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## INTRODUCTION

The papers of Edwin Bayer Branson contain correspondence, memorabilia, field books, and miscellaneous papers of a University of Missouri geologist (1910-1947), including information on the development of the Department of Geology during the 37 years he served as chairman.

## DONOR INFORMATION

The papers were donated to the University of Missouri by the Department of Geology on 16 February 1965 (Accession No. WUNP3604).

## FOLDER LIST

- f. 1-4 Correspondence, 1907-August 1910. Correspondence during Branson's tenure at Oberlin College. F. 4 includes correspondence with President A. Ross Hill of the University of Missouri and notification of Branson's appointment as Professor of Geology and chairman of the department.
- f. 5-39 Correspondence, September 1910-1948. Correspondence while Branson was Professor of Geology and chairman of the department.
  - f. 11 Letters from Roscoe Branson and H.M. Scott in France during World War I; E.B. Branson's letters to Senators James A. Reed and William J. Stone and Congressman Dorsey Shackelford re: financing the war by means of a personal income tax.
  - f. 14 Includes correspondence with the Rolla, Missouri, School of Mines and Metallurgy and the Colorado Geological Survey regarding the claims of a bogus oil company operating in New Franklin, Missouri.
  - f. 20 Includes materials pertinent to the Max Meyer and H.A. DeGraff incident, and Branson's stand in their defense, 1929.
  - f. 23 Includes questionnaire sent by Branson to 15 outstanding geology graduates re: the place of athletics in the University, in preparation for AAUP speech on that topic, 1933.
  - f. 32 Bound volume of letters from former students and colleagues on occasion of Branson's retirement from teaching, 1947.
  - f. 33-39 Replies from Branson to former students and colleagues who wrote him on the occasion of his retirement in 1947.
- f. 40 Loan Papers. Loans to Branson from The Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, 1906-1927.
- f. 41 House. Correspondence, cancelled checks, orders, and receipts concerning building of Branson's house at 301 South Glenwood

- Avenue, Columbia, Missouri.
- f. 42 Memorabilia. Biographical sketch of Branson by his son; photographs; certificate of marriage to Grace Muriel Colton in 1905; certificate of election as a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.
- f. 43-50 Department of Geology. Materials relating to the Department of Geology at the University of Missouri.
- f. 43-44 Includes fragmentary histories compiled by Branson at various stages during his tenure, as well as information on the courses taught, numbers of students enrolled, and the standing and importance of the department in the University.
- f. 45 Mineralogy, economic geology, and petrology within the department of geology, 1925-1946.
- f. 46 Papers related to the University of Missouri geological field camp, Camp Lander (later Camp Branson), at Lander, Wyoming. Papers deal with the growth of the physical plant and expenses, and included is a fragmentary history of the camp by Branson.
- f. 47 Deals with the need for a new geology building and Branson's efforts to obtain one. Statistics showing the growth of the department as compared to others are included.
- f. 48 Newsletters put out by the department, in February, 1922; Spring, 1927; and Fall, 1927. Contain news and addresses of students, faculty, and alumni of the department.
- f. 49 Geology students. Includes list of those receiving M.A.'s, 1915-1932; list of those receiving Ph.D.'s, 1922-1934; compilation of theses areas, 1914-1944; and outstanding alumni.
- f. 50 Geology faculty. List of faculty members, 1908-1941. Specimens contributed. Lists of publications of Branson and others.
- f. 51-53 Biographical
- f. 51 Garland Carr Broadhead (1827-1912). Biographical sketch with list of publications by Darling K. Gregor. Letter, March 1, 1892, to Broadhead from S.W. Williston.
- f. 52 George Clinton Swallow (1817-1899). Biographical sketch by Branson, and information used at the time Swallow Hall was named. Biographical sketch is incomplete.
- f. 53 Francis Asbury Sampson (1842-1918). Biographical sketch with list of publications by Darling K. Gregor.
- f. 54-55 Miscellaneous Manuscripts
- f. 54 Miscellaneous manuscripts and geological notes. Includes list of Branson's publications; paper, "Vertebrate Fossils from the Darby, Tensleep, Phosphoria, Triassic, Sundance, and Morrison of the Wind River Mountains and Wind River Basin of Wyoming"; and paper, "Geological Report, Arizona and New Mexico (1925)."

- f. 55                   Miscellaneous manuscripts, including "Geological Surveys in Missouri" by Arthur Winslow; reports by Branson on Greenbriar limestone (Virginia), Blue-field limestone (Virginia), Pulaski shale (West Virginia), limestone creek near Lurich, Virginia, the Thornbury Anticline, and fossils; and notes on the Devonian of Callaway County, Missouri, by D.K. Gregor.
- f. 56-57               Notes
- f. 56               Notes on Branson's Costa Rica expedition in 1920.
- f. 57               Notes on Branson's 1937 trip through Europe to Russia.
- f. 58-59               Correspondence
- f. 58               Miscellaneous unsigned, undated, and/or incomplete letters to Branson.
- f. 59               Correspondence on assembling the Branson collection, between Carl C. Branson, Athel G. Unklesbay, and Ed. W. Owen. Also correspondence between Elmer Ellis and Alexander W. McCoy III re: the Papers of McCoy's father, Alex Watts McCoy.
- v. 1-2                 Geology notebooks kept by Branson while a student in 1904 and 1905.
- v. 3-10                Field books of E.B. Branson
- v. 3                 Branson's work in Virginia, 1908.
- v. 4-5              Branson's work in the Wind River Mountains of Wyoming, 1911 and 1913.
- v. 6-9              Branson's work for the Missouri Bureau of Geology and Mines between 1914 and 1922.
- v. 10               Branson's work in Missouri during 1916 and 1917.
- v. 11-19              Students' field books and records
- v. 11               Field book. J.P. Connolly and Vincent W. Vandiver.
- v. 12               Field book. John Tyler Hall and Walter Placky.
- v. 13               Field book. Roy H. Hall.
- v. 14               Field book. Chester R. Longwell.
- v. 15               Field book. E.O. Markham.
- v. 16-17            Field books. Gilbert P. Moore.
- v. 18               Field book. H.E. Munson.
- v. 19               Record book kept by Branson on projects of students.
- v. 20                 M.A. thesis, "The Mississippian Coals Along the New River, Virginia, and The Pulaski Anthracite Coal Mine," A.E. Fath, 1910.
- v. 21-22              Diaries
- v. 21               Diary of 1937 trip from Russia through Manchuko and Korea to Japan.
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