

Photographs of Walter B. Beals, circa 1889-1950s

Overview of the Collection

Title	Photographs of Walter B. Beals
Dates	circa 1889-1950s (inclusive) 1889 1959
Quantity	89 photographic prints (1 box, 1 folder) ; sizes vary
Collection Number	PH1250
Summary	Portraits of Walter Beals as a judge, with wife and in the military. As well as events such as veterans activities, marriages, Washington Supreme Court activities and images of manuscript and book collections.
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Access Restrictions	Entire collection can be viewed on the Libraries' Digital Collections website. Permission of Visual Materials Curator required to view originals. Contact Special Collections for more information.
Languages	English

Biographical Note

Walter Burges Beals was born in St. Paul, Minnesota in 1876. Beals's family traveled west in 1897, and Beals enrolled in the newly founded University of Washington Law School; he and his future wife Othilia Carroll were members of the first graduating class of the school in 1901.

Beals served as a military officer in France during World War I and afterwards helped organize and found the American Legion. His legal career flourished in the 1920s, and in 1926, he accepted a position as judge of the Superior Court of King County. Beals became a member of the Washington State Supreme Court in 1928, a position he held until his retirement in 1950, twice holding the position of Chief Justice. Beals is perhaps best known for his work, in 1946-1947, as Presiding Judge at the International Military Tribunal in Nuremburg, the Nazi war trial known as the "Doctors' Trial."

Walter Beals was an avid collector of books, manuscripts, such as liturgical and religious manuscripts, and signatures, particularly those of European royalty. Beals also began creating albums as a young man, a hobby he continued throughout his life, collecting and soliciting signatures, manuscripts and other materials which he would mount on paper or vellum and bind into albums, often with leather

covers. In his time, Beals was considered the greatest private collector of manuscripts and books in the Pacific Northwest.

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Use of the Collection

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Administrative Information

Processing Note

Processed by Stefanie Terasaki, 2014; Beck Prigot, 2015; processing completed in 2016.

Photographs were transferred from the Portraits Collection, 2014.

Related Materials

Photographs of Judge Beals' time on the tribunal for Nuremberg Military Trial I can be found in the Walter Beals Nuremberg Trials Photograph Collection, PH1150.

Detailed Description of the Collection

Portraits of Walter B. Beals

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Walter B. Beals		
Box/ Folder	Item	
1/1	1 Walter Beals as a boy [view] P. Jurgens, St. Paul, Minnesota (photographer)	1889

Container(s)		Description	Dates
1/1	2	Walter Beals as a young man C. A. Zimmerman, St. Paul, Minnesota (photographer)	1895
1/1	3	Walter Beals as a young man [view]	circa 1903
Box:Oversize			
OS4	4	Walter Beals as a young man [view] James and Bushnell, Seattle, WA (photographer)	circa 1903
Box/ Folder			
1/1	5	Walter Beals as a young man [view] Edward S. Curtis, Seattle, WA (photographer)	between 1903-1904
1/1	6-7	Studio portrait of Walter Beals [view] Bushnell,, Seattle, WA (photographer)	1916
1/1	8	Studio portrait of Walter Beals Snow (photographer)	mid-1910s-1920s
1/1	9	Studio portrait of Walter Beals Grady, Seattle, WA (photographer)	circa 1920s
1/1	10	Studio portrait of Walter Beals Bushnell, Seattle, WA (photographer)	circa 1920s
Box:Oversize			
OS4	11	Studio portrait of Walter Beals Leonid Fink (photographer)	circa 1920s
OS4	12	Walter Beals seated in judicial robe [view] Gene Hanner (photographer)	circa 1930s
Box/ Folder			
1/2	13a	Walter Beals seated in judicial robe [view] Grady, Seattle (photographer) Autographed by Judge Beals.	1936

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box:Oversize		
OS4 13b	Walter Beals seated in judicial robe Grady, Seattle (photographer) Caption beneath photo: The Honorable WALTER BURGESS BEALS. Judge and sometime Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of Washington, <u>Alumnus Summa Laude Dignatus</u> of the University of Washington, chevalier of the Legion of Honor, and distinguished collector of manuscripts, Bibles, and other books which were bequeathed to the University of Washington by his widow, the late Otille [<i>sic</i>] Beals, Olympia.	1936
Box/ Folder		
1/2 14-15	Walter Beals seated in judicial robe at desk in office	1930s
1/2 16	Walter Beals writing at desk in office [view]	circa 1930s
1/2 17	Walter Beals seated at desk in office [view]	circa 1940s
1/2 18-19	Walter Beals walking down 3rd Avenue in downtown Seattle [view]	1941
1/2 20	Walter Beals [view]	circa 1941
1/2 21	Walter Beals sitting in an office William P. Conser, Olympia (photographer)	September 9, 1951
Box:Oversize		
OS4 22	Walter Beals in profile	between 1950s-1960
(Othilia) Gertrude Carroll Beals		
Box/ Folder		
1/3 23	Othilia Gertrude Carroll Beals [view] Curtis Studio, Seattle, WA (photographer)	circa 1900

