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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.

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Correspondence


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


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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.
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History of the South Evaluation.

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Other Courses taught

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Research Papers by McArthur’s Students

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Box 2 Fld 53  Research papers. 1981. 4 Papers.
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### III. Southern Adventist University

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**Correspondence**

Box 4 Fld 2
Henry L Hicks to Faculty@southern.edu, 2000.

Box 4 Fld 3

Box 4 Fld 4
Students’ supporting letters (by Ben McArthur), 2013-2016. 8 letters.

Documents

Box 4 Fld 5
The First Year Experience: Southern Adventist University, 2004. 2 Copies.

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Graduation Contract Form. 2013.

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University Archives and Records Committee, no date. 2 Copies.

History Department

Minutes

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History Department Work: Meeting minutes, 2012-2014.

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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.

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History Department Program Review, 2005-2006.

Box 4 Fld 12
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IV. Conferences

Association of Seventh-day Adventist Historian Conference


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