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Collection Summary

Title: Harold Raymond Wayne Benjamin Papers

Span Dates: 1908-1972

ID No.: MSS21352

Creator: Benjamin, Harold Raymond Wayne, 1893-1969

Extent: 17,000 items

Extent: 49 containers

Extent: 20 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

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Summary: Educator. Correspondence, subject files, speeches and writings, and other papers relating mainly to Benjamin's career in the field of education.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

People

Benjamin family--Correspondence.

Benjamin, Harold Raymond Wayne, 1893-1969.

Benjamin, Harold Raymond Wayne, 1893-1969. Sage of Petaluma; autobiography of a teacher. 1965.

Benjamin, Herbert (Harold Herbert)--Correspondence.

Parker, Franklin, 1921- --Correspondence.

Organizations

McGraw-Hill Publishing Company--Correspondence.

Subjects

Education--Afghanistan.

Education--Japan.

Education--Korea.

Education--Latin America.

Places

Afghanistan--Description and travel.

Japan--Description and travel.

Korea--Description and travel.

Latin America--Description and travel.

Occupations

Educators.

Provenance

The papers of Harold Raymond Wayne Benjamin, educator, were given to the Library of Congress by his son, Harold H. Benjamin in 1969. Additional material was given by Franklin Parker in 1972 and Robert Bruker in 1974.

Processing History

The papers of Harold Raymond Wayne Benjamin were arranged and described in 1970. The finding aid was revised in 2011.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Harold Raymond Wayne Benjamin is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Harold Raymond Wayne Benjamin are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Harold Raymond Wayne Benjamin Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

Date	Event
1893, Mar. 27	Born, Gilmanton, Wis.
1910-1914	Teacher in rural schools
1914-1916	Elementary school principal, Salem, Oreg.
1916-1919	Served in United States Army
1919	Married Georgina Kessi
1920-1922	Superintendent of schools, Umatilla, Oreg.
1921	A.B., University of Oregon, Corvallis, Oreg.
1924	A.M., University of Oregon, Corvallis, Oreg.
1927	Ph.D., Stanford University, Stanford, Calif.
1927-1930	Associate professor of education and psychology, Stanford University, Stanford, Calif.
1930-1937	Professor of education, assistant dean of College of Education, and Director of Center for Continuation Study, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn.
1936-1969	Consulting editor for education series of books published by McGraw-Hill Book Co.
1937-1939	Dean of the summer quarter and director of the College of Education, University of Colorado, Boulder, Colo.
1939	Published <i>Saber-Tooth Curriculum</i> . New York: McGraw-Hill
1939-1951	Dean of the College of Education, University of Maryland, College Park, Md.
1941	Member, Carnegie mission to South America
1942-1945	Served in United States Army Air Force
1946-1950	Member, educational study groups in Afghanistan and Japan
1951-1958	Chairman, Division of Social Foundations of Education, George Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville, Tenn.
1954-1955	Chairman, educational study group in Korea
1957	Director, Connecticut Study of the Role of the Public Schools
1959-1960	Visiting professor of comparative education, University of Buenos Aires, Buenos Aires, Argentina
1960-1962	Chief consultant, Comparative Study of Higher Education in Latin America
1962-1967	Distinguished service professor of education, Glassboro State College, Glassboro, N.J.
1963-1964	Visiting distinguished service professor, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Ill.
1965	Visiting distinguished professor, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, Calif. Published <i>The Sage of Petaluma</i> . New York: McGraw-Hill

1969, Jan. 12

Died, Baltimore, Md.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Harold Raymond Wayne Benjamin (1893-1969) span the years 1908-1972 and contain family and general correspondence as well as literary manuscripts and miscellaneous material. The papers are organized into the following series: [Family Correspondence](#), [General Correspondence](#), [Subject File](#), [Literary Manuscripts](#), and [Miscellany](#).

The [Family Correspondence](#) includes numerous letters written by Benjamin to his son, Harold Herbert Benjamin, 1945-1969, in which he discusses his work as a member of educational study missions to Japan, Afghanistan, Korea, and Latin America. The [General Correspondence](#) relates to his career and his achievements in the field of education. Approximately half of this series is made up of correspondence with the McGraw-Hill Book Company for which Benjamin served from 1936 as consulting editor in the field of education.

