

**Register of the**  
**William E. Baxter, Sr. and**  
**William E. Baxter, Jr.**  
**Collection**  
**Collection 265**

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# **William E. Baxter, and William E. Baxter, Jr. Collection (Collection 265)**

## **Scope and Content**

William Edgar Baxter, Sr. (Jun 29, 1881 to May 21, 1973) was one of the founders of the Inter-American Division. At the time the division was organized he became Caribbean Union president. Later he filled a similar post in Central America. In 1901 he entered the ministry in the Oklahoma Conference. He was president of the Arkansas Conference from 1913 to 1917. During his 37 years of overseas mission service he served in Jamaica, Venezuela, Costa Rica, Colombia, Panama, Puerto Rico, and Cuba. His trek with C. B. Sutton to Mount Roraima in search of the Davis Indians sparked the imagination fo Adventists around the world. (See *Review and Herald*, Aug 16, 1973).

William Edgar Baxter, Jr. (Jul 25, 1916 to May 28, 2006), the son of W. E. Baxter, Sr., is best remembered as a pioneer missionary pilot. Fluent in Spanish, the son of missionary parents also devoted his life to overseas mission service first in Colombia and Venezuela, and later in Mexico as head of the Theological Department at Montemorelos. For many years he had a dream of being a flying missionary. In 1953, with the financial assistance of private organizations such as The Quiet Hour, Liga, Missions Unlimited, and Amistad, he pioneered flying missionary work in the Huichol regions of Mexico to meet humanitarian needs there.

This collection contains the personal papers of William Edgar Baxter, Sr. and Jr. A large portion of the collection are diaries of both father and son.

## **Arrangement**

The arrangement is generally chronological for the diaries. This collection was arranged by the Center for Adventist Research.

## **Provenance**

This collection was donated to the Center for Adventist Research by the Adventist Aviation Association in 2007.

## **Use**

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**INVENTORY**

**I. William E. Baxter, Sr.**

**Personal Documents**

Biographical Information

Bx 1 Fld 1    Personal Identification Cards: 1925, 1933, 1934.  
Passports issued 1949, 1957.  
Sustentation Fund Application

Diary

Bx 1 Fld        Davis Indians Diary: Trip to Mt. Roraima, 1925.  
Attached also, "Davis Indians of Guyana."

Bx 1            Envelope 1:    Diary 1923  
Envelope 2:    Diary 1924  
Envelope 3:    Diary 1925  
Envelope 4:    Diary 1926  
Envelope 5:    Diary 1928  
Envelope 6:    Diary 1929  
Envelope 7:    Diary 1930  
Envelope 8:    Diary 1931  
Envelope 9:    Diary 1932  
Envelope 10:    Diary 1933  
Envelope 11:    Diary 1934  
Envelope 12:    Diary 1935  
Envelope 13:    Diary 1936  
Envelope 14:    Diary 1937  
Envelope 15:    Diary 1938  
Envelope 16:    Diary 1939  
Envelope 17:    Diary 1940  
Envelope 18:    Diary 1941  
Envelope 19:    Diary 1942  
Envelope 20:    Diary 1943

Envelope 21: Diary 1944  
Envelope 22: Diary 1945

Bx 2

Envelope 1: Diary 1946  
Envelope 2: Diary 1947  
Envelope 3: Diary 1948  
Envelope 4: Diary 1950  
Envelope 5: Diary 1957  
Envelope 6: Diary 1958  
Envelope 7: Diary 1959  
Envelope 8: Diary 1960  
Envelope 9: Diary 1961  
Envelope 10: Diary 1963  
Envelope 11: Diary 1964  
Envelope 12: Diary 1966  
Envelope 13: Diary 1967  
Envelope 14: Diary 1968  
Envelope 15: Diary 1969  
Envelope 16: Diary 1970  
Envelope 17: Diary 1971

## II. William E. Baxter, Jr.

### Personal Documents

#### Biographical Information

Bx 2 Fld 1 "In Memory of William E. Baxter, July 25, 1916 - May 28, 2006. Born to Serve," Sonoma Seventh-day Adventist Church, July 8, 2006." A biography of W. E. Baxter, Jr. is included in the program sheet.

