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**George Stuart Benson
Papers, 1955-1983**

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Title: George Stuart Benson Papers, 1955-1983

Creator: George Stuart Benson

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Dates (Bulk): 1960, 1964-1965, 1972-1978

Location: Center for Restoration Studies

Language of Materials: English

Scope and Content Note: This collection includes George Benson's correspondence concerning his fundraising efforts for the Namwianga Christian Secondary School (Kalomo, Zambia), correspondence with American missionaries in Zambia (e.g., Merritt, Elkins, Parker, Perry, and Kumalo), and some correspondence concerning mission work in the Philippines (e.g., Adap, Brashears, Buchanan, LeCroy, Garner), and Vietnam (e.g., Hall). There are meeting minutes and financial records concerning the school as well.

Biographical Note: George Stuart Benson was born in Oklahoma on September 26, 1898. He received a B.A. from Harding College (Searcy, Arkansas) in 1923, a B.S. from Oklahoma A&M University (Stillwater, Oklahoma) in 1925, and an M.A. from the University of Chicago (Chicago, Illinois) in 1931. He served as a missionary in China and the Philippines (1925-1930, 1932-1936), and then became the President of Harding College in 1936. Benson helped fundraise for a number of Churches of Christ schools, including Harding University (Searcy, Arkansas), Oklahoma Christian University (Oklahoma City, Oklahoma), Faulkner University (Montgomery, Alabama), and Namwianga Christian Secondary School (Kalomo, Zambia). He died on December 15, 1991, in Searcy, Arkansas.

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Separated Materials: none

Subjects

Christian education

Churches of Christ -- Doctrines

Churches of Christ -- History -- 20th century

[Key Words]

Churches of Christ -- Mission Work

Churches of Christ -- Zambia

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- Allen
- Allen, Jimmy
- Barth, Roger A.
- Beal, Alice C.
- Bearden, Ruth
- Belcher, Carl
- Billingsley, Walter A.
- Birdwell, Olga
- Black, V. P.
- Blaker, David and Marilyn
- Blythe, S. M.
- Boles, J. F.
- Brashears, Ralph F.
- Brecheen, Inus
- Brewer, O. L.
- Brittell, Orville
- Brown, A. R.
- Brown, James R.
- Brown, Margaret E.
- Bryant, Charles T.
- Bryant, William M.
- Buchanan, Robert (Bob)
- Bucy, Jess
- Burton, A. M.
- Burton, Jeff
- Calvert, J. H.
- Campbell, Wayne H.
- Cannon, Troy
- Carter, Leslie
- Carter, Lester
- Chain, Lenard

- Chain, Ralph
- Chambers, J. E.
- Chappell, Robert
- Coker, Tom B. and Mary
- Colvin, J. R.
- Cope, Neil B.
- Cosby, Jean
- Crain, R. R.
- Davis, Don
- Davis, John W.
- Duncan, Harold D.
- Elder, Kenneth E.
- Elkins, Philip W. and Norma
- Eilers, James B.
- Ezell, Houston T.
- Faber, Barbara
- Farrar, Henry
- Fenner, Inez
- Fuller, Ben
- Gardner, A. Kay
- Garner, Charlie T.

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- Greenway, Mack and T. Rose
- Greer, Della S.
- Greer, Shelby L.
- Hale, Michael
- Hall, Maurice C.
- Hammon, Marie
- Hammond, B.
- Hanes, Otis L.
- Hanna, Clark
- Hargrave, Velma
- Hayes, Gene
- Herren, Rose
- Hester, Lorene
- Hicks, Chuck
- Higgins, Philip M.

- Hobby, Alvin and Georgia
- Hogg, Henry T.
- Holloway, Archie P.
- Horner, Florine
- Huffard, Elza
- Hulen, Ira
- Isom, Omilee
- Jackson, Gary Paul
- Jeter, W. P.
- Johnson, Ruth C.
- Johnston, Ellen T.
- Jones, Dorothy
- Jones, Fred C.
- Jones, J. E.
- Jones, Robert H.
- Kajama, William C. J.
- Kay, C. L.
- Kieffer, George
- Kincannon, Wilbur T.
- Kirk, Vivian A.
- Kledzik, J. W. and Ruth
- Kumalo, Redson S.
- Laird, Joe W.
- Lau, John J.
- Lawson, Maurice
- Layton, J. F.
- Leavitt, Frank
- LeCroy, Douglas
- Lewers, Loretta

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- Lyles, Cleon
- Mason, J. Bernard
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- McEuen, Raymond
- McEuen, Richard W. (Dick)
- McFadden, Ethel
- McKnight, Blanche
- McMackin, R. N.