Container(s)		Description	Dates
1/3	24	Othilia Gertrude Carroll Beals at desk with book [view] Webster & Stevens, Seattle, WA (photographer)	circa 1920s-1930s
1/3	25	Walter Beals and Gertrude Carroll Beals at the University of Washington School of Law 50th anniversary celebration James O. Sneddon, University of Washington, Seattle (photographer)	August 18, 1949
1/3	26	Walter Beals and Gertrude Carroll Beals seated near fireplace reading James O. Sneddon, University of Washington, Seattle (photographer)	February 1952
1/3	27	Walter Beals and Gertrude Carroll Beals holding up a book James O. Sneddon, University of Washington, Seattle (photographer)	February 1952
Walter Beals' Military and Veteran Portraits			
Box/ Folder	Item		
1/4	28	Walter Beals' American Expeditionary Forces identity card [view]	between 1917-1919
1/4	29	Walter Beals with other members of the US 81st Division, Mussy-sur-Seine [view] Written on verso: Walter B. Beals, John E. Sloan, Wm. Spughn Brown, Wade S. Heely, Ward Hunt, George Walker.	April 26, 1919
1/4	30	Walter Beals and John E. Sloan in uniform	probably April 1919
1/4	31	Walter Beals with other members of the US 81st Division Written on verso: Major Lee, Humphries, Ahrends, [ill.] Bankhead, Maj. Gen. C. J. Bailey, Maj. Van Horn, Col Roberts, WBB, Capt Lauren Hill, Maj. Reusel	circa 1910s
1/4	32	John E. Sloan in military dress and helmet [view]	circa 1919
1/4	33	Lieutenant Colonel Walter Beals in army uniform with "Wildcat" patch [view] Snow, Seattle, WA (photographer)	1920

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1/4 34	Walter Beals in army dress uniform with Judge Advocate designation	circa 1920s
1/4 35	Walter Beals in army dress uniform with Judge Advocate designation Snow, Seattle, WA (photographer)	circa 1920s
1/4 36	Walter Beals in Marine Corps dress uniform	circa 1920s
1/4 37	Walter Beals in Marine Corps dress uniform [view] Ralston, Seattle, WA (photographer)	circa 1920s
1/4 38-39	Walter Beals in army uniform [view]	circa 1930s
1/5 40a-b	Walter Beals in military attire receiving the French Legion of Honor cross [view] Items 40a and b are different croppings of the same photograph.	October 17, 1936
1/5 41a-b	Walter Beals speaking in front of the Winged Victory Monument with others, Olympia, Washington [view] Belcher Photos,Olympia, WA (photographer) Items 41a and b are different croppings of the same photograph.	May 30, 1949
1/5 42-43	American Legion judges, Olympia, Washington Belcher Photos,Olympia, WA (photographer) Chartered in 1919, the American Legion is a non-profit, patriotic veterans organization.	January 7, 1952
1/5 44	Walter Beals speaking at the American Legion, Olympia Belcher Photos,Olympia, WA (photographer)	January 7, 1952
1/5 45-46	Walter Beals and fellow American Legion members Frank O. Sether and Harmen, Olympia, Washington Belcher Photos,Olympia, WA (photographer)	January 7, 1952
1/5 47	Walter Beals being awarded the American Legion's Award of Appreciation, Olympia, Washington Belcher Photos,Olympia, WA (photographer)	January 7, 1952
1/5 48	Walter Beals and American Legion member Kuykendal, Olympia, Washington Belcher Photos,Olympia, WA (photographer)	January 7, 1952

Events and Activities

Container(s)		Description	Dates
Washington State Supreme Court Events			
Box/ Folder	Item		
1/6	49	Walter Beals swearing in Burwell Bantz as Washington Director of Highways [view]	July 1, 1941
1/6	50	Walter Beals swearing in Colonel Smith Troy as Washington State Attorney General [view] Merle Junk, Olympia, Washington (photographer)	August 30, 1945
1/6	51	Walter Beals with Jim Constans and Dick Perkins, Vashon Island [view] Written on Verso: "High Y" Legislature.	1948
1/6	52	Walter Beals administering oath to Olympia mayor Ralph A. Swanson Merle Junk, Olympia, Washington (photographer)	1950
Box:Oversize			
OS4	53	Walter Beals administering oath to Washington Governor Clarence D. Martin [view] Chapin Bowen , Tacoma (photographer)	January 11, 1933
Box/ Folder			
1/6	54	Washington Supreme Court judges portrait [view] People identified in photograph: Walter B. Beals (rear, second from left), William J. Steinert (rear, second from right), Clyde G. Jeffers (rear, right), George B. Simpson (front, second from left), Joseph A. Mallery (front, second from right), Edgar Ward Schwellenbach (front, right)	circa 1946
Dinners			
Box/ Folder	Item		
1/7	55	Men seated at table for Rayonier Dinner	May 1948