Bx 2 Fld 2 Photocopies of Personal Identification Card, Jan 1948.  
Photocopies of Medical Certificate, 1966, 1968, 1970, 1972, 1974, 1977, 1979.

#### Diary

Bx 2

Envelope 1: Diary 1938  
Envelope 2: Diary 1939  
Envelope 3: Diary 1940  
Envelope 4: Diary 1941  
Envelope 5: Diary 1942  
Envelope 6: Diary 1943

Bx 3            Envelope 1:    Diary 1945  
Envelope 2:    Diary 1950  
Envelope 3:    Diary 1952  
Envelope 4:    Diary 1953  
Envelope 5:    Diary 1954  
Envelope 6:    Diary 1955  
Envelope 7:    Diary 1956  
Envelope 8:    Diary 1957  
Envelope 9:    Diary 1958  
Envelope 10:    Diary 1959  
Envelope 11:    Diary 1960  
Envelope 12:    Diary 1961  
Envelope 13:    Diary 1962  
Envelope 14:    Diary 1964  
Envelope 15:    Diary 1965  
Envelope 16:    Diary 1966  
Envelope 17:    Diary 1967  
Envelope 18:    Diary 1968  
Envelope 19:    Diary 1969  
Envelope 20:    Diary 1970  
Envelope 21:    Diary 1971  
Envelope 22:    Diary 1972

Bx 4            Envelope 1:    Diary 1973  
Envelope 2:    Diary 1974  
Envelope 3:    Diary 1983  
Envelope 4:    Diary 1984  
Envelope 5:    Diary 1987  
Envelope 6:    Diary 1989  
Envelope 7:    Diary 1991  
Envelope 8:    Diary 1992  
Envelope 9:    Diary 1993  
Envelope 10:    Diary 1994  
Envelope 11:    Diary 1995  
Envelope 12:    Diary 1996  
Envelope 13:    Diary 1997  
Envelope 14:    Diary 1998

### **Topical Files**

Bx 4 Fld 1    Aviation. Materials includes  
                  2 Photographs of Convair XFY-1.  
                  4 Pictures of Air Force One published by the Ronald  
                                  Reagan Presidential Library Foundation, Simi  
                                  Valley, California.  
                  Some Newspaper Clippings on Aviation.

Bx 4 Fld 2 Flight Log, 1978.

Bx 4 Fld 3 Flight Plans, 1978 to 1980 (Spanish).

## Photography

- Bx 4 Fld 4 Description from the back of the photographs:  
“Foto taken 1/29/53. Original (and first) landing strip among Huichols. This one 800' long ending at thatched “govt.bldg” seen at end of strip.”  
“Foto taken 2/17/53. I’m on the wing of the Navion. Gov. Pascual Pinopde la Cruz profile mid-win. I negotiated 2 rolls of bar bed wire in exchange for ‘juanita.’”  
“Foto taken 2/20/53 in Ryan Navion 205. Student nurse Esther Aguila accompanied me on this rescue flight.”  
Photocopies of Photographs  
“Photograph taken Jan. 30, 1953. On the left in white shirt and suspenders, Pastor Juan Plenc North Mexican Mission President & also a graduate nurse. In pith helmet, Dr. Mario Mendoza, M. D. Huichols in native garb observe. Pastor Pedro Rascon stands behind horse. Bill Baxter is the photographer.”  
“Photograph taken Feb. 17, 1953 of Juanita Cruz the burn victim in a hut at Tuxpan de Bolanos. Dr. Mario Mendoza is attending her.”  
“Photograph of the three surviving members of the original ‘foursome’ who flew into Tuxpan de Bolanos on Jan. 29, 1953. This picture was taken March 12, 1998 when at the invitation of 6 Huichol Indian chiefs Pastor Pedro Rascon, Pastor/Pilot Bill Baxter & Dr. Mario Mendoza, M.D. convened near the same spot where they had landed 45 years before!”

## Audio-Visual

### DVDs

- Bx 4 Fld 5 “Saved to Serve: William E. Baxter (July 25, 1916-May 28, 2006) and His Works Follow Him!”

