Register of the
William E. Baxter, Sr. and
William E. Baxter, Jr.
Collection
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Scope and Content

William Edgar Baxter, Sr. (Jun 29, 1881 to May 21, 1973) was one of the founders of the Inter-American Division. At the time the division was organized he became Caribbean Union president. Later he filled a similar post in Central America. In 1901 he entered the ministry in the Oklahoma Conference. He was president of the Arkansas Conference from 1913 to 1917. During his 37 years of overseas mission service he served in Jamaica, Venezuela, Costa Rica, Colombia, Panama, Puerto Rico, and Cuba. His trek with C. B. Sutton to Mount Roraima in search of the Davis Indians sparked the imagination of Adventists around the world. (See Review and Herald, Aug 16, 1973).

William Edgar Baxter, Jr. (Jul 25, 1916 to May 28, 2006), the son of W. E. Baxter, Sr., is best remembered as a pioneer missionary pilot. Fluent in Spanish, the son of missionary parents also devoted his life to overseas mission service first in Colombia and Venezuela, and later in Mexico as head of the Theological Department at Montemorelos. For many years he had a dream of being a flying missionary. In 1953, with the financial assistance of private organizations such as The Quiet Hour, Liga, Missions Unlimited, and Amistad, he pioneered flying missionary work in the Huichol regions of Mexico to meet humanitarian needs there.

This collection contains the personal papers of William Edgar Baxter, Sr. and Jr. A large portion of the collection are diaries of both father and son.

Arrangement

The arrangement is generally chronological for the diaries. This collection was arranged by the Center for Adventist Research.

Provenance

This collection was donated to the Center for Adventist Research by the Adventist Aviation Association in 2007.

Use

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INVENTORY

I. William E. Baxter, Sr.

Personal Documents

Biographical Information

Bx 1 Fld 1 Personal Identification Cards: 1925, 1933, 1934.
Passports issued 1949, 1957.
Sustentation Fund Application

Diary

Bx 1 Fld Davis Indians Diary: Trip to Mt. Roraima, 1925.
Attached also, “Davis Indians of Guyana.”

Bx 1 Envelope 1: Diary 1923
Envelope 2: Diary 1924
Envelope 3: Diary 1925
Envelope 4: Diary 1926
Envelope 5: Diary 1928
Envelope 6: Diary 1929
Envelope 7: Diary 1930
Envelope 8: Diary 1931
Envelope 9: Diary 1932
Envelope 10: Diary 1933
Envelope 11: Diary 1934
Envelope 12: Diary 1935
Envelope 13: Diary 1936
Envelope 14: Diary 1937
Envelope 15: Diary 1938
Envelope 16: Diary 1939
Envelope 17: Diary 1940
Envelope 18: Diary 1941
Envelope 19: Diary 1942
Envelope 20: Diary 1943
II. William E. Baxter, Jr.

Personal Documents

Biographical Information


Diary

Bx 2  Envelope 1: Diary 1938
     Envelope 2: Diary 1939
     Envelope 3: Diary 1940
     Envelope 4: Diary 1941
     Envelope 5: Diary 1942
     Envelope 6: Diary 1943
Bx 3
Envelope 1: Diary 1945
Envelope 2: Diary 1950
Envelope 3: Diary 1952
Envelope 4: Diary 1953
Envelope 5: Diary 1954
Envelope 6: Diary 1955
Envelope 7: Diary 1956
Envelope 8: Diary 1957
Envelope 9: Diary 1958
Envelope 10: Diary 1959
Envelope 11: Diary 1960
Envelope 12: Diary 1961
Envelope 13: Diary 1962
Envelope 14: Diary 1964
Envelope 15: Diary 1965
Envelope 16: Diary 1966
Envelope 17: Diary 1967
Envelope 18: Diary 1968
Envelope 19: Diary 1969
Envelope 20: Diary 1970
Envelope 21: Diary 1971
Envelope 22: Diary 1972

Bx 4
Envelope 1: Diary 1973
Envelope 2: Diary 1974
Envelope 3: Diary 1983
Envelope 4: Diary 1984
Envelope 5: Diary 1987
Envelope 6: Diary 1989
Envelope 7: Diary 1991
Envelope 8: Diary 1992
Envelope 9: Diary 1993
Envelope 10: Diary 1994
Envelope 11: Diary 1995
Envelope 12: Diary 1996
Envelope 13: Diary 1997
Envelope 14: Diary 1998

Topical Files

Bx 4 Fld 1
Aviation. Materials includes
2 Photographs of Convair XFY-1.
Some Newspaper Clippings on Aviation.


Photography

Bx 4 Fld 4  Description from the back of the photographs:
“Foto taken 1/29/53. Original (and first) landing strip among Huichols. This one 800' long ending at thatched “govt.bldg” seen at end of strip.”
“Foto taken 2/20/53 in Ryan Navion 205. Student nurse Esther Aguila accompanied me on this rescue flight.”

Photocopies of Photographs
“Photograph taken Jan. 30, 1953. On the left in white shirt and suspenders, Pastor Juan Plenc North Mexican Mission President & also a graduate nurse. In pith helmet, Dr. Mario Mendoza, M. D. Huichols in native garb observe. Pastor Pedro Rascon stands behind horse. Bill Baxter is the photographer.”
“Photograph taken Feb. 17, 1953 of Juanita Cruz the burn victim in a hut at Tuxpan de Bolanos. Dr. Mario Mendoza is attending her.”
“Photograph of the three surviving members of the original ‘foursome’ who flew into Tuxpan de Bolanos on Jan. 29, 1953. This picture was taken March 12, 1998 when at the invitation of 6 Huichol Indian chiefs Pastor Pedro Rascon, Pastor/Pilot Bill Baxter & Dr. Mario Mendoza, M.D. convened near the same spot where they had landed 45 years before!”

Audio-Visual

DVDs

Bx 4 Fld 5  “Saved to Serve: William E. Baxter (July 25, 1916-May 28, 2006) and His Works Follow Him!”