

**JASPER NEWTON BARNETTE COLLECTION**

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## **Summary.**

Main entry: Barnette, Jasper Newton, 1887-1965.

Date Span: 1937-1957

Abstract: J. N. Barnette served as a leader of the Sunday School department of the Sunday School Board for fifteen years and influenced the shape of Sunday school work among Southern Baptists. This is a small collection of material related to the work of J. N. Barnette. The collection includes limited information on the Sunday school work at the Sunday School Board but does contain several addresses and articles by Barnette. A large portion of the collection is related to letters of appreciation for his work by individuals across the landscape of Southern Baptist Sunday school life.

Size: 2.5 linear ft. (5 document boxes)

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## **Biographical sketch:**

Jasper Newton Barnette was born in Mitchell County, North Carolina on October 3, 1887. In 1891, his family moved to Cleveland County, North Carolina, where he attended public schools. Years later he was converted and baptized into the fellowship of the Double Springs Baptist Church in Cleveland County. He graduated from Shenandoah College and Conservatory in Dayton, Virginia. In 1912 he married Edna V. Hawkins of Double Springs, North Carolina. For the next several years he taught school in North Carolina and Georgia.

In 1921 he became Associate Sunday School secretary for the North Carolina Baptist Convention. He moved to Nashville, Tennessee in 1927 to become an associate in the department of Sunday School Administration at the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. By 1943 he had advanced to become the director of the new Sunday School Department of the Board. He would also serve as editor of the *Sunday School Builder*, the monthly publication of the Department. In this role, Barnette traveled through the south, visiting Baptist state conventions and associations, and attending Sunday school conferences.

He authored several books on Sunday school work: *A Church Using its Sunday school*, *The Place of the Sunday School in Evangelism*, *Associational Sunday School Work*, *The Pull of the People*, and *One to Sight*. He also edited *The Sunday School Builder* monthly magazine.

Barnette retired from his work at the Board on December 31, 1957. He died in Park View Hospital in Nashville, Tennessee on May 27, 1965.

## **Scope and content note:**

Southern Baptist layman who worked with the North Carolina Baptist Convention for five years and with the Sunday School Board (now LifeWay Christian Resources) for 30 years establishing and improving Sunday schools in Baptist churches. The bulk of the collection consists of bound letters of appreciation given to Dr. Barnette on his retirement. These letters are in bound volumes and include letters from

pastors, agency leaders, and Sunday school workers across the face of Southern Baptist life. Almost every notable Southern Baptist wrote a letter of appreciation to Barnette for his work with Sunday schools. The collection includes articles and addresses written or presented by Barnette. Also included is biographical information on Barnette and Arthur Flake.

**Arrangement:** Folders are arranged in alphabetical order by folder title.

**Provenance:** Transferred from the Dargan Library, 1991.

**Preferred citation:** Jasper Newton Barnette Collection, Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives, Nashville, Tennessee

**Access restrictions:** None

**Subject terms:**

Barnette, Jasper Newton, 1887-1965

Flake, Arthur, 1862-1952

Southern Baptist Convention. Sunday School Board.

Sunday schools.

**Container list:**

**Box 1**

1.1 Addresses and articles

“Finding and winning the lost”

“Go and teach”

“Organization of men in Sunday schools of rural churches: what I have learned”

“Our Job”

“Sail on, sail on Columbus”

“Visitation the chief factor in growth

Untitled addresses

1.2 Addresses and articles

“Christian education”

“Education important, but not enough”

“Enduring investments”

“For their sake”

“Higher Ideals”

“Our work”

“Power of the work”

“Thy will be done”

“What is Christian education”

1.3 Addresses and Articles

“A church using the Sunday school”

“More than bread”

“Outreach for the Unreached”

“Pull of the people”

“Should or Must”

“Southern Baptist Sunday school work is distinctive”

1.4 Addresses and Articles

“Building space and the worth of an individual”

“Extending the reach of our teaching ministry”

“Our purpose – Evangelism”

“Please come find me”

“Read the Bible through this year”

“The Sunday school and evangelism”

“30,000 additional churches and Bible teaching places are needed, and if so what?”

1.5 Bible Promises

1.6 Biographical Information

1.7 Letters of Appreciation – Alabama, 1957

1.8 Letters of Appreciation – Arizona, 1957

1.9 Letters of Appreciation – Arkansas, 1957

**Box 2**

2.1 Letters of Appreciation – California, 1957

2.2 Letters of Appreciation – District of Columbia, 1957

2.3 Letters of Appreciation – Florida, 1957

2.4 Letters of Appreciation – Georgia, 1957

- 2.5 Letters of Appreciation – Illinois, 1957
- 2.6 Letters of Appreciation – Kansas, 1957
- 2.7 Letters of Appreciation – Kentucky, 1957

**Box 3**

- 3.1 Letters of Appreciation – Louisiana, 1957
- 3.2 Letters of Appreciation – Maryland, 1957
- 3.3 Letters of Appreciation – Mississippi, 1957
- 3.4 Letters of Appreciation – Missouri, 1957
- 3.5 Letters of Appreciation – New Mexico, 1957
- 3.6 Letters of Appreciation – North Carolina, 1957

**Box 4**

- 4.1 Letters of Appreciation – Ohio, 1957
- 4.2 Letters of Appreciation – Oklahoma, 1957
- 4.3 Letters of Appreciation – Oregon-Washington, 1957
- 4.4 Letters of Appreciation – South Carolina, 1957
- 4.5 Letters of Appreciation – Sunday School Board staff, 1957
- 4.6 Letters of Appreciation – Tennessee, 1957

**Box 5**

- 5.1 Letters of Appreciation – Tennessee, 1957
- 5.2 Letters of Appreciation – Texas, 1957
- 5.3 Letters of Appreciation – Virginia, 1957
- 5.4 Poem – “I’m Fine”, n.d.
- 5.5 Retirement letter to Sunday School Board staff, 1957