

Bryson B. Rash

A Register of His Papers in the Library of Congress

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Collection Summary

Title: Bryson B. Rash Papers

Span Dates: 1918-1992

ID No.: MSS82777

Creator: Rash, Bryson B.

Extent: 2,300 items; 8 containers; 3.2 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

Repository: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Abstract: Journalist. Correspondence, speeches, broadcast scripts, book draft, biographical material, news clippings, and photographs documenting Rash's career in broadcast journalism.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Personal Names

Eisenhower, Dwight D. (Dwight David), 1890-1969.

Rash, Bryson B.

Roosevelt, Franklin D. (Franklin Delano), 1882-1945.

Truman, Harry S., 1884-1972.

Subjects

Army-McCarthy Controversy, 1954.

Broadcast journalism.

Hydrogen bomb--Marshall Islands--Testing.

Journalism--Washington (D.C.)

Television--Transmitters and transmission.

Locations

Enewetak Atoll (Marshall Islands)

United States--Politics and government--1933-1953.

United States--Politics and government--1953-1961.

Washington (D.C.)--History.

Occupations

Journalists.

Administrative Information

Provenance:

The papers of Bryson B. Rash, television and radio journalist, were given to the Library of Congress in 1994 by Brennan Rash and Julianne Rash Weir.

Processing History:

The papers of Bryson B. Rash were arranged and described in 1996. The finding aid was revised in 2008.

Transfers:

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Copyright Status:

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Preferred Citation:

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Biographical Note

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1913, Aug. 18	Born, Los Angeles, Calif.
1925	Voice of Buster Brown, KMOX radio, St. Louis, Mo.
1933-1934	Announcer, KWK radio, St. Louis, Mo.
1934-1935	Announcer, KMOX radio, St. Louis, Mo.
1936	Announcer, WLW radio, Cincinnati, Ohio Staff announcer, Columbia Broadcasting System, Washington, D.C.
1937-1942	Newscaster and liaison with White House and State Department, National Broadcasting Co., Washington, D.C.
1939	Participated in the first remote television broadcast in the United States
1940	Married Esther Julie Jenkins
1942-1956	Newscaster, White House correspondent and director of special events and public affairs, American Broadcasting Co. and WMAL, Washington, D.C.
1947	Produced and reported the first Senate hearing to be televised (Foreign Relations Committee) Produced and reported the first White House speech by a president on television
1948	Pool correspondent for the first televised political convention
1954	Pool correspondent for all television networks, Senate Army-McCarthy hearings
1956	Pool correspondent for American radio networks, hydrogen bomb test at Eniwetok, Marshall Islands
1956-1970	Newscaster and reporter, National Broadcasting Co. and WRC, Washington, D.C.
1963	President, National Press Club
1970-1977	Manager, editorial services, WRC-TV, Washington, D.C.
1979-1983	Local history reporter, "P.M. Magazine"
1983	Published <i>Footnote Washington</i> . McLean, Va.: EPM Publications

1988-1989	Reporter for "Of Monuments and Myths" and "Landmarks and Legends," WETA, Public Broadcasting System, Washington, D.C.
1992, Nov. 10	Died, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Bryson Brennan Rash (1913-1992) span the years 1918-1992 and consist of broadcast scripts, correspondence, speeches, photographs, news clippings, a book draft, and miscellaneous biographical material. Reflecting Rash's pioneering role in radio and television broadcast journalism, the papers include material from a 1939 experimental television remote location transmission, the Army-McCarthy hearings, the hydrogen-bomb test in 1956 at Eniwetok (later known as Enewetak), Rash's years as White House correspondent during the Roosevelt, Truman, and Eisenhower administrations, and his work on local Washington, D.C., history.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by subject, name of person, or type of material.

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