

---

## **Belle Dora Stamback Beeson Correspondence mssBeeson**

Brooke M. Black

The Huntington Library

May 2020

1151 Oxford Road

San Marino, California 91108

[reference@huntington.org](mailto:reference@huntington.org)

URL: <http://www.huntington.org>

---

**Contributing Institution:** The Huntington Library

**Title:** Belle Dora Stamback Beeson correspondence

**Creator:** Beeson, Belle Dora Stamback, approximately 1865-

**Identifier/Call Number:** mssBeeson

**Physical Description:** 14.75 Linear Feet(20 boxes)

**Date (inclusive):** 1881-1954

**Abstract:** Correspondence of Belle Dora Stamback Beeson, of Indiana and California, and her family.

**Language of Material:** Materials are in English.

**Conditions Governing Access**

Open to qualified researchers by prior application through the Reader Services Department. For more information, contact Reader Services.

**Conditions Governing Use**

The Huntington Library does not require that researchers request permission to quote from or publish images of this material, nor does it charge fees for such activities. The responsibility for identifying the copyright holder, if there is one, and obtaining necessary permissions rests with the researcher.

**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item]. Belle Dora Stamback Beeson correspondence, The Huntington Library, San Marino, California.

**Immediate Source of Acquisition**

Gift of the estate of Eva Marjorie Beeson Lawyer, May 1983.

**Biographical / Historical**

Belle Dora Stamback Beeson was born to a large family in Indiana in approximately 1865. In 1885 she married Charles Beeson. In about 1900, Charles Beeson's health suffered, and the family moved to Pasadena, California. Their sons Dana and Eddie remained in Pasadena, and daughter Eva married L. Elgin Lawyer and moved to Iowa.

**Scope and Contents**

The majority of the collection is made up correspondence among the Beeson, Stamback, and Lawyer family members from 1881 to 1954, including Belle Dora Stamback Beeson, her husband Charles, her sons Eddie and Dana, and her daughter Eva Beeson Lawyer. The collection also includes envelopes, newspaper clippings, greeting cards, and programs.

**Processing Information**

The collection was cataloged by Harriet McLune in 1983. In 2020, Brooke M. Black created a finding aid.

**Arrangement**

The collection is arranged in the following series: Family letters; General correspondence; Envelopes; and Ephemera.

**General**

Former call number: mssBeeson correspondence.

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**

Families -- California, Southern -- History -- Sources

Families -- Middle West -- History -- Sources

Women -- California -- Pasadena -- Archives

Women -- Middle West -- Archives

Middle West -- Social life and customs -- Sources

Pasadena (Calif.) -- History -- Sources

Family papers -- United States

Letters (correspondence) -- United States

Personal papers -- United States

Stamback (Family)

---

**Family letters 1881-1954**

Box 1, Folder 1	<b>Belle Beeson to Charles Beeson 1918</b> <b>Scope and Contents</b> 16 items.
Box 1, Folder 2	<b>Belle Beeson to "Dear home folks etc." 1881-1935</b> <b>Scope and Contents</b> 91 items.
Box 1, Folder 3	<b>Belle Beeson to Eva Beeson Lawyer 1930</b> <b>Scope and Contents</b> 45 items.
Box 1, Folder 4	<b>Belle Beeson to Relda Stamback Potter 1891</b> <b>Scope and Contents</b> 2 items.
Box 1, Folder 5	<b>Belle Beeson to A-Z (various persons) 1881-1933</b> <b>Scope and Contents</b> 3 items.
Box 1, Folder 6	<b>Charles Beeson to Belle Beeson 1918</b> <b>Scope and Contents</b> 3 items.
Box 1, Folder 7	<b>Dana Beeson to Belle Beeson 1918-1939</b> <b>Scope and Contents</b> 106 items.
Box 1, Folder 8	<b>Eddie Beeson to Belle Beeson 1913-1916</b> <b>Scope and Contents</b> 25 items.
Box 2, Folder 1	<b>Eddie Beeson and Lida Beeson to Belle Beeson 1903-1911</b> <b>Scope and Contents</b> 108 items.
Box 2, Folder 2	<b>James Beeson to Charles Beeson 1903-1911</b> <b>Scope and Contents</b> 62 items.
Box 3, Folder 1	<b>Lewis Beeson and Minnie Beeson to Belle Beeson 1904-1940</b> <b>Scope and Contents</b> 38 items.
Box 3, Folder 2	<b>Walter Beeson and Anna Beeson to Belle Beeson 1883-1936</b> <b>Scope and Contents</b> 16 items.
Box 3, Folder 3	<b>Bertha Stamback Crum to Belle Beeson 1905-1950</b> <b>Scope and Contents</b> 67 items.

