
Guide to the Dwight Bentel Papers MSS.2004.04.02

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Abstract: Dr. Dwight E. Bentel was a noted professor of journalism at San Jose State University from 1934 through 1974, as well as the acknowledged founder of the school's Department of Journalism. Dr. Bentel also had a lifelong passion for Death Valley, and spent many hours visiting, studying and researching the Valley and the people who inhabited it. The majority of the collection pertains to Death Valley, its inhabitants and its history. Death Valley related materials include articles from various publications, photocopies of books, and notes and manuscripts written by Dr. Bentel. Other materials in the Dwight Bentel Papers include notes and texts for talks on various topics, honors and recognitions, news clippings, personal and professional correspondence, and other memorabilia.

Biographical / Historical

Dr. Dwight E. Bentel was a noted professor of journalism and the acknowledged founder of the San Jose State College (later San Jose State University) Department of Journalism. The son of educators, Dr. Bentel was born in Walla Walla, Washington in 1909, relocating shortly afterward with his family to the San Francisco Bay Area. Dr. Bentel got his start in journalism as a copy boy and reporter for the San Jose Mercury News in 1928. He later worked for the Associated Press and the San Francisco Call-Bulletin while completing bachelor's and master's degrees at Stanford University in the early 1930's.

Dwight Bentel was hired by San Jose State College President T. W. MacQuarrie in 1934 and given one year to establish a journalism program. Dr. Bentel accepted the challenge and developed a department that became one of the largest of its kind in the nation, with six of its graduates winning Pulitzer Prizes in journalism. Except for a three year period (1942-1945) during which he worked on his doctorate at Columbia University and reported on the war effort, Dr. Bentel remained at San Jose State University until his retirement in 1974.

Dr. Bentel had broad interests, which included the subjects of freedom of the press, libel, photography, and the history of SJSU. Death Valley was another passion, and Dr. Bentel spent many hours touring, photographing, and studying the area and its inhabitants.

Dr. Bentel died on May 16, 2012 at the age of 103.

Related Materials

Stone Photographic Collection, MSS-2014-02-28

Professor Gordon Greb Papers, MSS-2014-09-27

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Arrangement

The Dwight Bentel Papers are arranged into four series: Series I: Professional Materials, Series II: Personal Materials, Series III: Death Valley, and Series IV: Slides and Plate Glass Negatives. Series I is arranged alphabetically by subject and then chronologically. Series II is arranged alphabetically by format and then by subject followed by a chronological order. Series III is arranged by format and then alphabetically by subject. Series IV is arranged by format.

Scope and Contents

The Dwight Bentel Papers document portions of Dr. Bentel's professional and personal life, as well as provide insight into his thinking and methods of writing. Materials pertaining to his professional life include awards and honors, articles, news clippings, notes and texts for talks, and correspondence.

Materials pertaining to Dr. Bentel's personal life include personal correspondence, greeting cards, vital documents, and news clippings. Together, these items document the relationship between Dr. Bentel and various family members. Due to their personal nature, the Personal Materials are available by permission only.

The bulk of the collection is composed of Death Valley materials, including personal notes, news clippings, magazine articles, and copies of books. Outlines and manuscripts for a planned book by Dr. Bentel on Death Valley are also included.

A small portion of this series contains correspondence with and/or pertaining to George E. Stone, an Assistant and Associate Professor in Journalism from 1934 through 1956. Although this correspondence is mostly personal in nature, it was included with the professional materials due to professional relationship between Dr. Bentel and Professor Stone and the position both men held as members of the SJSC faculty. Materials relating to Professor Stone date from 1951 -1964 and include a portion of an autobiographical manuscript.

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Conditions Governing Access

With the exception of Series II: Personal Materials, the collection is open for research. Access to Series II: Personal Materials is by permission from the Director of Special Collections and Archives only.

Separated Materials

Included in the Dwight Bentel Papers were a number of complete, unphotocopied publications pertaining to Death Valley. There were also several promotional publications directed at San Jose State College or the San Jose Unified School District. These materials, listed below, were separated from the collection and transferred either to the King Library or to the San José State University Archives Publications Collection, as noted.

Donated to the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library: Glasscock, C. B. Here's death valley. New York : Grosset & Dunlap, 1940.

