

PRELIMINARY INVENTORY
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BRUCE D. BOLING PAPERS

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Dates: 1920s-2014

Creator: Boling, Bruce D., 1936-2014

Collection Size: 2.4 cubic feet

Introduction

Personal papers of Bruce D. Boling, Ph.D. Includes photographs, correspondence, certificates and diplomas, and some information regarding his involvement in the El Kahir Shriners in Iowa.

Donor Information

The papers were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by Kerby Miller.

Biographical Sketch

Bruce Dwight Boling was born August 6, 1936, to Dwight and Ruth Boling in Kansas City, Missouri. His father worked for the railroad and eventually moved the family to Iowa. Boling received his BA and a master's degree from the University of Iowa, a master's in Library Science from the University of California-Berkeley, and a Ph.D. in Linguistics from Harvard. He taught linguistics at Harvard and the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill before becoming a professional librarian. After working at various libraries, including the Library of Congress, Boling became a cataloger at the University of New Mexico. He co-wrote and edited a book titled *Irish Immigrants in the Land of Canaan: Letters and Memoirs from Colonial and Revolutionary America, 1675-1815*.

Box List

Box 1

Family photos (3 folders)

Personal correspondence

Financial records (tax returns on securities)

Postcards

Childhood birthday cards

Cards, 1989

Correspondence, 1946-1958

Diplomas and certificates (2 folders)

Linguistics-Harvard

El Kahir Shrine

Dwight E. Boling

Harvard, 1966

First Lutheran Church Directories, Cedar Rapids, IA, 1980s

Photo albums, 1920s

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Box 2

Scrapbooks and photo albums (8 albums)

Family photos and travel albums, 1920s-1930s

Box 3

Obituaries and funeral materials for Bruce Boling, Dwight Boling, and Lottie Rose Vail

Photographs

Photo albums

High school classmates

Family photographs

Marion (Iowa) High school yearbook, 1954