Guide to the Merrill K. Bennett Papers

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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.

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Clippings.
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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
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*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  

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*Scope and Content Note*  
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