Biography

Booton Herndon (1915 to 1995) was a native of Charlottesville, Virginia, and worked as a freelance writer. In the late 1950s, Herndon was asked by the magazine editor of the MacGraw Hill Book Company to write an article about the Seventh-day Adventist church. In the course of his research, he thought there was enough subject matter not just for an article but for a book on Seventh-day Adventists. The first edition of *The Seventh Day: The Story of the Seventh-Day Adventist* came out in 1960. It proved very popular going through several printings. In 1963 the book was re-issued and went through several more printings. In time, Herndon wrote two other books linked to the Adventist Church, both are about Desmond T. Doss and his service in World War II.

Herndon was not a Seventh-day Adventist. He did a lot of research on the history, mission work, the medical work and many other elements of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. As a result of the book, he had many speaking invitations at Adventist churches and institutions.

Scope

This collection consists of Booton Herndon’s research and writing files as well as correspondence and other files associated with the book, *The Seventh Day*.

Arrangement

The Center for Adventist Research arranged the contents as found in this register. First comes Herndon’s research for the book. Later comes the mechanics of the book including his manuscript and a reader’s proof, as well as reviews of the book. See the following register for more information.

Extent

2 Hollinger Boxes [0.8 linear feet]

Provenance

Booton Herndon donated the collection to the Adventist Heritage Center.
Use

All users of this collection are required to complete the “Application to Use Unpublished Records,” and to observe the regulation specified in the “Patron Agreement” and “Researcher's Code of Conduct.” All records in this collection are open and available for research. Citation for this collection:

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III. **Correspondence**

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V. **Other**

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Items Removed

Manuscript of the book (duplicate)

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