Container(s)		Description	Dates
		Burgoyne Photographers (photographer)	
1/7	56	Men seated at table for French Legion of Honor dinner Burgoyne Photographers (photographer) Written on verso: Lefebvre, [ill.], Blanc	October 17, 1936
1/7	57	Othilia Beals, another woman, and two men seated at table for French Legion of Honor dinner [view] Written on verso: [ill.], de Lureune, Mme Lefebvre, de Lureune	October 17, 1936
1/7	58a-b	Walter Beals speaking to a man at French Legion of Honor dinner [view]	October 17, 1936

Marriages performed by Walter Beals

Box/ Folder	Item		
1/7	59	Four women standing on steps with Walter Beals [view] Written on verso: Dorothy Jensen and Warren Colquhoun married by W B Beals.	June 7, 1931
1/7	60	Walter Beals standing arm in arm with a man and woman [view] Written on verso: Olive [ill.] married Herbert [ill.]. Ceremony by WBB.	August 2, 1941

Events

Box: Folder	Oversize Item		
OS4	61	Woman seated around tables outside [view]	circa 1920s-1930s
1/8	62	Walter Beals in military uniform speaking at Washelli Cemetery on Memorial Day	May 30, 1927
1/8	63	Walter Beals in military uniform speaking at Washelli Cemetery on Memorial Day [view] Webster and Stevens, Seattle, Washington (photographer)	May 30, 1928

Container(s)	Description	Dates
	On May 30, 1928, twenty veterans from four different wars were honored at Veterans Memorial Cemetery at Washelli Cemetery with a 21 gun salute and members from all branches of military present. The ceremony began at 2:00pm. Walter Beals gave an address along with others.	
1/8 64	Walter Beals and members of Olympia Boy Scout Troop 31, State Capitol Silvertone Photo Company, Olympia, Washington (photographer) Caption on photograph: 25th Anniversary Ceremonies	February 8, 1935
1/8 65	Walter Beals and a woman in evening attire at the Governor's Ball [view]	January 1941
1/8 66	Walter Beals and a woman looking at a book at the county clerks convention, Seattle	June 27, 1942
1/8 67	Walter Beals sitting on stage among others while a choir sings in the background [view]	circa 1940s-1950s
1/8 68	Walter Beals at podium giving a speech [view]	circa 1940s-1950s
1/8 69	Possibly the Judges Banquet, Union-University Club, Tacoma, Washington Richards, Tacoma, Washington (photographer)	November 1950
1/8 70	Walter Beals receiving the University of Washington Alumnus Summa Laude Dignatus Award from UW President H. P. "Dick" Everest James O. Sneddon (photographer)	October 1952
1/8 71	UW President H. P. "Dick" Everest, Walter Beals, Othilia Carroll Beals, and William Byron Lane at the Senior Reception [view] James O. Sneddon (photographer)	June 1952

Book and manuscript collections

Box/ Folder	Item		
1/9 72	Walter Beals standing in front of bookshelves		circa 1940s
1/9 73	Walter Beals looking at a manuscript		February 1952

Container(s)		Description	Dates
		James O. Sneddon (photographer)	
1/9	74	Walter Beals removing a book from a shelf James O. Sneddon (photographer)	February 1952
1/9	75	Walter Beals with a copy of the Bible Photo-Arts Studio, Olympia, Washington (photographer)	circa 1950s
1/9	76	Walter Beals speaking with books and papers on display [view]	circa 1940s
1/9	77	Books on display [view] Fitner, Ottawa, Kansas (photographer) Written on verso: Center Tissot's illus. Bible, gift of Dr. Chas. Still. Right First ed. of King James Bible. Left Small Hebrew scroll and Latin Codex. Picture made for Osteopathic Jour.	circa 1930s-1940s
1/9	78-79	Detail from hymnal Photo-Arts Studio, Olympia, Washington (photographer)	circa 1950s
1/9	80	Detail from the Nuremberg Chronicle: woodcut of Nuremberg Photo-Arts Studio, Olympia, Washington (photographer)	circa 1950s
1/9	81	Detail from the May 6, 1865 edition of <i>Punch, or the London Charivari</i> Photo-Arts Studio, Olympia, Washington (photographer)	circa 1950s

Beals Family and Residence

Container(s)		Description	Dates
Box/ Folder	Item		
1/10	82	Photograph of sketch of Susan Burrill Greene Beals Written on verso: My grandmother	
1/10	83	Mantel with painting of Susan Burrill Greene Written on verso: Rancho Fuero del Canuro, Morgan Hill, Calif. Susan Burrill Greene, 1823-1904. Married Samuel James Beals. Portrait painted 1851 by Joseph Fagnani.	February 17, 1934

Container(s)		Description	Dates
1/11	84	Living room of Walter B. Beals residence, 726 Percival Street SW, Olympia	circa 1930s
1/11	85	Porch of Walter B. Beals residence, 726 Percival Street SW, Olympia	circa 1930s

Names and Subjects

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Washington (State). Supreme Court

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