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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.

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

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