Johnson, LeRoy and Johnson, Jean. Julia : Death Valley's youngest victim. 2nd ed. Bishop, CA., c. 1981. 2002.

Lindgenfelter, Richard E. and Dwyer, Richard A., eds. Death Valley lore : Classic tales of fantasy, adventure, and mystery. Reno : University of Nevada Press, 1988

Muir, John. The mountains of California. New York : Doubleday & Company, Inc., 1961

Transferred to the San José State University Archives Publications Collection, MSS-2010-01-01:

San Jose State College. Impact! The dynamic effect of San Jose College on the community it serves. c. 1961.

San Jose State College. Pioneers for one hundred years. San Jose State College. 1957.

One camera box was separated from the collection and placed with artifacts to be used in displays. The leather trimmed, wooden box is 11"hx8.8"dx19.5"w. The interior is trimmed in pig skin and appears to have been modified to include compartments and a shelf.

Bibliography

Patterson, Brittany. "Spartan Daily founder Dwight Bentel dies at 103." Spartan Daily [San Jose, CA] 16 May 2012. Web.

Rosenberg, Mike. "Dwight Bentel, founder of San Jose State University journalism department, dies at 103." San Jose Mercury News [San Jose, CA] 16 May 2012. Web.

San Jose State University "In Memoriam." SJSU ERFA News Late Spring (2012) : 7. Web.

Subjects and Indexing Terms

Correspondence

Death Valley -- California and Nevada

Education -- Higher -- California -- San Jose

San Jose State College -- History

San José State University -- History

Twentieth century

Bentel, Dwight E. (1909 - 2012)

Bentel, Dwight

Lundstrom, Charlie Mack

SERIES I: Professional Materials 1928 - 2005 (Bulk 1934 - 1974)

Physical Description: 2 boxes

Scope and Contents

Series I includes materials pertaining to Dr. Bentel's professional life, including awards and honors, articles, news clippings, notes and texts for talks, and correspondence. The majority of the correspondence and news clippings center around Dr. Bentel's accomplishments as a professor of journalism and the success of the SJSU Department of Journalism.

A small portion of this series contains correspondence with and/or pertaining to George E. Stone, an Assistant and Associate Professor in Journalism from 1934 through 1956. Although this correspondence is mostly personal in nature, it was included with the professional materials due to professional relationship between Dr. Bentel and Professor Stone and the position both men held as members of the SJSU faculty. Materials relating to Professor Stone date from 1951 -1964 and include a portion of an autobiographical manuscript.

Arrangement

Dr. Bentel arranged his professional materials by subject and included notes, correspondence, news clippings, and other materials generally surrounding a particular theme in the same folder. The materials in this series were left in original order within each folder. The folders are labeled with either a title supplied by Dr. Bentel or with a title that suggests the subject of the majority of its contents. Notes and texts for talks are headed with the term "Talk" followed by the subject of the talk. The folders are arranged within each box alphabetically by subject followed by a chronological order.

