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Biographical

Benjamin Gerald McArthur was born in Lincoln, Nebraska, on February 12, 1951, as the sixth and final child born to John and Ruby Shafer McArthur. Benjamin spent his childhood in Lincoln, attending Helen Hyatt Elementary School and College View Academy, both schools on the campus of Union College, a Seventh-day Adventist college. He also spent a year boarding at Enterprise Academy in Enterprise, Kansas.

After earning a bachelor's degree in history at Andrews University, McArthur went on to graduate work at the University of Chicago where he received his Ph.D. in American Cultural History in 1979. After graduation, he began a long teaching career at the Southern Adventist University History Department in Collegedale, Tennessee. From 2009 to 2012, he served as the Academic Dean of Southwestern Adventist University in Keene, Texas.

In addition to his teaching and administrative roles, McArthur published three books, numerous articles, and organized a number of academic conferences. He died April 10, 2017. He was 66 years old.

Scope

The Benjamin Gerald McArthurs Papers collection contains correspondence, class lectures and other materials, student research papers, conference planning materials, and some administrative records from Southern Adventist University and their History Department from the 1990s into the 2000s. Lecture notes and class material form the largest single group of papers.

Arrangement

During processing, the Center for Adventist Research restructured significant portions of this collection. When received, the order and arrangement was not consistent. The collection is now a combination of several series (categories) and within them the contents are either alphabetical or chronological, whichever best fits the series contents. See the Table of Contents and the following Inventory for more understanding of the arrangement.

Extent

4 boxes [3.17 linear feet]

Provenance

The Southern Adventist University History Department donated the Benjamin McArthur papers to the Andrews University Center for Adventist Research in April 2023.

Use

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INVENTORY

I. Personal Items

Biographical

Box 1 Fld 1 Curriculum Vitae, 2009.

Correspondence

Box 1 Fld 2 Charles E Scott et al to Ben McArthur et al, 1986. 6 Letters.

Box 1 Fld 3 Borgna Brunner et al to Ben McArthur, 1989, 1990, 1991. 8 Letters.
Guidelines for contributors: Reader's Encyclopedia of American History, 1989.
Note. McArthur was invited to contribute for the Encyclopedia of American History.

Box 1 Fld 4 Dennis Pettibone et al to Ben McArthur et al, 1996.

Box 1 Fld 5 Ben McArthur, et al to Steve Jones, et al, 1998, 2000.
Gary G Land, Memorial Service, 2014.

Box 1 Fld 6 Richard Osborn and Emori T Grace to Ben McArthur, 1999. 3 Letters.

Box 1 Fld 7 Bruce Anderson to Friends of Walter C. Utt Endowment, 2011.

Box 1 Fld 8 Ben McArthur to Gail Higgs, 2000.

II. Teaching: Lecture notes and class materials

History of the South [Some lectures had multiple lectures with differing titles]

Box 1 Fld 9	History of the South Course Syllabus, 1995. Southern Connections: History, 2015.
Box 1 Fld 10	Lecture 3. Colonial Virginia. Note. Lecture 1-2 missing.
Box 1 Fld 11	Lecture 4. Politics & social structure in Virginia.
Box 1 Fld 12	Lecture 6. South during the Revolution.
Box 1 Fld 13	Anti-slavery and Abolitionism: 1775- 1831. Richards L L. <i>The Slave Power</i> : 1780- 1860.
Box 1 Fld 14	Lecture 7. South Carolina Nullification Controversy.
Box 1 Fld 15	Lecture 8. Slave Religion.
Box 1 Fld 16	Lecture 9. Antebellum Society: South vs North.
Box 1 Fld 17	Lecture 10. Creation of the Southern Legend. Freedom of Thought in South. Free Blacks in the Antebellum South.
Box 1 Fld 18	Lecture 11. Secession Crisis of 1850's.
Box 1 Fld 19	Lecture 12. The coming of the War.
Box 1 Fld 20	Lecture13. Confederate States.
Box 1 Fld 21	Lecture 14. Civil War.
Box 1 Fld 22	Lecture 15. Civil War II: The Common Soldier- Wiley.
Box 1 Fld 23	Lecture16. Introduction to 2 nd Half of course. Note: Lectures 17- 19 missing.
Box 1 Fld 24	The Southern Question 1869- 1872.
Box 1 Fld 25	History of the South: Emancipation.

