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Introduction

The Dewey Maurice Beegle collection spans the years 1937 to 1996 with a concentration between the years 1970 and 1994. The items in the collection revolve primarily around the activities of Beegle as a professor. The collection was given to us by Marion Beegle and an attempt has been made to keep the folders in similar categories given us by her. However, some modifications have been made in trying to better classify and arrange the materials when needed.

The collection is composed of biographical materials, correspondence, subject files, literary productions, printed materials, and photographic materials. The majority of the collection is contained in the correspondence, subject files, literary productions, and printed materials. The correspondences primarily are personal in nature, but do include more professional letters. The subject files include his findings from archaeological digs, his papers from the American Bible Society, and his many tours around the country and world. His literary productions contain his sermons, a number of his books, book reviews, and articles he has written. The printed materials are made up of certificates he has received, his Bibles, and many other materials mostly from his time as a professor.

This collection was processed by Scott Hughes in the spring of 2000. Scott Hughes prepared the finding aid in June 2000.

Biographical Sketch

Dr. Dewey Maurice Beegle was born the 17th day of January 1919 in Seattle, Washington. His parents were active members of the Free Methodist church and his dad was a professor of mathematics at Seattle Pacific College. The Beegle family did become missionaries for a short time to Panama, but due to illness returned to Seattle.

Dr. Beegle's life seemed to always come back to a life centered around academics. He graduated valedictorian of his High School class, was in Who's Who Among Students at Seattle Pacific College, graduated Summa Cum Laude from Asbury Theological Seminary, and received his Ph.D. from Johns Hopkins University in 1952. After graduating SPC he took a job as a teacher at an Elementary School. In a search for more from his job he initially took a job in the U. S. Immigration and Naturalization Service as a Border Patrolman. It was when he then moved into the U. S. Coast Guard that he attended a revival service in San Francisco, California that led him to accept his call to the ministry. Shortly thereafter, he enrolled in Asbury Theological Seminary. It was there that he accepted his call to be a professor. After graduating, he moved his family to Johns Hopkins University. At Johns Hopkins he studied under the famed Old Testament scholar William F. Albright and began to wrestle with many scholarly issues, including the doctrine of scripture. It was at the end of his time at Johns Hopkins that he started with the Translations Department for the American Bible Society, and became an elder in the Free Methodist Church.

In 1952, Dr. Beegle started teaching at New York Theological Seminary (then Biblical Seminary). Once there he remarried and produced some controversial books including God's Word into English and The Inspiration of Scripture. This controversy led to Dr. Beegle leaving the Free Methodist church for the United Methodist Church and leaving Biblical Seminary.

After he took his sabbatical leave due him from Biblical Seminary in 1964-1965 to the Bible Lands, he received a job from Wesleyan Theological Seminary. During his time at Wesleyan Theological Seminary he also pastored a small church, wrote in professional journals, authored other books, continued working with the American Bible Society, and made the Who's Who in Biblical Studies.

Dr. Beegle continued to work on various translation teams after his retirement from Wesleyan Theological Seminary in 1986. He continued leading various tours in the Orient and the Bible Lands until his death in early 1995.

Scope and Content

The collection of Dr. Dewey Maurice Beegle spans the years 1937 to 1996. The majority of the collection is from 1970 to 1994. Most of the materials revolve around Dr. Beegle's work as a professor in particularly at Wesleyan Theological Seminary.

The Biographical Materials contain four folders which include not only autobiographical materials in the form of an autobiography, descendants chart, and personal forms for Who's Who, but also biographical materials collected at various times.

The Correspondence section includes over three and a half boxes of materials. Once again an attempt has been made to stick to Dr. Beegle and Marion's own arrangement of these materials. Included in this section is letters to his editors and publishers, his family, love letters to Marion, many personal letter, professional letters, retirement letters, sympathy letters, and even some letters involving the controversial books he authored.

The Subject File contents are in six and a half boxes. The majority of this material has to do with his involvement in the American Bible Society (ABS) and his personal and professional tours. In the files of the American Bible Society are letters to and from Dewey Beegle in regards to many translation items, news releases by ABS, their mission statements, publications, minutes, etc. Another large section has to do with the many tours taken and led by Dr. Beegle from all around the world. Also included are materials from his many archaeological digs in time Bible lands and at Cokesbury College. There are other files including his Artifact collection, Biblical Seminary, Sabbatical leaves, and the United Methodist historical society.