Box 1, Folder 1	Cavanagh, Daniel 1987 - 1997
Box 1, Folder 3	Collier's Encyclopedia 1946 - 1967
Box 1, Folder 2	College Union 1960 - 1964
Box 1, Folder 4	Community Service 1936, 1975
Box 1, Folder 5	Correspondence - Hutchins, Robert 1955
Box 1, Folder 6	Correspondence, recognitions, articles and miscellaneous (includes first published article by D. Bentel) 1928 - 1972
Box 1, Folder 7	Correspondence, recognitions, articles and miscellaneous 1935 - 1991
Box 1, Folder 8	Correspondence, recognitions, articles and miscellaneous 1941 - 1982
Box 1, Folder 9	Correspondence, recognitions, articles and miscellaneous 1943 - 1991
Box 1, Folder 10	Correspondence, recognitions, articles and miscellaneous 1945 - 1987
Box 1, Folder 11	Correspondence, recognitions, articles and miscellaneous 1956 - 1978
Box 1, Folder 12	Correspondence - Special letters 1967 - 1987
Box 1, Folder 13	Correspondence - Thank you notes 2005 - 2007
Box 1, Folder 14	Directories - Emeritus organizations 1985 - 2003
Box 1, Folder 15	Directories; Professional Associations 1989 - 2005
Box 1, Folder 16	NCCPA Review (newsletter) 1952 - 1961
Box 1, Folder 17	Photographs undated
Box 1, Folder 18	Photography (proposed publication) 1971 - 1974
Box 1, Folder 19	Plaque - Twenty years of service undated
Box 1, Folder 20	Publications list and laudatory quotes undated
Box 1, Folder 21	Recognitions 1943 - 1982
Box 1, Folder 22	Recollections 1951 - 1971
Box 1, Folder 23	Retirement and Recognitions 1952 - 1986
Box 1, Folder 24	San Jose State College history undated
Box 1, Folder 25	Santa Cruz Sentinel News 1953-06
Box 1, Folder 26	Talk undated
Box 1, Folder 27	Talk - Antonacci, Michael (1 of 2) undated
Box 1, Folder 28	Talk - Antonacci, Michael (2 of 2) undated
Box 1, Folder 29	Talk - Community Newspaper 1963
Box 1, Folder 30	Talk - Graduate program history undated
Box 1, Folder 31	Talks, correspondence and Miscellaneous 1953 - 1974
Box 1, Folder 32	Publication- Photographs in the San Jose School Department Illustrated Report 1941
Box 2, Folder 1	Department excellence 1955 - 1984
Box 2, Folder 2	Faculty photograph Undated

Box 2, Folder 3	Gratitude; letters of 1936 - 1990
Box 2, Folder 4	Honors, distinctions and miscellaneous 1932 - 1981
Box 2, Folder 5	Journalism Department and miscellaneous 1943 - 1982
Box 2, Folder 6	Leadership (national and local) and miscellaneous 1936 - 1981
Box 2, Folder 7	Libel undated
Box 2, Folder 8	Libel - doctors undated
Box 2, Folder 9	Libel - doctors, Behrendt v. Times Mirror undated
Box 2, Folder 10	Libel - doctors, Bornman v. Star Co. undated
Box 2, Folder 11	Libel - doctors, Brinkley v. Fishbein undated
Box 2, Folder 12	Libel - doctors, How to libel a doctor without half trying (1 of 3) undated
Box 2, Folder 13	Libel - doctors, How to libel a doctor without half trying (2 of 3) undated
Box 2, Folder 14	Libel - doctors, How to libel a doctor without half trying (3 of 3). (Manuscript) undated
Box 2, Folder 15	Libel - doctors, Martin v. The Picayune undated
Box 2, Folder 16	Libel - doctors, new material undated
Box 2, Folder 17	Libel - doctors, Shankman v. O'Malley 1956
Box 2, Folder 18	Libel - doctors, Single mistake rule 1978 - 1979
Box 2, Folder 19	Miscellaneous (1 of 2) undated
Box 2, Folder 20	Miscellaneous (2 of 2) 1977 - 1978
Box 2, Folder 21	Photography (photo of D. Bentel) undated
Box 2, Folder 22	Photography. (Mortensen, William. Seven deadly errors. Camera Craft.) 1940
Box 2, Folder 23	Praise 1936 - 1982
Box 2, Folder 24	Privacy undated
Box 2, Folder 25	Pyle, Ernie (last article). Bentel biographical articles 1945 - 1993
Box 2, Folder 26	Recognitions and thanks 1950 - 1977
Box 2, Folder 27	Retirement tributes and miscellaneous 1934 - 2004
Box 2, Folder 28	Stone, George 1951 - 1964
Box 2, Folder 29	Stone, George 1960
Box 2, Folder 30	Stone, George 1960 - 1964
Box 2, Folder 31	Talk undated
Box 2, Folder 32	Talk - Antonacci, Michael undated
Box 2, Folder 33	Talk - Burnett, Carol circa 1981
Box 2, Folder 34	Talk - Davies, Pearce and history of public relations undated
Box 2, Folder 35	Talk - Death penalty undated
Box 2, Folder 36	Talk - Development of news writing. Contra Costa College 1956
Box 2, Folder 37	Talk - Journalism School defense 1948
Box 2, Folder 38	Talk - Lick, James undated
Box 2, Folder 39	Talk - Lincoln undated
Box 2, Folder 40	Talk - Promotion Directors 1959
Box 2, Folder 41	Talk - San Jose State College history 1955
Box 2, Folder 42	Talk - San Jose State College history, the big fire (1 of 2) undated
Box 2, Folder 43	Talk - San Jose State College history, the big fire (2 of 2) undated

SERIES II: Personal Materials 1909 - 2003

Scope and Contents

Series II contains items of a personal nature belonging to Dr. Bentel and/or members of his family. Included are personal letters, notes and commentary, divorce papers, birth certificates, and news clippings of interest to Dr. Bentel. Due to the potentially sensitive nature of the materials, permission from the Director of Special Collections and Archives will be required for access.