- Box 1 Fld 26 Lecture 20. Legacy of Reconstruction.
Reconstruction Chronology, 1863-1868. 2
copies.
- Box 1 Fld 27 Lecture 21. The New South.
- Box 1 Fld 28 Lecture 22. Southern Populism.
- Box 1 Fld 29 Lecture 23. Southern Lady in “the New South.”
- Box 1 Fld 30 Religion of the lost Cause.
- Box 1 Fld 31 Lecture 24. Appalachian Culture.
- Box 1 Fld 32 Lecture 25. Southern Literature.
- Box 1 Fld 33 Lecture 26. Urban South and Beginning of
Segregation.
Problem of Peace.
- Box 1 Fld 34 Lecture 27. Progressivism in the South.
- Box 1 Fld 35 Lecture 29. Southern Regionalism.
- Box 1 Fld 36 Lecture 30. South since World War II.
- Box 1 Fld 37 Lecture 31. The Enduring South.
- Box 1 Fld 38 Southern Politics in Twentieth Century, 1900-1960.
- Box 1 Fld 39 McPherson chapter 27.
- Box 1 Fld 40 History of the South final exam (keys).
History of the South Evaluation.

From Colony to Nation

- Box 1 Fld 41 Course Syllabus Spring 1995, Spring 1996.
- Box 1 Fld 42 Course Syllabus Spring 2002, 2008, 2012, fall 2014,
spring 2016.
- Box 1 Fld 43 HMNT 201/301 Proposal for Course in Western
Humanities.
Ben McArthur’s evaluation, 2008.

Box 1 Fld 44	From Colony to Nation: Introduction.
Box 1 Fld 45	Lecture 1. North American on eve of Settlement.
Box 1 Fld 46	Spanish and French in the New World.
Box 1 Fld 47	Lecture 2. The founding of Virginia.
Box 1 Fld 48	Lecture 3. Tobacco and slaves: Maturing of Chesapeake Society.
Box 1 Fld 49	Lecture 4. Pilgrims & Puritans.
Box 1 Fld 50	Lecture 5. Massachusetts Bay: Challenges to Faith and Organization.
Box 1 Fld 51	Lecture 6. Growth, Prosperity, and Declension.
Box 1 Fld 52	Lecture 7. The Middle Colonies.
Box 1 Fld 53	Lecture 8. Colonial Families.
Box 1 Fld 54	Lecture 9. Indians and Whites.
Box 1 Fld 55	Lecture 10. The Structure of Power.
Box 1 Fld 56	Lecture 11. American as part of an Empire.
Box 1 Fld 57	Lecture 12. The Great Awakening. Jonathan Edwards materials.
Box 1 Fld 58	The Enlightenment. The American Enlightenment.
Box 1 Fld 59	Lecture 13. The Great war for Empire.
Box 1 Fld 60	Lecture 14. The Dissolution of the Empire.
Box 1 Fld 61	Lecture 15. American Revolution: Mobilizing Arms and Opinion.
Box 1 Fld 62	Lecture 16. Decision for Independence.
Box 1 Fld 63	Lecture 17. The Experience of War.