- Merritt, Georgia Ann
- Merritt, J. D.
- Merritt, Roy

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- Mills, James W.
- Mitchell, Dennis
- Moomba, Martha L.
- Moonga, D. S.
- Moore, Carl T.
- Moore, Erle T.
- Moore, G. H.
- Moorehead, Barney D.
- Moosberg, Carl
- Morris, Arlo R.
- Morris, Nancy K.
- Moses, C. Hamilton
- Mukupa, P. E.
- Murphree, (Sarah) Martha
- Murray, Ed E.
- Neil, Robert G.
- Nelson, K. C.
- Nesmith, H. R.
- Netterville, Fred
- Newell, Vernon
- Ng Wira, Apolo
- Nichols, Jessie B.
- Nicholson, Larry
- Norris, Edith E.
- Norvell, Helen
- Nowland, Jim and Faye
- Ogar, Carol R.
- Osborne, Edith V.
- Owens, Abeline
- Owens, Ralph
- Palmer, Roy V.
- Parker, James P. (Jim) and Paula
- Patterson, Michael G.
- Patterson, Michael G.
- Perkins, O. R.

- Perry, Eugene C. and Evelyn
- Pickens, Inez M.
- Poe, Richard
- Porter, Rodney W.
- Pryor, Joe E.
- Pryor, L. E. and Neale
- Reed, Gladys
- Reed, Orville D. and Rita Mae
- Reeves, Helen
- Ritchie, Jr., Andy T.
- Ritchie, Edward

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- Robbins, Robert
- Roberts, G. E.
- Roberts, Norma H.
- Robertson, W. D.
- Robertson, Wauchita
- Robinson, Inez P.
- Robinson, William R.
- Rodgers, Barbara
- Rogers, Jr., James E.
- Rogers, Linda
- Roper, Sidney G.
- Ruth, C. J. and Nellie Jo
- Rutz, Howard J. and Corinne Puckett
- Sakwanda, Pear
- Salazar, Leslie
- Sanders, A. H.
- Sanderson, Alma
- Sanderson, Lynn
- Sanderson, Zona
- Saul, Margie
- Sawyer, Wyatt
- Schmeissner, George
- Scott, Edith
- Scott, John S.
- Sears, L. C.
- Self, Timothy H.
- Selvidge, Don

- Sewell, H. B.
- Shank, Lester C.
- Shannon, Eardie R.
- Shaw, Melvin R.
- Shewmaker, Sam
- Shultz, Don M.
- Siambelele, Meleki H. K.
- Sikabubba
- Simooya, Paul
- Simpson, John
- Smalley, Marlin Laverne
- Smith, Carl
- Smith, Jr., Eugene
- Smith, James M.
- Smith, James M.
- Smith, Joan
- Smith, S. Frances
- Snure, Ruth
- Starks, Fanny H.
- Starling, Ralph
- Stevens, Donald L.
- Stinson, Robert G.
- Strickland, Rick
- Stringfellow, Robert D.
- Stripling, Helen L.
- Summers, Clyde O.
- Suttle, Howard
- Swayne, Dennis A.
- Thomason, Larry
- Thurmond, James S.
- Underwood, Eugene
- Vaughn, J. Roy
- Voyles, Larry
- Waites, Bernard
- Walker, J. U.
- Wallace, Wayne M.
- Warnock, Nina
- Warren, Albert
- Warren, Adolph
- Washam, Mary Beth

- Watson, George A.
- Watson, J. L.
- Watts, Clyde W. and Sammie Sue
- Watts, Louis
- Webb, T. R.