Arrangement

Dr. Bentel arranged his personal materials by subject and placed notes and commentary, rough drafts, and correspondence to and from a particular correspondent or surrounding a particular theme in the same folder. The materials in this series were left in original order within each folder. With the exception of correspondence, the folders are arranged alphabetically by the predominant format of the material within the folder followed by the subject of the materials.

Correspondence is arranged alphabetically by sender/recipient followed by date. When the general topic of was indicated by Dr. Bentel, that topic is provided in parentheses after the sender/recipient's name. For example: correspondence between Dr. Bentel and his brother Dr. Carr Bentel regarding the care of their mother is labeled "Bentel, Carr (Care of Katherine Bentel)." Correspondence is placed behind the other formats.

Conditions Governing Access

This series is restricted. Permission from the Director of Special Collections and Archives will be required for access.

- Box 3, Folder 1
- Box 3, Folder 2
- Box 3, Folder 3
- Box 3, Folder 4
- Box 3, Folder 5
- Box 3, Folder 6
- Box 3, Folder 7
- Box 3, Folder 8
- Box 3, Folder 9
- Box 3, Folder 10
- Box 3, Folder 11

- Birth certificate and biography - Bentel, Dwight 1909, undated**
- Birth certificate - Bentel, Genieva DiFiore 1941**
- Bentel, David circa 1968 - 1994**
- Bentel, Genieva undated**
- Bentel, Katherine undated**
- Diary - Services to Mom circa 1956 - 1959**
- Divorce (Bentel, Dwight and Bentel, Edna) 1956 - 1957**
- Family History 1927, 1946**
- Misfortunes 1935 - 1947**
- Newsclippings - WWII coverage 1944, 1971**
- Rosters and miscellaneous 1975 - 1985**

Correspondence 1934 - 2003

- Box 3, Folder 12
- Box 3, Folder 13
- Box 3, Folder 14
- Box 3, Folder 15
- Box 3, Folder 16
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- Box 3, Folder 25
- Box 3, Folder 26
- Box 3, Folder 27
- Box 3, Folder 28
- Box 3, Folder 29
- Box 3, Folder 30

- Bentel, Carr 1934 - 1935**
- Bentel, Carr 1935 - 1948**
- Bentel, Carr (not pertinent) 1942 - 1995**
- Bentel, Carr (Care of Katherine Bentel) 1945 - 1993**
- Bentel, Carr 1946 - 1978**
- Bentel, Carr 1947, 1956**
- Bentel, Carr (Care of Katherine Bentel) 1947 - 1998**
- Bentel, Carr (Care of Katherine Bentel) 1948 - 1977, 1987**
- Bentel, Carr (Care of Katherine Bentel) 1952 - 1961**
- Bentel, Carr 1954 - 1956**
- Bentel, Carr (Criticism of Edna) 1958**
- Bentel, Carr (Services to Katherine Bentel) 1958**
- Bentel, Carr (Care of Katherine Bentel) 1958 - 1977**
- Bentel, Carr (Katherine Bentel and Salem Lutheran) 1960 - 1961**
- Bentel, Carr (Katherine Bentel expenses) 1961 - 1962**
- Bentel, Carr (Estate of Katherine Bentel) 1962**
- Bentel, Carr 1977**
- Bentel, Carr 1978**
- Bentel, Carr (Greeting cards) 1984**