The Literary Productions section covers over three boxes. The segment of the collection includes his diaries, articles, books, sermons, and dissertation. The diaries are in small annually volumes and cover the years from 1954 to 1993. This collection has his books: God's Word into English, Prophecy and Prediction, and Scripture, Tradition, and Infallibility. Also in this section is his dissertation from Johns Hopkins University, his grade books, and research notes.

The Scrapbook Materials segment consists of almost four boxes. Included in the scrapbook materials are his papers from when he was in the coast guard, his guest books, and many pictures from photo albums. The photo albums contain pictures of his family, friends, and of his many trips and tours.

In the Printed Materials section, which covers over five boxes, there are a number of Seattle Pacific College's annuals, certificates, and awards given to Dr. Beegle. Also in this section are materials he used for his sermons, the Directory of American Scholars volume III, Who's Who, a number of books, and a Hebrew and Oxford Annotated Bible.

The Photographic Materials segment includes only two folders. One folder is pictures from Biblical Seminary and the second folder is photographs and negatives of the dig at Cokesbury College.

Series Description

Series 1

BIOGRAPHICAL

4 folders
1937-1995
Arranged alphabetically and chronologically in sub-series. Includes his spiritual autobiography, various biographical materials, and descendents charts.

Series 2

CORRESPONDENCE

33 folders
1952-1995
Arranged alphabetically within sub-series. Includes holiday cards, many letters both professional and personal, and sympathy letters.

Series 3

SUBJECT FILE

69 folders
1900-1995
Arranged alphabetically within sub-series. Includes documents from American Bible Society, Dr. Beegle's archaeological digs, sabbatical leaves, his tours, and the United Methodist Historical Society.

Series 4

LITERARY PRODUCTIONS

27 folders
1951-1994
Arranged alphabetically within sub-series. Includes articles, diaries, books and sermons.

Series 5

SCRAPBOOK MATERIALS

19 folders
1940-1990
Arranged alphabetically within sub-series. Includes Coast Guard materials, and family and friends photo albums.

Series 6

PRINTED MATERIALS

32 folders

1932-1995

Arranged alphabetically and chronologically within sub-series. Includes Who's Who, 2 Bibles, certificates, Biblical Seminary Student Directories, The Cascade, and diplomas.

Series 7

PHOTOGRAPHIC MATERIALS

2 folders

1951-1968

Arranged chronologically in sub-series. Includes pictures from Biblical Seminary and pictures and negatives from Cokesbury College dig.

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Box/Folder Inventory

Box	Folder	Series	Title	Date
1	1	Biographical	Autobiographical Materials	1937-1990
	2	Biographical	Biographical Materials	1949-1974
	3	Biographical	Descendants Chart	1991
	4	Biographical	Memorials	1995
	5	Correspondence	Appreciation	1991-1994

	6	Correspondence	Beegle, Marion	1952
	7	Correspondence	Book Reviews	1951-1962
	8	Correspondence	Book Reviews	1963-1970
	9	Correspondence	Christmas Cards	1993
2	1	Correspondence	Christmas Cards	1993
	2	Correspondence	Christmas Cards	1993
	3	Correspondence	Church	1950-1994
	4	Correspondence	Freedmen, David N.	1978-1994
	5	Correspondence	Family	1964-1994
	6	Correspondence	Letters and Articles: Babinski, David	1988-1995
	7	Correspondence	Letters and Articles: Babinski, David	1996
	8	Correspondence	Loss of Scholarships	1972-1974
	9	Correspondence	Orient Odyssey	1991-1993
3	1	Correspondence	Orient Odyssey	1992
	2	Correspondence	Parents	n.d.
	3	Correspondence	Personal A – H	1988
	4	Correspondence	Personal I – Z	1988
	5	Correspondence	Personal A – H	1989
	6	Correspondence	Personal I – Q	1989
	7	Correspondence	Personal R – Z	1989
	8	Correspondence	Professional	1952-1994

