

Commonplace book of Elvira W. (Carr) Bentley relating to commencement from Hampton High School

Unit ID id170188

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442566

Unit Date 1914

Mixed materials 2 (Box)

Container 15 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

36 pages. Manuscript Volume 2. Includes diary of final weeks before graduation, pressed class flowers, class roster, and other enclosed items which are in a separate folder of her personal items.

Photograph album of Hampton and Virginia peninsula**Unit ID** id170189**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/442567**Unit Date** 1914-1915**Mixed materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 16 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

144 photographs on 52 pages. Photographs. Manuscript Volume 3. Includes labeled photos of ships, harbor, sites of city, Bentley's family and friends, College of William and Mary, and Bentley's handwritten description (ca. 1983) of photos.

Commonplace book "The Form of Solemnization of Matrimony" from the Book of Common Prayer**Unit ID** id170191**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/442568**Mixed materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 17 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

13 pages. Manuscript Volume 4. Text of wedding service, marriage certificate and signatures of witnesses for Bentley's wedding, 28 May 1921.

Photograph album, photos of the "Bishop's Lodge" Nenana, Alaska**Unit ID** id170193**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/442569**Unit Date** 1932-1937, undated**Mixed materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 18 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

29 pages. Photographs. Manuscript volume 5.

Letterbook. Bound volume of letters received on the 25th anniversary of Bentley's consecration as Bishop**Unit ID** id170196**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/442570**Unit Date** 1956 September 29**Mixed materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 19 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

53 pages. Manuscript Volume 6. See also folder of other letters.

Letterbook. Bound volume of letters received upon Bentley's retirement as director of Overseas Missions**Unit ID** id170198**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/442571**Unit Date** 1964 October 31**Mixed materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 20 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

104 pages. Manuscript Volume 7. See other letters in Manuscript Folder.

Guest book for 50th anniversary of Bentley's consecration as Bishop, St. John's Church, [Hampton, Virginia]

Unit ID id170201

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442572

Unit Date 1981 September 29

Mixed materials 2 (Box)

Container 21 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

18 pages. Manuscript Volume 8.

Additional correspondence, including letters of greetings and congratulation from House of Bishops and from Diocese of Southern Virginia

Unit ID id170202

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442573

Unit Date 1986

Mixed materials 2 (Box)

Container 22 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

3 items.

Miscellaneous items found inside a 1976 book, Bruton Parish Churchyard and Church: A Guide to the Tombstones, Monuments, and Mural Tablets, dedicated to Bentley

Unit ID id170204

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442574

Mixed materials 2 (Box)

Container 23 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

4 items. Items include updated newspaper description of book, note cards of remarks at dedication of book, and transcription of tombstone in Hampton, Virginia.

Outline and first 107 handwritten pages of Bentley's reminiscences, "John Boyd Bentley, His Life and Times: An Autobiography."

Unit ID id170205

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442575

Mixed materials 2 (Box)

Container 24 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

2 items.

Series 3: Photographs

Unit ID id170207

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442535

Unit Date 1898-1985

Scope and Contents

Box 3, Folders 1-22

Photographs: Cake family portrait (1898), childhood photos of Bentley and photos relating to Bentley's military service

Unit ID id170209

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442576

Unit Date 1898-1919

Mixed materials 3 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

See also mounted photographs and medium oversize items and 4 army photos, in oversize file.

Photographs: wedding pictures of Elvira C. Bentley, pictures of first stint in Alaska, and Bentley in Williamsburg and Hampton, Virginia

Unit ID id170211

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442577

Unit Date 1919-1930

Mixed materials 3 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

See also mounted photographs.

Official photos of Bentley and others upon his consecration as Bishop

Unit ID id170213

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442578

Unit Date 1931

Mixed materials 3 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

See also negatives file.