Box 3, Folder 31	Bentel, Carr 1984, 2001
Box 3, Folder 32	Bentel, Carr (Special) 1985 - 1987
Box 3, Folder 33	Bentel, Carr 1990 - 1992
Box 3, Folder 34	Bentel, Carr 1995 - 2001
Box 3, Folder 35	Bentel, Carr 2000
Box 3, Folder 36	Bentel, Carr 2001 - 2003
Box 3, Folder 37	Bentel, Carr undated
Box 3, Folder 38	Bentel, Carr (drafts) undated
Box 3, Folder 39	Bentel, Christina 1975 - 1995
Box 3, Folder 40	Bentel, David 1935 - 1990
Box 3, Folder 41	Bentel, David 1947 - 1976
Box 3, Folder 42	Bentel, David undated
Box 3, Folder 43	Bentel, Edna and Bentel, David 1949 -1959
Box 3, Folder 44	Bentel, Gladys 1934 - 1952
Box 3, Folder 45	Bentel, Joseph 1934 -1946
Box 3, Folder 46	Bentel, Joseph (approval) 1935 - 1947
Box 3, Folder 47	Bentel, Joseph 1939 - 1945
Box 3, Folder 48	Bentel, Joseph (on Carr) 1940 - 1947
Box 3, Folder 49	Bentel, Joseph (nostalgia) 1942 - 1945
Box 3, Folder 50	Bentel, Joseph (on Carr) 1944
Box 3, Folder 51	Bentel, Joseph 1944 - 1947
Box 3, Folder 52	Bentel, Katherine (appreciation) 1941 - 1952
Box 3, Folder 53	Bentel, Katherine 1942 - 1954
Box 3, Folder 54	Bentel, Katherine (appreciation) 1945 - 1953
Box 3, Folder 55	Bentel, Katherine (servces to Mom) 1948 - 1955
Box 3, Folder 56	Bentel, Katherine 1950 - 1954
Box 3, Folder 57	Bentel, Katherine (appreciation) 1954
Box 3, Folder 58	Bentel, Katherine 1958
Box 3, Folder 59	Bentel, Martha and Bob 1951 - 1957, 1989
Box 3, Folder 60	Bentel, Pirkko 1988
Box 3, Folder 61	Colonial Mortuary 1962
Box 3, Folder 62	Miscellaneous undated
Box 3, Folder 63	Miscellaneous 1948 - 1996
Box 3, Folder 64	Miscellaneous (Family) 1979 - 1994
Box 3, Folder 65	Miscellaneous (to answer and to write) 1992 - 2009
Box 3, Folder 66	Miscellaneous 2002 - 2003
Box 3, Folder 67	Murphy, Eileen and Jim undated
Box 3, Folder 68	U.S. Navel Dispensary (Kellum, Wilbur) 1958

SERIES III: Death Valley 1905 - 2006

Scope and Contents

Dr. Bentel spent many hours touring, photographing, and researching Death Valley and its inhabitants. He planned to publish a book on the subject using Shorty Harris (1856-1934), a long time Death Valley prospector, as a focal point.

The bulk of Series III, Death Valley, consists of personal notes, news clippings, magazine articles, and copies of books pertaining to various aspects of Death Valley. Outlines and manuscripts for the proposed book are also included. The materials created by Dr. Bentel in this series are mostly undated. Dates supplied generally represent publication dates for books published by others and included in this collection.

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Dr. Bentel arranged these materials by subject, placing notes and commentary, articles, and portions of manuscripts surrounding a particular theme in the same folder. The materials in this series were left in original order within each folder and the folder labeled with either a title supplied by Dr. Bentel or with a title that suggests the subject of the majority of its contents.

The materials in this Series are subdivided into four groups: Correspondence, Project organization, Research files, Manuscripts, and Publications by others, followed by an alphabetic arrangement within each box. Where both manuscript pages and research materials were contained in the same folder, placement was based on the predominant format within that folder.

Materials in the "Publications by others" group consist of complete, or nearly complete, photocopies of published books. Published articles from periodicals and other small publications used as research material by Dr. Bentel were left with the research files and are not included in this section.