Box 1 Fld 64	Lecture 18. The Impact of War. Patriots and Tories.
Box 1 Fld 65	Lecture 19. Women Patriots and the Course of the War.
Box 1 Fld 66	Lecture 20. The Confederation.
Box 1 Fld 67	Lecture 21. Ratification of the Constitution.
Box 1 Fld 68	Religion and Revolution.
Box 1 Fld 69	Lecture 22. The Bills of Rights.
Box 1 Fld 70	Lecture 23. Washington and the Beginnings of National Government.
Box 1 Fld 71	Lecture 24. Political Parties and the Jeffersonian Revolution.
Box 1 Fld 72	Lecture 26. Politics in the Federalist Era.
Box 1 Fld 73	Lecture 27. Presidential Leadership: Whiskey Rebellion.
Box 1 Fld 74	Lecture 28. Louisiana Purchase.
Box 1 Fld 75	Lecture 29. Andrew Jackson and Indian Removal.
Box 1 Fld 76	Lecture 30. James K Polk and War with Mexico.
Box 1 Fld 77	From Colony to Nation: Final Exam Papers, 2006, 2008, 2009, 2014.

English History

Box 2 Fld 1	Course Syllabus: History of England, 2000, 2001.
Box 2 Fld 2	English History- Introduction. Late Anglo- Saxon England. Bibliography for History of England.
Box 2 Fld 3	Norman Conquest. Centralization of Norman.

- Box 2 Fld 4 Law and Kingship: 1066- 1399
 Elements of Constitutional Government.
- Box 2 Fld 5 Angevin Kingship.
 Criminal Trials: Assize of Clarendon 1166.
- Box 2 Fld 6 Magna Carta. 13th Century civilization.
- Box 2 Fld 7 Origins of Parliament. Beginning of Parliament and
 common law.
- Box 2 Fld 8 Life in a Medieval Village.
 Waning of Medieval Order II.
- Box 2 Fld 9 Society in Medieval England. Richard II (1377-1399)
- Box 2 Fld 10 War of the Roms Costain Novels.
- Box 2 Fld 11 Henry VII (1471- 1603).
- Box 2 Fld 12 Henry VIII (1509- 1547).
- Box 2 Fld 13 Edward VI (1547- 1553).
- Box 2 Fld 14 English Reformation, 1534- 1603.
- Box 2 Fld 15 Elizabeth England.
 Religion and Decline of Magic.
- Box 2 Fld 16 James I (1603- 1625).
 The uses of Constitutional History in the 17th Century.
- Box 2 Fld 17 Oliver Cromwell: 1599- 1658.
- Box 2 Fld 18 Charles I and Civil War.
- Box 2 Fld 19 Background to Revolution
- Box 2 Fld 20 English Revolution. 1642 - 1660.
 Historiography of English Revolution.
- Box 2 Fld 21 England Restoration:1660 -1688.
- Box 2 Fld 22 Glorious Revolution: 1688- 1689.
- Box 2 Fld 23 Reign of William and Mary and Revolutionary
 Settlement.

Box 2 Fld 24	English Society in 17 th , 18 th Century: Pre-industrial World.
Box 2 Fld 25	Privileged Society in 18 th Century England.
Box 2 Fld 26	Administration and Development in England during 18 th Century.
Box 2 Fld 27	Age of George III 1760- 1820.
Box 2 Fld 28	American Revolution.
Box 2 Fld 29	Economic Revolution.
Box 2 Fld 30	Reform Movement.
Box 2 Fld 31	England and the French Revolution.
Box 2 Fld 32	Reform Bill of 1832. The British House of Commons (Common Sense).
Box 2 Fld 33	Chartism and Laissez faire Reform: 1830s- 1840s.
Box 2 Fld 34	British Empire in Mid 19 th Century and Victorianism Edward's England.
Box 2 Fld 35	Reform Bill of 1867.
Box 2 Fld 36	Rise and Fall of the Aristocracy, 1870s- 1930s.
Box 2 Fld 37	Irish Question.
Box 2 Fld 38	British in the time of 19 th Century.
Box 2 Fld 39	World War I.
Box 2 Fld 40	Irish Home Rule.
Box 2 Fld 41	Post War Europe. Aristocracy and Kingship
Box 2 Fld 42	Rise of the labor Party.
Box 2 Fld 43	Creation of Socialist England.

- Box 2 Fld 44 English History.
- Box 2 Fld 45 English History Bibliography, 1981- 1982.`
- Box 2 Fld 46 History of England: Exam papers.