	9	Correspondence	Political	1991-1994
	10	Correspondence	Publishers	1962-1973
4	1	Correspondence	Recommendations	1980-1989
	2	Correspondence	Retirement	1989-1993
	3	Correspondence	Retirement	1986
	4	Correspondence	Retirement	1986
	5	Correspondence	Scripture, Tradition, and Infallibility	1972-1973
	6	Correspondence	Scripture, Tradition, and Infallibility	1997
	7	Correspondence	Smithsonian Lectures	1978-1982
	8	Correspondence	Sympathy	1995
5	1	Correspondence	Sympathy	1995
	2	Subject File	American Bible Society Annual Meeting	1976-1989
	3	Subject File	American Bible Society CEV Translation	1994
	4	Subject File	American Bible Society CEV Translation	1994
	5	Subject File	American Bible Society CEV Translation	1994
	6	Subject File	American Bible Society CEV Translation	1994
	7	Subject File	American Bible Society CEV Women of Courage	1993
	8	Subject File	American Bible Society Letters	1963-1993
	9	Subject File	American Bible Society Letters	1969-1993
6	1	Subject File	American Bible Society Letters	1971-1994
	2	Subject File	American Bible Society Minutes	1968-1994
	3	Subject File	American Bible Society Minutes	1988-1993
	4	Subject File	American Bible Society Mission Statement	1990
	5	Subject File	American Bible Society Multimedia Translation	1993

	6	Subject File	American Bible Society News Release	1986-1989
	7	Subject File	American Bible Society Program Division	1992
	8	Subject File	American Bible Society Publications	n.d.
7	1	Subject File	American Bible Society Publications	1963-1993
	2	Subject File	American Bible Society Statistical Address	1994
	3	Subject File	American Bible Society - TEV	1994
	4	Subject File	American Bible Society - TEV	1994
	5	Subject File	American Bible Society TEV Study Bible	1994
	6	Subject File	Archaeological Dig – Ai	1966-1967
	7	Subject File	Archaeological Dig Batals or Shechem	
	8	Subject File	Archaeological Dig Cokesbury College	
	9	Subject File	Archaeological Dig Cokesbury College	
	10	Subject File	Archaeological Dig Gezer and Hucbas	
8	1	Subject File	Archaeological Dig Heshbon	
	2	Subject File	Archaeological Dig Heshbon	
	3	Subject File	Archaeological Dig Heshbon	
	4	Subject File	Archaeological Dig Heshbon Artifacts Dig	
	5	Subject File	Artifact Collection	
	6	Subject File	Beegle Smith Reunion	
	7	Subject File	Bible Society of India	
	8	Subject File	Biblical Seminary	
	9	Subject File	Biblical Seminary	
9	1	Subject File	Exhibit for Wesleyan Seminary	
	2	Subject File	Free Methodist	
	3	Subject File	Israel and Palestine Conflict	
	4	Subject File	Petworth United Methodist Church	
	5	Subject File	Sabbatical Leave	
	6	Subject File	Sabbatical Leave	
	7	Subject File	Sabbatical Leave Asor and Shechem	
	8	Subject File	Sailor's Union Bethel Methodist Church	
10	1	Subject File	S.E.A.R.C.H. Committee	
	2	Subject File	S.E.A.R.C.H. Committee	
	3	Subject File	Tour – Bible and its Setting	
	4	Subject File	Tour – Bible Land Odyssey	

	5	Subject File	Tour – China – Various	
	6	Subject File	Tour – China	
	7	Subject File	Tour – Florida	
	8	Subject File	Tour – Florida and West	
	9	Subject File	Tour – Grand Bible Lands Odyssey	
	10	Subject File	Tour – Holy Land	
	11	Subject File	Tour – Jamaica	
	12	Subject File	Tour – Los Angeles	
	13	Subject File	Tour – New England	
	14	Subject File	Tour – Oregon	
	15	Subject File	Tour – Spring Tour in Impala	
	16	Subject File	Tour – Washington	
11	1	Subject File	Tour – Wesleyan Tour	
	2	Subject File	Tour – West Coast	
	3	Subject File	Tour – Work/Play	
	4	Subject File	United Bible Society Conference	
	5	Subject File	United Bible Society	
	6	Subject File	United Methodist Archives Center	
	7	Subject File	United Methodist Historical Society	
	8	Subject File	United Methodist Historical Society	
	9	Subject File	United Methodist Historical Society	
	10	Subject File	United Methodist Historical Society	
	11	Literary Productions	Articles – Bible Translation	
	12	Literary Productions	Articles – History	
	13	Literary Productions	Articles – Magazine	
12	1	Literary Productions	Article Reviews	
	2	Literary Productions	Book Reviews	
	3	Literary Productions	Diaries	
	4	Literary Productions	Diaries	
	5	Literary Productions	Diaries	