Box 3, Folder 4	<b>Mary Hunt to Belle Beeson 1914-1928</b> Scope and Contents 7 items.
Box 4	<b>Eva Beeson Lawyer to Belle Beeson 1918-1935</b> Scope and Contents 117 items.
Box 5, Folder 1	<b>Eva Beeson Lawyer to Belle Beeson 1935</b> Scope and Contents 25 items.
Box 5, Folder 2	<b>Eva Beeson Lawyer to L. Elgin Lawyer 1935</b> Scope and Contents 5 items.
Box 5, Folder 3	<b>M.A. Morrow to Belle Beeson 1903-1925</b> Scope and Contents 54 items.
Box 5, Folder 4	<b>Relda Stamback to Belle Beeson 1885-1889</b> Scope and Contents 25 items.
Box 6	<b>M.E. Stamback Reynolds to Belle Beeson 1886-1913</b> Scope and Contents 88 items.
Box 7	<b>M.E. Stamback Reynolds to Belle Beeson 1914-1926</b> Scope and Contents 91 items.
Box 8, Folder 1	<b>Milford Reynolds and Elsie Reynolds to Belle Beeson 1905-1928</b> Scope and Contents 34 items.
Box 8, Folder 2	<b>Alfred Stamback and Lillie Stamback to Belle Beeson 1882-1947</b> Scope and Contents 74 items.
Box 9, Folder 1	<b>Mary Stamback to Belle Beeson 1910-1920</b> Scope and Contents 14 items.
Box 9, Folder 2	<b>Ora Stamback and Raye Stamback to Belle Beeson 1885-1947</b> Scope and Contents 45 items.
Box 9, Folder 3	<b>Elma Stamback Teams to Belle Beeson 1883-1934</b> Scope and Contents 113 items.

Box 10	<b>Carrie Stamback Wiggins to Belle Beeson 1883-1954</b> <b>Scope and Contents</b> 132 items.
	<b>General correspondence 1882-1948</b>
Box 11, Box 12, Folder 1	<b>A-Z (various persons) to Belle Beeson 1883-1949</b> <b>Scope and Contents</b> 153 items.
Box 12, Folder 2	<b>A-Z (various persons) to Charles Beeson 1905-1930</b> <b>Scope and Contents</b> 10 items.
Box 12, Folder 3	<b>A-Z (various persons) to Dana Beeson 1901-1947</b> <b>Scope and Contents</b> 31 items.
Box 12, Folder 4	<b>A-Z (various persons) to Eddie Beeson 1900-1910</b> <b>Scope and Contents</b> 8 items.
Box 13, Folder 1	<b>A-Z (various persons) to Eva Beeson Lawyer 1905-1948</b> <b>Scope and Contents</b> 123 items.
Box 13, Folder 2	<b>A-Z (various persons) to M.E. Stamback Reynolds 1882-1931</b> <b>Scope and Contents</b> 4 items.
Box 13, Folder 3-4	<b>Miscellaneous letters and incomplete items 1882-1931</b> <b>Scope and Contents</b> 31 items.
Box 14, Box 15, Box 16, Box 17, Box 18	<b>Envelopes 1881-1950</b> <b>Scope and Contents</b> Approximately 1,650 items.
Box 19, Box 20	<b>Ephemera undated</b>