A small [Subject File](#) contains papers relating to Benjamin's work in higher education in Latin America and records of his military service. The [Literary Manuscripts](#) consist of speeches, articles, his doctoral thesis, poems, plays, and manuscripts of many of his books, including *The Sage of Petaluma*. The [Miscellany](#) series includes Benjamin's correspondence with Franklin Parker, certificates and awards, photographs, and a few printed items.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged in five series:

- [Family Correspondence, 1945-1969](#)
- [General Correspondence, 1908-1969](#)
- [Subject File, undated](#)
- [Literary Manuscripts, undated](#)
- [Miscellany, 1968-1972](#)

Description of Series

Container	Series
BOX 1-2	<u>Family Correspondence, 1945-1969</u> Letters sent and received. Arranged alphabetically by name of family member.
BOX 3-18	<u>General Correspondence, 1908-1969</u> Letters sent and received. Arranged in an alphabetical and chronological file.
BOX 19-21	<u>Subject File, undated</u> Papers relating to Benjamin's work in higher education and records of his military service. Arranged alphabetically by subject
BOX 22-45	<u>Literary Manuscripts, undated</u> Articles, books, speeches, lectures, plays, poems, and other writings. Arranged by type of material.
BOX 46-49	<u>Miscellany, 1968-1972</u> Correspondence, biographical material, certificates and awards, photographs, printed matter, and other miscellaneous items. Arranged by type of material.

Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1-2	Family Correspondence, 1945-1969 Letters sent and received. Arranged alphabetically by name of family member.
BOX 1	Benjamin, Curtis G.
BOX 1	Benjamin, Georgiana K.
BOX 1	Benjamin, Georgiana (Mrs. Jay Faulkner)
BOX 1	Benjamin, Harold H.
BOX 1	1945-1958
BOX 2	1958-1969, undated
BOX 2	Kessi, Mary
BOX 2	Kessi, William
BOX 2	Pons, Frances
BOX 2	Unidentified
BOX 3-18	General Correspondence, 1908-1969 Letters sent and received. Arranged in an alphabetical and chronological file.
BOX 3	Alphabetical
BOX 3	A-H
BOX 4	H-Mc
BOX 5-9	Mc
BOX 10	Mc-Pa
BOX 11	Pe-W
BOX 12	Chronological
BOX 12	1908-1935
BOX 13	1936-1938
BOX 14	1939-1942
BOX 15	1942-1957
BOX 16	1958-1964
BOX 17	1964-1965
BOX 18	1966-1969
BOX 19-21	Subject File, undated Papers relating to Benjamin's work in higher education and records of his military service. Arranged alphabetically by subject
BOX 19	Latin America, higher education
BOX 20	Latin America, higher education in military service

Subject File, undated

Container	Contents
BOX 21	Military service
BOX 22-45	Literary Manuscripts, undated Articles, books, speeches, lectures, plays, poems, and other writings. Arranged by type of material.
BOX 22-25	Speeches and lectures
BOX 26-38	Articles
BOX 39	Articles
BOX 39	Articles (fragments)
BOX 39	Poems
BOX 39	"Subject and Grade Costs in Oregon High Schools," thesis
BOX 39	Musical plays
BOX 39	Plays
BOX 39	Music
BOX 40	Books
BOX 40	<i>Higher Education in the American Republics</i>
BOX 40	<i>The Sage of Petaluma</i>
BOX 41	<i>The Sage of Petaluma</i>
BOX 42	<i>The Sage of Petaluma</i>
BOX 42	<i>Tell Me How Long</i>
BOX 43	<i>Tell Me How Long</i>
BOX 43	<i>To Hell and Gone</i>
BOX 43	<i>The Trail of Medicine Dog</i>
BOX 43	<i>The Trail of Toot Sweet</i>
BOX 44-45	Miscellany
BOX 46-49	Miscellany, 1968-1972 Correspondence, biographical material, certificates and awards, photographs, printed matter, and other miscellaneous items. Arranged by type of material.
BOX 46	Biographical data
BOX 46	Certificates and awards
BOX 46	Correspondence with Franklin Parker, 1968-1972
BOX 46	Photographs
BOX 47	Photographs
BOX 47	Miscellany
BOX 47	Printed matter
BOX 48-49	Printed matter