	6	Literary Productions	Diaries	
	7	Literary Productions	Diaries	
	8	Literary Productions	Diaries	
	9	Literary Productions	Diaries	
13	1	Literary Productions	Diaries	
	2	Literary Productions	Diaries	
	3	Literary Productions	Diaries	
	4	Literary Productions	Diaries and Address Book	
	5	Literary Productions	Dissertation – Johns Hopkins University	
	6	Literary Productions	<u>God’s Word into English</u>	
	7	Literary Productions	Grade Book	
	8	Literary Productions	Grade Book	
14	1	Literary Productions	Grade Book	
	2	Literary Productions	Grade Book	
	3	Literary Productions	<u>Prophecy and Prediction</u>	
	4	Literary Productions	Research Notes and Graph Book	
	5	Literary Productions	<u>Scripture, Tradition, and Infallibility</u>	
	6	Literary Productions	Sermons	
	7	Literary Productions	Sermons	
15	1	Scrapbook Materials	Address Book	
	2	Scrapbook Materials	Asbury Theological Seminary Diploma Cover	

	3	Scrapbook Materials	Coast Guard	
	4	Scrapbook Materials	Coast Guard	
	5	Scrapbook Materials	Coast Guard	
	6	Scrapbook Materials	Guest Book	
	7	Scrapbook Materials	Guest Book	
	8	Scrapbook Materials	Guest Book	
16	1	Scrapbook Materials	Guest Book – Travel	
	2	Scrapbook Materials	International Driving Permit	
	3	Scrapbook Materials	Family Scrapbook	
	4	Scrapbook Materials	Family Scrapbook	
	5	Scrapbook Materials	Family and Cruise Scrapbook	
	6	Scrapbook Materials	Friends and Family Scrapbook	
	7	Scrapbook Materials	Friends Scrapbook	
17	1	Scrapbook Materials	Jordan and Graduation Scrapbook	
	2	Scrapbook Materials	Scrapbook	
	3	Scrapbook Materials	Seattle Pacific College Diploma Cover	
	4	Scrapbook Materials	Telephone/Address book	
	5	Printed Materials	Biblica Hebraica – Hebrew Bible	
18	1	Printed Materials	Biblical Seminary Student Directory	
	2	Printed Materials	Biblical Seminary Student Directory	
	3	Printed Materials	Biblical Seminary Student Directory	
	4	Printed Materials	Bible Society in Australia	
	5	Printed Materials	Book Reviews	

	6	Printed Materials	Brief Autobiographies of Wesley Theological Seminary	
	7	Printed Materials	Brochures – Hebrew Union and Archaeological Schools	
	8	Printed Materials	The Cascade	
	9	Printed Materials	The Cascade	
	10	Printed Materials	The Cascade	
19	1	Printed Materials	The Cascade	
	2	Printed Materials	The Cascade	
	3	Printed Materials	The Cascade	
	4	Printed Materials	Certificates	
	5	Printed Materials	Clippings and Materials for Sermons	
	6	Printed Materials	Dictionary of International Biography	
	7	Printed Materials	Diploma, Awards, Certificates	
	8	Printed Materials	Directory – Metropolitan Memorial United Methodist Church	
20	1	Printed Materials	Directory of American Scholars Volume III	
	2	Printed Materials	<u>Life of Minimum Regrets Beegle, Rachel</u>	
	3	Printed Materials	The Mennonite Quarterly Review	
	4	Printed Materials	<u>Moses and His Maters Foulke-ffeinberg, FX</u>	
	5	Printed Materials	RSV Oxford Annotated Bible	
21	1	Printed Materials	The Seminarian	
	2	Printed Materials	Service of Celebration (obituary)	
	3	Printed Materials	The Smithsonian	
	4	Printed Materials	Seattle Pacific College – Response	
	5	Printed Materials	Who’s Who Among Students	
22	1	Printed Materials	Who’s Who in Biblical Studies and Archaeology	
	2	Printed Materials	<u>Who Wrote the Bible? Freedman, Richard</u>	
	3	Printed Materials	<u>The Widow’s Might</u> Crawford, Rachel Beegle	
	4	Photographic Materials	Photographs and Negatives of Cokesbury College Dig	

	5	Photographic Materials	Photographs and Negatives of Cokesbury College Dig	
23-27		Archeological Artifacts		