Overview of the Collection

Creator        Barron, Bryton, 1898-
Title           Barron Bryton papers
Dates           1923-1967 (inclusive)
                  1923 1967
Quantity        24.0 linear feet, (16 containers)
Collection Number Ax 463
Summary         Bryton Barron (1898- ) was a teacher, a writer, a civil servant, a publisher and, most notably, a political conservative who wrote critically of the U.S. State Department and U.S. Foreign policy. The collection includes correspondence, writings, reports and newspaper clippings.
Repository      University of Oregon Libraries, Special Collections and University Archives.
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Access Restrictions Collection is open to the public.
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Languages       English

Historical Note

Bryton Barron was born in Doon, Iowa 1898 and educated at Sioux falls College, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Oxford University. In 1923 he was editorial writer for the Sioux Falls Argus-Leader. From 1925 to 1928 he was a teacher in Abra High School, Bangued, Abra, Philippine Islands, and then editor for the Philippine Bureau of Education, Manila.

In 1929 he joined the State Department as assistant editor, became chief of the Treaty Section, and finally research historian. He left the State Department in 1956, and commenced lecturing and writing critically about the department and United States foreign policy generally.

Barron founded a publishing company, Crestwood Books, in 1962, as a publishing vehicle for his and similar books. In 1960-1961 he was coordinator in Virginia for the John Birch Society, and held various degrees of relationship with other conservative groups.

Content Description

Barron Bryton papers, 1923-1967
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The collection is arranged into groups corresponding to segments of the Barron's career. Included is correspondence, newspaper clippings, reports, literary manuscripts, scrapbooks, and papers relating to the Barron family and genealogy.

Use of the Collection

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Preferred Citation

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Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Gift of Bryton Barron in 1968.