Correspondence 1940 - 2006

Box 5, Folder 1	Johnson, Jean 2004 - 2005
Box 5, Folder 2	Miscellaneous, incoming 1940 - 2004
Box 5, Folder 3	Miscellaneous, outgoing 1991 - 2006

Project Organization undated

Box 4, Folder 1	Project organization, ideas and notes undated
Box 6, Folder 1	Project organization, ideas and notes undated
Box 7, Folder 1	Project organization undated
Box 7, Folder 2	Project organization - storylines undated
Box 8, Folder 1	Project Organization undated

Research Files undated

Box 4, Folder 2	Amargosa Desert 1928
Box 4, Folder 3	Assaying undated
Box 4, Folder 4	Automobiles undated
Box 4, Folder 5	Borax undated
Box 4, Folder 6	Bullfrog County undated

Box 4, Folder 7	Dangers undated
Box 4, Folder 8	Dangers - Cloud burst (flash floods and flooding) undated
Box 4, Folder 9	Dangers - Death undated
Box 4, Folder 10	Dangers - Sandstorms undated
Box 4, Folder 11	Dangers - Water and effects of thirst undated
Box 4, Folder 12	Gold undated
Box 4, Folder 13	Harris, Shorty - A liar? undated
Box 4, Folder 14	Harris, Shorty - Stories undated
Box 4, Folder 15	Harris, Shorty - Visits undated
Box 4, Folder 16	Hocum undated
Box 4, Folder 17	Hocum and lives, actual undated
Box 4, Folder 18	Life and death in Death Valley undated
Box 4, Folder 19	Mining undated
Box 4, Folder 20	Mining camps/towns undated
Box 4, Folder 21	Mining camps/towns - Ballarat and Pleasant Canyon undated
Box 4, Folder 22	Mining camps/towns - Goldfield undated
Box 4, Folder 23	Mining camps/towns - Panamint City undated
Box 4, Folder 24	Mining camps/towns - Tonopah undated
Box 4, Folder 25	Mining economics undated
Box 4, Folder 26	Mining law and scams undated
Box 4, Folder 27	Natural history - cactus undated
Box 4, Folder 28	Natural history - herpetology (snakes) undated
Box 4, Folder 29	Natural history - road runner undated
Box 4, Folder 30	Natural history - tortoise undated
Box 4, Folder 31	Old Spanish Trail undated
Box 4, Folder 32	Research materials, miscellaneous 1916 - 1997
Box 4, Folder 33	Rhyolite undated
Box 4, Folder 34	Roads undated
Box 4, Folder 35	Scott, Walter (Scotty) undated
Box 4, Folder 36	Visit undated
Box 4, Folder 37	Water undated
Box 5, Folder 4	Aurora undated
Box 5, Folder 5	Baker (Dan Fairbanks) undated
Box 5, Folder 6	Bullfrog County undated
Box 5, Folder 7	Burros undated
Box 5, Folder 8	Cave Springs - Johnston the scorpion undated
Box 5, Folder 9	Death Valley National Monument - First rangers undated
Box 5, Folder 10	Deaths undated
Box 5, Folder 11	Description (World of Shorty) undated
Box 5, Folder 12	Eichbaum Toll Road undated
Box 5, Folder 13	Emigrants - Hocum undated
Box 5, Folder 14	The great American desert undated
Box 5, Folder 15	Harris, Shorty undated
Box 5, Folder 16	Harris, Shorty - Controversial undated
Box 5, Folder 17	Harris, Shorty - Language and profanity undated
Box 5, Folder 18	Manley - Bennett party undated
Box 5, Folder 19	Manley- Hocum undated
Box 5, Folder 20	Mengel, Carl undated
Box 5, Folder 21	Mining economics undated
Box 5, Folder 22	Miscellaneous undated
Box 5, Folder 23	Miscellaneous Quotes undated
Box 5, Folder 24	Natural History undated
Box 5, Folder 25	Natural History - Hocum undated
Box 5, Folder 26	Ode to the Burro Prospector undated
Box 5, Folder 27	Over-debunked undated
Box 5, Folder 28	Pictures undated
Box 5, Folder 29	Prospecting undated
Box 5, Folder 30	Prospector's Terminology undated