Photographs of Alaska and portraits of Bentley

Unit ID id170214

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442579

Unit Date 1931-1935

Mixed materials 3 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Photographs of hurricane damage at Buckroe Beach, Hampton, Virginia

Unit ID id170216

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442580

Unit Date 1933

Mixed materials 3 (Box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Photographs of Alaska and portraits of Bentley

Unit ID id170217

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442581

Unit Date 1935-1939

Mixed materials 3 (Box)

Container 6 (Folder)

Photographs of Alaska

Unit ID id170219

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442582

Unit Date 1942-1947

Mixed materials 3 (Box)

Container 7 (Folder)

Photographs of the Bentleys in Alaska

Unit ID id170221

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442583

Unit Date circa 1931-1947, undated

Mixed materials 3 (Box)

Container 8 (Folder)

Photographs of people in Alaska, especially at St. Mark's Mission, Nenana, Alaska

Unit ID id170222

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442584

Unit Date circa 1931-1947, undated

Mixed materials 3 (Box)

Container 9 (Folder)

Photographs of Alaska, especially of St. Mark's Mission, Nenana, Alaska

Unit ID id170224

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442585

Unit Date circa 1931-1947, undated

Mixed materials 3 (Box)

Container 10 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

See also postcards and mounted photo album in bound manuscript volumes.

Photographs of Alaska; ships and natural scenery

Unit ID id170227

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442586

Unit Date circa 1931-1947, undated

Mixed materials 3 (Box)

Container 11 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

See also postcards.

Photographs - portraits of Bentley and photos of Bentleys on Far East tour of 1949

Unit ID id170228

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442587

Unit Date 1948-1949

Mixed materials 3 (Box)

Container 12 (Folder)

Photographs of Japan and Philippines taken on Far East tour

Unit ID id170230

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442588

Unit Date 1949

Mixed materials 3 (Box)

Container 13 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

See also postcard folder.

Photographs of Bentley

Unit ID id170231

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442589

Unit Date 1954-1959

Mixed materials 3 (Box)

Container 14 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Photograph of Bentley and others at Bishop's Conference, circa 1954. Photograph of party celebrating Bentley's 25th anniversary of his consecration, 1956. Photograph of Bishop Henry K. Sherrill. Photograph of Bentley on his 1959 world tour.

Photographs of Bentley's home in Hampton, photos taken on and after Bentley's retirement, photos of Bentley receiving award from the College of William and Mary (1970), and pictures of family and friends enclosed in correspondence

Unit ID id170232

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442590

Unit Date 1962-1981

Mixed materials 3 (Box)

Container 15 (Folder)

Photographs of painted portrait of Bentley during his service in Alaska, and photographs at 1985 William and Mary Commencement, at which Bentley received an honorary degree

Unit ID id170234

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442591

Unit Date 1981-1985

Mixed materials 3 (Box)

Container 16 (Folder)

Photographs of Bentley and Mrs. Bentley, including several autographed visa/passport photos found in Bentley's travel documents wallet

Unit ID id170235

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442592

Unit Date circa 1947-1964, undated

Mixed materials 3 (Box)

Container 17 (Folder)

Photographs: carte de visite and mounted photographs of Bentley's family, 19th century.

Unit ID id170236

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442593

Mixed materials 3 (Box)

Container 18 (Folder)

Photographs, mounted, of Hampton Harbor and 1912 Hampton High School football team

Unit ID id170238

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442594

Unit Date 1908-1912

Mixed materials 3 (Box)

Container 19 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

See also photograph album in bound manuscript volumes and newspaper clippings.

Photographs (mounted) and postcards of Bentley's family and, especially, of Bentley's military service

Unit ID id170239

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442595

Unit Date 1916-1922

Mixed materials 3 (Box)

Container 20 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

See also oversize file.