Processing Note

Collection processed by processing 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
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<td>Box 1</td>
<td>Materials relating to Bryton Barron's and Ella Lillibridge Barron's careers as reporters, and to their careers as teachers in the Philippine Islands. Editorial correspondence and clippings relating to careers as reporters and editorial writers for the <em>Argus Leader</em> in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Includes five volumes of scrapbooks, and letters of appreciation from Herbert Hoover, Will H. Hays, and others. 1923. Papers relating to Bryton and Ella Barron as teachers in the Philippine Islands (Philippine Civil Service, through the War Department, Bureau of Insular Affairs). 1925-1928.</td>
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<td>Box 2</td>
<td>Materials relating to work as Chief of the Division of Publications, Philippine Bureau of Education, Manila. Includes file (Vol. 1, No. 1-9, January-December 1928) of <em>Philippine Public Schools</em>, and correspondence concerning founding and editing of the periodical. Includes copies of publicity stories, and correspondence relating to them. Includes <em>copy of Service Manual</em> (1927) and correspondence concerning revision of the manual. Also included are copies of various courses of study and manuals on English teaching in grade and high schools, with correspondence and memoranda concerning them; annual reports of the Director of Education, 1926-1927, with correspondence and memoranda concerning them; records of the 1928 annual convention of the division superintendents; file (Vol. 5, No. 1-Vol. 6, No. 16, June 30, 1926-March 1, 1928) of <em>School News Review</em>, with correspondence and memoranda concerning it; general correspondence and memoranda on editorial work; general correspondence relation to and while in the Philippine Islands. Major correspondents include: Luther B. Bewley, Ralph Busick, J. Scott McCormick, and Florentino B. Valeres.</td>
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<td>Materials relating to: publications by Barron; publishing ventures proposed; work at Sioux Falls College; work at the State Department, 1929-1939. Papers relating to textbooks by Bryton Barron published in various editions, 1926-1960, by the Philippine Education Company, Inc., Manila. Includes correspondence and royalty reports on <em>Common Errors Corrected, Conversational English, Phonics for Filipinos, Mastery of English Fundamentals</em>. Papers relating to publishing ventures proposed, job applications, and part-time work with Sioux Falls College, 1928.</td>
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<td>Papers relating to work with the State Department, 1929-1939, as Assistant Editor, Senior Administrative Assistant, Office of Historical Adviser, Senior Administrative Assistant, Division of Research and Publication, and Divisional Assistant, Division of Research and Publication. Includes staff memoranda, monthly reports, and memoranda on the publication of <em>Foreign Relations</em> and <em>State Department Bulletin</em>. Papers relating to work with the State Department as Assistant Chief, Division of Research and Publication, 1940-1943. Includes work data, and correspondence with superiors.</td>
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<td>Materials relating to Barron's work in the State Department as Chief of the Treaty Section Papers include personnel record, departmental memoranda, a copy of the <em>The Law of Treaties as Applied by the Government of the United States of America</em> (Washington, 1950), compiled by Barron. Also includes a file of <em>Treaty Staff News</em> (Vol. I-VI, No. 14, 1944-1950), a typewritten, internal publication of the Treaty Section, giving daily reports of work in progress.</td>
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<td>Materials regarding Bryton Barron's association with the State Department Papers relating to Bryton Barron as Research Historian, State Department. Includes material on publication of the Malta and Yalta conference record, and two galley proof volumes of <em>The Conferences at Malta and Yalta</em> (1945) Papers relating to the State Department internal affairs, 1952-1955. Includes correspondence and documents regarding the &quot;American underground&quot; in the department, and detail of Barron to Scott McLeod in the Bureau of Security and Consular Affairs. Also includes correspondence with McLeod, and memoranda to Donald Lowry. Also correspondence with Francis Case, Karl E. Mundt, and Louis Lillibridge concerning reorganization of the State Department. Papers relating to employee activities in the State Department such as the credit union, sport activities, and employee committees.</td>
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<td>Materials regarding Bryton Barron's association with the State Department Papers relating to Bryton Barron's retirement from State Department, 1956. Includes copies of charges against Barron, and defense document, with correspondence with Karl Mundt and Louis Lillibridge. Papers relating to Bryton Barron's appearances before Congressional committees with respect to State Department affairs. Includes correspondence and testimony.</td>
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<td>Materials relating to Bryton Barron as public speaker Includes copies of speeches, correspondence concerning arrangements and publicity, particularly with American Opinion Speakers Bureau and the Redpath Bureau, and with Romaine Poindexter.</td>
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<td>Radio broadcasts and magazine articles by Bryton Barron Includes correspondence with periodical editors, particularly editors of <em>American Opinion</em> and <em>National Review</em>, and Robert Welch.</td>
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<td>Materials relating to conservative organizations and societies with which Bryton Barron was associated or with which he corresponded. Includes particularly: Christian Crusade (Billy James Hargis), Conservative Society of America (Kent Courtney), We, The People (Henry T. Everingham), American Coalition of Patriotic Societies (Milton M. Lory), Anti-Communist Liaison (Edward Hunter).</td>
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<td>Materials relating to Bryton Barron as coordinator in Virginia of the John Birch Society Includes correspondence with Virginia groups and members, membership lists, daily activity notes, and copies of <em>The Politician</em> and the <em>Blue Book</em>.</td>
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<td>Materials relating to Bryton Barron and Crestwood Books, Springfield, Virginia Includes correspondence with authors, especially Suzanne Labin; manuscripts of <em>The Untouchable State Department</em>, and <em>Dream Becomes a Nightmare</em>; and editorial correspondence with Warren Jefferson Davis. Also correspondence with Kenneth W. Ingwalson, purchaser of Crestwood Books in 1966.</td>
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<td>General correspondence, particularly with Willis A. Carto, Arthur Chittick, Donald M. Dozer, Clare Hoffman, Richard Landkamer, Karl Mundt, Bob Siegrist, Patrick Scanlon, Dan Smoot.</td>
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<td>Literary manuscript, genealogical materials, and miscellaneous Includes unpublished manuscript by Bryton Barron, &quot;With the Elite in Government,&quot; a fictional expose of the State</td>
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**Names and Subjects**

**Subject Terms:**
Authors, American--20th century
Conservatism--United States
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Editors--Philippines
Editors--United States
English language--Study and teaching--Philippines--History--20th century
Publishers and publishing--United States--History--20th century
Teachers--Philippines
Teachers--United States

**Personal Names:**
Barron, Bryton, 1898-
Barron, Bryton, 1898---Correspondence
Barron, Ella

**Corporate Names:**
Philippines. Bureau of Education--History--20th century
United States. Dept. of State--History--20th century
United States. Dept. of State--Officials and employees

**Geographical Names:**
United States--Foreign relations--20th century
United States--Politics and government--1945-1989

**Form or Genre Terms:**
Clippings
Correspondence
Galley proofs
Genealogies
Letters
Manuals (Handbooks)

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