Box 5, Folder 31	Red Mountain - Randsburg undated
Box 5, Folder 32	References undated
Box 5, Folder 33	References - Bibliography undated
Box 5, Folder 34	References - at SJSU library undated
Box 5, Folder 35	References - To look up undated
Box 5, Folder 36	Sand undated
Box 5, Folder 37	Scams - Hi-grading undated
Box 5, Folder 38	Scott, Walter (Scotty) undated
Box 5, Folder 39	Skidoo undated
Box 5, Folder 40	Trails to water undated
Box 5, Folder 41	Walker, Charlie undated
Box 5, Folder 42	Why they came undated
Box 6, Folder 2	Ballarat undated
Box 6, Folder 3	Chronology undated
Box 6, Folder 4	Dangers of the land undated
Box 6, Folder 5	Dates undated
Box 6, Folder 6	Depression undated
Box 6, Folder 7	Descriptions undated
Box 6, Folder 8	Harris, Shorty undated
Box 6, Folder 9	Harrisburg undated
Box 6, Folder 10	Mining boom after Panamint undated
Box 6, Folder 11	Mining law undated
Box 6, Folder 12	Miscellaneous undated
Box 6, Folder 13	Owens Valley undated
Box 6, Folder 14	Prospectors undated
Box 6, Folder 15	Rawhide undated
Box 6, Folder 16	References - Dates and towns undated
Box 6, Folder 17	Terminology - Glossary, words and phrases undated
Box 6, Folder 18	Visit file undated
Box 6, Folder 19	Why they came undated
Box 7, Folder 3	All gone now undated
Box 7, Folder 4	Birds - ducks and geese undated
Box 7, Folder 5	Bodie undated
Box 7, Folder 6	Bullfrog - Rhyolite undated
Box 7, Folder 7	Burros (1 of 2) undated
Box 7, Folder 8	Burros (2 of 2) undated
Box 7, Folder 9	Burros - Equipment and supplies undated
Box 7, Folder 10	Camels undated
Box 7, Folder 11	Dangers - Dynamite undated
Box 7, Folder 12	Dangers - heat, water undated
Box 7, Folder 13	Eddy, Clarence undated
Box 7, Folder 14	Equipment and supplies undated
Box 7, Folder 15	Fairbanks, Dan undated
Box 7, Folder 16	Ferge, Charles (Seldom Seen Slim) undated
Box 7, Folder 17	Girls Camp undated
Box 7, Folder 18	Gold - how to find undated
Box 7, Folder 19	Goldfield undated
Box 7, Folder 20	History - Chronology undated
Box 7, Folder 21	History-Description undated
Box 7, Folder 22	LeMoigne, John undated
Box 7, Folder 23	Mills, Johnny undated
Box 7, Folder 24	Mills, Johnny - debunking undated
Box 7, Folder 25	Mining undated
Box 7, Folder 26	Mining in Death Valley undated
Box 7, Folder 27	Miscellaneous (1 of 4) undated
Box 7, Folder 28	Miscellaneous (2 of 4) undated
Box 7, Folder 29	Miscellaneous (3 of 4) undated
Box 7, Folder 30	Miscellaneous (4 of 4) undated

Box 7, Folder 31	Mojave Desert Preserve undated
Box 7, Folder 32	Native Americans undated
Box 7, Folder 33	Natural history undated
Box 7, Folder 34	Newspaper articles - handcopied undated
Box 7, Folder 35	Pictures undated
Box 7, Folder 36	Problems of new comers undated
Box 7, Folder 37	Profanity undated
Box 7, Folder 38	Prospecting undated
Box 7, Folder 39	Prospectors undated
Box 7, Folder 40	Prospectors - Introduction undated
Box 7, Folder 41	Prospectors-Nature of undated
Box 7, Folder 42	Purple glass undated
Box 7, Folder 43	Publishers undated
Box 7, Folder 44	Railroads undated
Box 7, Folder 45	Railroads - Greenwater undated
Box 7, Folder 46	Scott, Walter (Scotty) undated
Box 7, Folder 47	Smith trip undated
Box 7, Folder 48	Unnatural history undated
Box 7, Folder 49	The valley they loved undated
Box 7, Folder 50	Weather undated
Box 7, Folder 51	Wild life undated
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Box 8, Folder 2	Borax undate
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Box 8, Folder 7	Fairbanks, R.J. (Dad) undate
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Box 8, Folder 20	New desert (the) undated
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Box 4, Folder 38	Dangers (heat) undated
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Box 7, Folder 54	Author Biography undated
Box 7, Folder 55	Borax undated
Box 7, Folder 56	Burros undated
Box 7, Folder 57	Burros - Outline and stories undated
Box 7, Folder 58	Epitaph for Shorty undated
Box 7, Folder 59	Harris, Shorty - Description undated
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Box 7, Folder 61	Lone hiker undated
Box 7, Folder 62	Miscellaneous undated
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Box 8, Folder 25	B&B undated
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Box 8, Folder 27	Harris, Shorty undated
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Box 8, Folder 30	Lost Breyfogle and Gunsight mines undated
Box 8, Folder 31	Mining - Economics undated
Box 8, Folder 32	Miscellaneous undated
Box 8, Folder 33	My hero the burro undated
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Box 8, Folder 36	Why they came undated
Box 8, Folder 37	Why they came (Beans, burros and bonanzas) undated