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- Wells, Hubert
- Wells, Teula
- Wheeler, H. R.
- White, James D.
- White, Michael G.
- White, Jr., S. D.
- Whitley, Nathan
- Williams, Amos
- Williams, Jim
- Williams, Robert D. (Bob)
- Williams, Willodine
- Williamson, Ruth W.
- Wilson, Benjamin J.
- Wilson, Hazel G.
- Wingo, William J.
- Wixson, Ernestine
- Wolwell, W. O.
- Wood, LeRoy
- Worten, Donald W.
- Yake, Norma A.
- Yarbrough, C. G.
- Yeldell, Nakomis
- Yingling, R. L.
- Young, Ruby E.
- Youree, Howard

B. Churches

- Airline Drive Church of Christ (Bossier City, LA)
- Alicia Church of Christ (Alicia, AR)
- Alpin Church of Christ (Perryville, AR)
- Andrews Avenue Church of Christ (Fort Lauderdale, FL)
- Bailey Street Church of Christ (Jacksonville, AR)
- Belverde Church of Christ (Jackson, MS)

- Brookmeade Church of Christ (Nashville, TN)
- Brownsville Road Church of Christ (Memphis, TN)
- Central Church of Christ (Moore, OK)
- Chisholm Church of Christ (Montgomery, AL)
- Church of Christ (Allen, OK)
- Church of Christ (Altus, OK)
- Church of Christ (Edmonson, TX)
- Church of Christ (Galena Park, TX)
- Church of Christ (Henderson, TN)
- Church of Christ (Holliday, TX)
- Church of Christ (Iowa Park, TX)
- Church of Christ (Little Rock, AR)
- Church of Christ (Marshall, TX)
- Church of Christ (Murfreesboro, AR)
- Church of Christ (Ransom, KS)
- Church of Christ (Searcy, AR)
- Church of Christ (Shirley, AR)
- Church of Christ (South Point, OH)
- Church of Christ (Warner Robins, GA)
- Church of Christ (Wynne, AR)
- Church of Christ at 8th and Lee (Lawton, OK)
- Church of Christ at White Station (Memphis, TN)
- Church of Christ of Overcup (Morrilton, AR)
- College Avenue Church of Christ (El Dorado, AR)
- College Street Church of Christ (Lebanon, TN)
- College Terrace Church of Christ (Fort Smith, AR)
- Crockett Road Church of Christ (Palestine, TX)
- Downtown Church of Christ (Searcy, AR)
- Druid Hills Church of Christ (Atlanta, GA)
- East Frayser Church of Christ (Memphis, TN)
- Forest Park Church of Christ (Forest Park, GA)
- Formosa Church of Christ (Clinton, AR)
- Geraldine Church of Christ (Geraldine, OK)
- Granny White Pike Church of Christ (Nashville, TN)
- Heritage Addition Church of Christ (Booneville, AR)
- Hillcrest Church of Christ (Oklahoma City, OK)
- Hillsboro Church of Christ (Nashville, TN)
- Hillsboro St. Church of Christ (El Dorado, AR)
- Holden Avenue Church of Christ (Newport, AR)
- Huntingdon Church of Christ (Huntingdon, TN)

- Jerusalem Church of Christ (Jerusalem, AR)
- Lepanto Church of Christ (Lepanto, AR)
- MacArthur Park Church of Christ (San Antonio, TX)
- Macon Road Church of Christ (Memphis, TN)
- Maple Hill Church of Christ (Lebanon, TN)
- Midtown Church of Christ (Fort Worth, TX)
- Monroe Church of Christ (Monroe, WA)
- Mountain Home Church of Christ (Mountain Home, AR)
- Mulberry Church of Christ (Paragould, AR)
- North Ocoee Church of Christ (Winter Garden, FL)
- Northside Church of Christ (Blytheville, AR)
- Oak Acres Church of Christ (Memphis, TN)
- Oak Street Church of Christ (Eldon, MO)
- Overland Park Church of Christ (Overland Park, KS)
- Poplar St. Church of Christ (Wichita, KS)
- Quinee Road Church of Christ (Memphis, TN)
- Ripley Church of Christ (Ripley, TN)
- Roshester Church of Christ (Rochester, MI)
- Shenandoah Church of Christ (San Antonio, TX)
- Sixth Street Church of Christ (Pompano Beach, FL)
- Smyrna Church of Christ (Smyrna, TN)
- Southeast 36th Street Church of Christ (Oklahoma City, OK)
- Southside Church of Christ (Poplar Bluff, MO)
- Southwest Church of Christ (Oklahoma City, OK)
- Stuttgart Church of Christ (Stuttgart, AR)
- Tallassee Church of Christ (Tallassee, AL)
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- Chemical Bank (New York, NY)
- Christian Chronicle (Oklahoma City, OK)
- Ellis & Co. (Lusaka, Zambia)
- Enzor Travel Service (Nashville, TN)
- Firm Foundation (Austin, TX)

- Merrill Lynch (Little Rock, AR)
- Sinclair, Inc. (Nashville, TN)
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