Mounted photographs of Alaska and Elvira C. Bentley in Alaska (1921-1925), and negatives of photos from Bentley's (1931) consecration

Unit ID id170240

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442596

Unit Date 1921-1925, 1931

Mixed materials 3 (Box)

Container 21 (Folder)

Postcards of Alaska and postcards of Japan (with original wrapping)

Unit ID id170241

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442597

Unit Date undated

Mixed materials 3 (Box)

Container 22 (Folder)

Rolled Photograph of Delegates to the 1958 Lambeth Conference

Unit ID id284995

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442598

Unit Date 1958

Mixed materials 4 (Box)

Key to the Photograph of Delegates to the 1958 Lambeth Conference

Unit ID id285000

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442599

Unit Date 1958

Mixed materials 4 (Box)

Series 4: Oversize

Unit ID id170244

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442536

Unit Date 1914-1985

Medium Oversize**Unit ID** id170245**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/442545**Unit Date** 1914-1985**Mixed materials** Manuscripts Oversize Box 17 (Box)**Container** 1 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Mostly diplomas and certificates of Bishop Bentley and Mrs. Bentley, including Mrs. Bentley's high school diploma, United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) and Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) membership certificates, and Bishop Bentley's certificates as Deacon, Priest, and Bishop, honorary degrees, and items received in Japan (written in Japanese) in 1949. Also photograph of Bracken House in Williamsburg, where the Bentleys resided, 1929-1939.

Oversize**Unit ID** id170247**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/442546**Unit Date** 1916-1985**Scope and Contents**

3 items. Items include a photograph of Battery D, 1st Regiment of Field Artillery, Virginia Volunteers, at Richmond, 27 June 1916, honorary degree from College of William and Mary (1985), and copy of the "Frenchman's Map" of Williamsburg.

Series 5: Artifacts**Unit ID** id170250**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/442537**Unit Date** 1958-1970**Scope and Contents**

Box A, Folders 1-15. Physical location: See artifact box (A)

Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award Plaque, College of William and Mary, presented to Bentley**Unit ID** id170255**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/442600**Unit Date** 1942 July 8**Mixed materials** A (Box)**Container** 1 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Plaque

The Jessen's Weekly Annual Award (Plaque) for Distinguished Service to Alaska, presented to Bentley**Unit ID** id170256**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/442601**Unit Date** 1948**Mixed materials** A (Box)**Container** 2 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Plaque

Belt buckle with Bentley's name inscribed on it by Private Harry E. Black, Battery "B", 111th Field Artillery, while billeted in Rosieres-Sur-Mance, France

Unit ID id170257

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442602

Unit Date 1918 Winter-1919

Mixed materials A (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Belt buckle.

Book board from unidentified leather-bound book, bearing the book plate of Bentley's ancestor, John Boyd.

Unit ID id170258

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442603

Mixed materials A (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Cross given to Bentley by his classmates at the Virginia Seminary when he left for Alaska

Unit ID id170259

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442604

Unit Date 1921 May

Mixed materials A (Box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Cross

Cross given to Bentley by the Missionary District of Alaska on the 15th anniversary of Bentley's consecration as Bishop

Unit ID id170260

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442605

Unit Date 1946

Mixed materials A (Box)

Container 6 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Cross

Cross given to Bentley by the Diocese of Southern Virginia

Unit ID id170261

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442606

Unit Date undated

Mixed materials A (Box)

Container 7 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Cross

"Housewife" made for Bentley by Margaret M. Sims when he was called up for active service, June 1916, and used during World War I.

Unit ID id170262

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442607

Mixed materials A (Box)

Container 8 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Also includes pocket-size New Testament, inscribed by Margaret M. Sims.

Medal for Service and Loyalty to the College of William and Mary, awarded in 1970

Unit ID id170263

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442608

Unit Date 1970

Mixed materials A (Box)

Container 9 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Medal

Alumni Rosette, College of William and Mary. Box-folder A:11 Painting of Alaskan landscape by Mrs. John W. Chapman given to Elvira Bentley on her birthday

Unit ID id170264

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442609

Unit Date 1922 February 15

Mixed materials A (Box)

Container 10 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Scope and Contents Painting. 3" x 5"

Fraternity ring for Kappa Alpha.

Unit ID id170265

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442610

Mixed materials A (Box)

Container 11 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Ring

Bishop Bentley travel wallet.

Unit ID id170266

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442611

Mixed materials A (Box)

Container 12 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Wallet. Documents previously kept in it are in personal items files.