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Box 4, Folder 53	Glassock, C.B. Here's Death Valley. Grossett & Dunlap : New York. 1940.
Box 4, Folder 54	Unknown. (Greenwater). Undated
Box 5, Folder 54	Corle, Edwin. Death Valley and a creek called Furnace. 1941
Box 5, Folder 55	Edwards, E.D. The valley whose name is death. United States. 1940
Box 5, Folder 56	Gardner, E. S. The desert is yours. Wm Morrow & Co. 1963.
Box 5, Folder 57	Pyle, Ernie. "Thirst in the desert" in Home country. Scripps-Howard Newspaper Alliance. 1935 - 1940.

Box 5, Folder 58	Unknown. Gold in them hills. Undated.
Box 6, Folder 27	Belden, L. Burr. Death Valley heroine. 1954.
Box 6, Folder 28	Chalfant, W. A. The story of Inyo. 1922.
Box 6, Folder 29	Coolidge, Dane. Death Valley prospectors. 1937
Box 6, Folder 30	Federal Writer's Project. Death Valley: a guide. 1977.
Box 6, Folder 31	Publications by others - Indexes. Undated.
Box 6, Folder 32	Kirk, Ruth. Exploring Death Valley. Undated.
Box 6, Folder 33	Latschar, John A. A History of Mining in Death Valley National Monument. Historic Resource study, National Park Service. 1954. (1 of 2)
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Box 6, Folder 35	Newspaper articles, various authors 1905 - 1933
Box 6, Folder 36	Pyle, Ernie. Various articles undated
Box 7, Folder 65	Pearl, Richard. Handbook for prospectors. 1973.
Box 7, Folder 66	Putnam, George Palmer. Death Valley and its country. 1946.
Box 7, Folder 67	Western Publications, Inc. Gold. Vol. 1 No. 1. 1969.
Box 8, Folder 38	Lee, Bourke. Death Valley men. MacMillan. 1932.
Box 8, Folder 39	Brookshier, Frank. The burro. University of Oklahoma Press, 1974.
Box 8, Folder 40	Houston, Eleanor J. Death Valley Scotty told me. 1954 (excerpt)

SERIES IV: Slides and Glass Plate Negatives undated

Scope and Contents

This series contains 88 glass plate negatives, 109 projector slides, and 20 sleeved negatives. The glass plate negatives are predominantly scenes of college life and classroom activities. Most appear to date from around the 1940's or 1950's, although some show images from the Normal School or Teacher's College period. A number of glass plates contain illustrations that may have been used in SJSC promotional materials such as Impact! The dynamic effect of San Jose College on the community it serves (San Jose State College, c. 1961) and Pioneers for one hundred years, San Jose State College (San Jose State College, 1957). Both publications are available in the San José State University Archives Publications Collection.

The majority of the slides were commercially produced by Castle Films and show scenes ranging from 1920's automobiles to WWII era military maneuvers. Most of the Castle Films slides are titled. Slides not labeled with the Castle Films logo appear to be photographs that may have been taken by Dr. Bentel. These images include desert scenes and a few that may have been intended as pin-up shots. The sleeved negatives also may have been taken by Dr. Bentel and generally show a woman in a garden or the interior of a room.

Arrangement

The glass plate negatives remain in original order. The Castle Films slides are in numerical order as assigned by Castle Films. Dr. Bentel's personal slides are arranged by subject.

Box 9, Folder 1 - 89	Glass Plate Negatives undated
Box 10	Slides and Negatives undated