Other Courses taught

- Box 2 Fld 47 American Government Exams, 2005, 2006, 2008.
- Box 2 Fld 48 PLSC 254: American Government Syllabus, Fall, 2008.
- Box 2 Fld 49 Introduction to philosophy: Final exam, 2016.
- Box 2 Fld 50 HMNT 205 Exam 1 and 2, 2017.

Research Papers by McArthur's Students

- Box 2 Fld 51 Research papers on the 1919 Bible Conference:
Adventist Flirtation with Fundamentalism, 1978.
- Box 2 Fld 52 Research paper.
From Obscurity to Dictator, 1980.
- Box 2 Fld 53 Research papers.1981. 4 Papers.
- Box 2 Fld 54 Research papers. 1982. 2 Papers.
- Box 2 Fld 55 Research papers. 1983. 3 Papers.
- Box 2 Fld 56 Research papers. 1984. 3 Papers.
- Box 2 Fld 57 Research papers. 1986. 7 Papers.
- Box 2 Fld 58 Research papers on American History, 1992.
2 papers.
- Box 2 Fld 59 Research papers on American History, 1993.
6 papers.
- Box 2 Fld 60 Research papers on American History, 1994.
9 papers.
- Box 2 Fld 61 Research papers on American History, 1995.
5 papers.

Box 2 Fld 62	Research papers on American History, 1996. 5 papers.
Box 2 Fld 63	Research papers on American History, 1997. 6 papers.
Box 2 Fld 64	Research papers on American History, 1998. 5 papers.
Box 2 Fld 65	Research papers on American History, 1999. 5 papers.
Box 3 Fld 1	Research papers on American History, 2000. 9 papers.
Box 3 Fld 2	Research papers on American History, 2001. 9 papers.
Box 3 Fld 3	Research papers on American History, 2002. 6 papers.
Box 3 Fld 4	Research papers on American History, 2004.
Box 3 Fld 5	Research Project Proposals, 2009. 3 Proposals.
Box 3 Fld 6	Bonilla, Clark R. "The Marshall Plan and Europe's Division."
Box 3 Fld 7	Rouillier, Michael. "The influence of Incipient Gnosticism on the Apostle Paul."

III. Southern Adventist University

University Level

Correspondence

Box 4 Fld 1	Ben McArthur to Richard Osborn, 1994. 5 letters. Roland Blaich et al to Benjamin McArthur et al, 1994. 12 letters. Frederick G Hoyt et al to Ben McArthur, 1995. 16 Letters.
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- Box 4 Fld 2 Ben McArthur to Administrative Council, 2000.
Henry L Hicks to Faculty@southern.edu, 2000.
Southern Union Admission Office to Registrars
and Principals, 2000.
- Box 4 Fld 3 Steve Pawluk et al to Ben McArthur and Wilma
McClarty, 2003, 2004, 2006.
- Box 4 Fld 4 Students' supporting letters (by Ben McArthur),
2013- 2016. 8 letters.

Documents

- Box 4 Fld 5 New Student Orientation Schedule, 2004.
Gordon Bietz to New Students, 2004.
The First Year Experience: Southern Adventist
University, 2004. 2 Copies.
- Box 4 Fld 6 Graduation Contract Form. 2013.
- Box 4 Fld 7 University Archives and Records Committee,
no date. 2 Copies.

History Department

Minutes

- Box 4 Fld 8 History Department Work: Meeting minutes,
2012-2014.
- Box 4 Fld 9 History Department Meeting minutes. 2012-
2013.
Business Meeting Agendas of SDA Historians,
2013.
- Box 4 Fld 10 History and political Studies: Meeting minutes,
2013-2016.

Documents

- Box 4 Fld 11 History Department Program Review, 2005-
2006.
- Box 4 Fld 12 Mark Peach, Statement of Teaching
Philosophy and Peer Evaluation Form,
no date.
Evaluation forms, 2009.

