

Percy Dwight Bentley papers, 1951-1962

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Bentley, Percy Dwight, 1885-1968
Title	Percy Dwight Bentley papers
Dates	1951-1962 (inclusive) 1951 1962
Quantity	4.25 linear feet, (2 containers, 10 oversize folders)
Collection Number	Coll 145
Summary	Percy Dwight Bentley (1885-1968) was an architect from the Midwest who practiced in Lane County, Oregon from 1939-1961. His early work shows the influence of Frank Lloyd Wright and Louis Sullivan. The collection documents his work from 1951-1962 and includes churches, residences, and commercial structures.
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Languages	English
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Historical Note

Percy Dwight Bentley was born January 30, 1885 in La Crosse, Wisconsin. He attended school in La Crosse before entering Ohio Wesleyan University, where he was a non-graduating member of the class of 1907. Later, he enrolled on two different occasions at the Armour Institute (now Illinois Institute of Technology) but never completed a year there. Bentley maintained an architectural office in La Crosse from 1910 until 1921, when he moved to St. Paul, Minnesota. In 1936 he moved from the Midwest to Hood River, Oregon. Bentley settled finally in Eugene in 1939 where he practiced until 1961.

The strong influence of Frank Lloyd Wright and Louis Sullivan is evident in Bentley's early, primarily residential, work. Of his later work he was most proud of the Village Green Motor Hotel in Cottage Grove, Oregon. Bentley died February 2, 1968.

Content Description

The Percy Dwight Bentley Papers document only the last ten years of his career. Projects include several churches, office buildings and other minor works. Also included are design proposals used as working drawings. Photographs consist of projects, specifications, and articles and advertisements about Bentley and his work.

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Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Gift of Mrs. J.A. Baxter in 1968.

Processing Note

Collection processed by staff.

This finding aid may be updated periodically to account for new acquisitions to the collection and/or revisions in arrangement and description.

Detailed Description of the Collection

Papers

Container(s)		Description	Dates
Box	Folder		
1	1	Biographical article, "Percy Dwight Bentley at La Crosse," from the <i>Prairie School Review</i> , v. ix no. 3	1972
1	2	Specifications: Babb, Mrs. R.A., store building, Eugene, Oregon	1956
1	3	Specifications, electrical: Woodard Hotels, Inc., Cottage Grove, Oregon	1959
1	3	Specifications, general: Woodard Hotels, Inc., Cottage Grove, Oregon	1959
1	3	Specifications, plumbing and heating: Woodard Hotels, Inc., Cottage Grove, Oregon	1959
1	4	Newspaper ads and clippings about the Village Green Motor Hotel (Woodard Hotels, Inc.), Cottage Grove, Oregon	

Drawings

Container(s)		Description	Dates
Box	Folder		
1	1	Booth, Robert P. Residence. Eugene, Oregon. One sheet	undated
1	2	Booth-Kelly. Office building. Springfield, Oregon. Oversized, 15 sheets	1952-1953
1	3	DiPaolo, Peter. Residence. Santa Clara, Oregon. 2 sheets	May 1962
1	4	Elizabeth C. Page Grade School. Springfield, Oregon. Oversized, 19 sheets	July 1955
1	4	Harold R. Jones, Inc. Office building. Eugene, Oregon. Oversized, 1 sheet	October 1958
1	5	J.C. Penney. Office building. Eugene, Oregon. Oversized, 41 sheets	October 1956

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1 6	St. Andrew's Episcopal Mission. Springfield, Oregon. Oversized, 3 sheets	May 1951
1 7	St. John's Episcopal Church. Springfield, Oregon. Oversized, 10 sheets	1958
1 8	St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Eugene, Oregon. Oversized, 3 sheets	September 1954
1 9	Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Eugene, Oregon. Oversized, 6 sheets	September 1958
1 10	Woodard Hotels, Inc. Service station. Cottage Grove, Oregon. 9 sheets	September 1960

Photographs (PH272), 1950-1961

1.25 linear feet

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Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box		
1	PH272_01: [Interior view of flying staircase, carpet and wall treatment at Village Green resort.] 1.0 photographic print 8 x 10 inches Chris' Studio of Roseburg, OR	1959
	PH272_02: [Exterior view of Ford dealership building.] 1.0 photographic print 8 x 10 inches Kennell-Ellis of Eugene, Oregon	1950s-1961
	PH272_03: [Exterior view of J.C. Penney building before addition.] 1.0 photographic print 11 x 14 inches Fehly of Oregon	1956
	PH272_04: [Exterior view of J.C. Penney building during construction of two-story addition.] 1.0 photographic print 11 x 14 inches	1956

Container(s)	Description	Dates
	Fehly of Oregon	
	PH272_05: [Exterior view of church.] 1.0 photographic print 9.5 x 12 inches	1950s-1961
	PH272_06: [Exterior view of Davidson's bakery, including facade.] 1.0 photographic print 9.5 x 12 inches	1950s-1961
	PH272_07: [Exterior view of Davidson's bakery, rear portion.] 1.0 photographic print 9.5 x 12 inches	1950s-1961
	PH272_08: [Exterior view of C.P. Tillman Co., wholesaler of heating, plumbing and electrical supplies. Trolley tracks in foreground.] 1.0 photographic print 9.5 x 12 inches	1950s-1961
	PH272_09: [Exterior view of Booth Kelly Lumber Co. general office.] 1.0 photographic print 11 x 14 inches Northwest Photographic Illustrators of Eugene, OR	1952-1953
	PH272_09: [Exterior view of Wyatt's US Royal tire shop.] 1.0 photographic print 11 x 14 inches Northwest Photographic Illustrators of Eugene, OR	1950s-1961

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