Elvira C.Bentley travel wallet.

Unit ID id170267

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442612

Mixed materials A (Box)

Container 13 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Wallet. Documents previously kept in it removed and filed with personal items.

Army identification tag, "John B. Bentley, 1st Lt., III F.A., U.S.A."

Unit ID id170268

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442613

Mixed materials A (Box)

Container 14 (Folder)

Series 6: Audio cassettes

Unit ID id170270

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442538

Unit Date circa 1980s

Separated Materials

Other: 1-9 Physical Location: Manuscript artifact file. Acc. No. 1988.16 Audio cassettes.

Autobiographical description of the years 1900-1916 [Audio cassette]

Unit ID id170271

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442548

Scope and Contents

"A description of Hampton Creek about 1900, with a brief outline of my life from my birth until I went to Richmond with Battery in 1916." Physical Location: Manuscript artifact file. Acc. No. 1988.16 Audio cassette.

Autobiographical description of the years 1898-1915 [Audio cassette]

Unit ID id170274

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442549

Scope and Contents

Physical Location: Manuscript artifact file. Acc. No. 1988.16 Audio cassette. Side 1 is entitled "A description of Hampton Creek about 1900, and my story until 1898." Side 2 is entitled "My year in the Shipyard, 1914-1915."

Autobiographical description of the years 1916-1921 [Audio cassette]

Unit ID id170276

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442550

Scope and Contents

Physical Location: Manuscript artifact file. Acc. No. 1988.16 Audio cassette. Side 1 is entitled "My military career from June, 1916, until we left Camp de Meucon, France in October, 1918." Side 2 is entitled "Our last days in France, our return to the U.S.A., and all that happened from then until we arrived at Anvik, Alaska in 1921."

Autobiographical description of the years 1921-1926 [Audio cassette]

Unit ID id170279

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442551

Scope and Contents

Physical Location: Manuscript artifact file. Acc. No. 1988.16 Audio cassette. Entitled "Anvik, 1921-1925; "Charlotte Hall School, 1925-1926"; and "my appointment with Dr. Goodwin about going to Williamsburg."

Autobiographical description of the years 1926-1931 [Audio cassette]

Unit ID id170281

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442552

Unit Date 1926-1931

Scope and Contents

Physical Location: Manuscript artifact file. Acc. No. 1988.16 Audio cassette.

Autobiographical description of the years 1931-1932 [Audio cassette]

Unit ID id170282

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442553

Unit Date 1931-1932

Scope and Contents

Physical Location: Manuscript artifact file. Acc. No. 1988.16 Audio cassette. Side 1 is entitled

"Consecration in Denver, September 29, 1931." Side 2 is entitled "Voyage of PELICAN IV, 1932," and "Revival of The Alaskan Churchman."

Autobiographical description of the years 1931-1947 [Audio cassette]

Unit ID id170283

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442554

Unit Date 1931-1947

Scope and Contents

Physical Location: Manuscript artifact file. Acc. No. 1988.16 Audio cassette.

Autobiographical description of the years 1948-1964 [Audio cassette]

Unit ID id170284

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442555

Scope and Contents

"Years at the office in New York, 1948-1964." Physical Location: Manuscript artifact file. Acc. No. 1988.16 Audio cassette.

Sermon preached in the chapel of the Wren Building [Audio cassette]

Unit ID id170285

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442556

Unit Date 1984 September 30

Scope and Contents

Physical Location: Manuscript artifact file. Acc. No. 1988.16 Audio cassette.

Interviews with Bishop John Boyd Bentley and Carter Henry Harrison, concerning events from 1915-1923

Unit ID id170287

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/442557

Unit Date 1989

Scope and Contents

Physical Location: Acc. No. 1994.90 1 item. Series 7: Addition 1994.90 Interviews were aired during 1989 as part of the "Virginia Voices" series on WHRO-FM public radio. Both were interviewed by Tempy Cornelius-Fisk.

Series 7: Addition (Acc. 1994.90)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/648962

Unit Date [dates tbd]

Additions

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/648963

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 23 (Folder)