

Emmett L. Bennett, Jr. Personal Papers and Memorabilia

Overview

Principle Creator: Emmett L. Bennett, Jr.

Principle Date(s): 1948-2001

Principle Language: English

Scope and Content: Records are diverse in type and contain correspondence, photographic material, and other various records, particularly relating to the Linear B script. Memorabilia includes his high school diploma, items from his undergraduate career at UC, personal photographs and slides, his trowel from Pylos, and his Gold Medal Award for Distinguished Archaeological Achievement received in 2001 from the Archaeological Institute of America.

Immediate Source of Acquisition: Emmett L. Bennett, Jr. via Ruth Palmer and Carol R. Hershenson prior to December 2011.

Access: Restricted. Please contact the Archivist for information.

Finding-Aid: This finding-aid was last edited in November 2016.

Series I: Correspondence

Box 01

Folder 01: Correspondence with Various

Ward W. Briggs Jr. to Emmett Bennett, letter of thanks for contribution to CAMWS, 1989

Bryn Mawr to Emmett Bennett on Linear text (signed in Linear B)

John Chadwick to Emmett Bennett, note originally attached to negatives of "the 7000 series", 11 April 1963

To Emmett Bennett, on included prints (25) of MY tablets

From Emmett Bennett, empty envelope indicating Huxley photos

Marco Corsini to Emmett Bennett on Phaistos Disc decipherment, on "proof" of the language of Linear A, 22 November 1985

From Emmett Bennett in reply to request about Nestor publication, forwarded to Cincinnati Nestor

Jack Davis to Emmett Bennett, note joking about disintegrating film, with empty slide mount

Carol Hershenson to Emmet Bennett, uncertain subject

Mabel Lang to Emmett Bennett on joining of 1189 and 1250 (PY tablets?), dated 5 May 1959

To Emmett Bennett on various matters, PY Tablets, Phaistos Disc, 4 May 1959

Bill McDonald to Emmett Bennett concerning the Mycenaean session, Linear A dated 22 September 1957

Piero Meriggi to Emmett Bennett concerning Linear texts, dated 7 November 1954

George E. Mylonas to Emmett Bennett, on inscribed sherd found at Mycenae, dated September 19 1962

Ruth Palmer to Bennett, 29 July (not year given), on pithos measurements (postcard)

Cynthia W. Shelmerdine from Emmett Bennett, letter of reference for Jose Melena

Louis E. Sessian to Emmett Bennett concerning the University of Kansas, Emmett's brother at the school, 6 Oct 1922

Lynn H. Shore to Emmett Bennett on an extra check sent during History Fund Contribution CAMWS 27 March 1989

Larry L. Stolzman CPA to Emmett Bennett (partial, end of note) on financial matters concerning divorce (?) from Marja Bennett

Peter Thompson to Emmett Bennett on Phaistos Disc script

University of Minnesota [name illegible] to Bennett concerning Bennett's paper to the APA about Mycenaean text, 9 August 1957

Michael Ventris from Emmett Bennett, 16 April 1949

N. M. Vezdelis, Ephor Nauplia to Emmett Bennett on stone with inscriptions found at Mycenae, photo of object included, 13 September 1962

Letter to Emmett Bennett regarding 1939 Hymettos excavation negatives and prints (signed by CSNOR?)

Folder 17: Correspondence with Carl W. Blegen

To Emmett Bennett concerning film prints of tablets from Pylos, Knossos, 13 April 1948

To Emmett Bennett concerning Linear inscription, Bennett's proposal to make character stamps, 16 May 1948

To Emmett Bennett concerning Pylos tablet photos, stamps of characters 2 June 1948

To Emmett Bennett concerning check sent to purchase stamps for Pylos characters, 11 June 1948

To Emmett Bennett concerning Pylos character stamps, Bennett presenting a paper in Baltimore 11 October 1949

To Emmett Bennett concerning Troy vol. II, III; AJA paper; Linear alphabet, publication of Pylos Tablets: Preliminary Transcription 23 February 1950

To Emmett Bennett concerning funds, Bennett's article for AJA, preliminary publication of the Pylos tablets

Box 6

Photographic copy of letter from Michael Ventris to Carl W. Blegen concerning PY 641 [mounted and framed, displaying color degradation from light exposure]

Series II: Linear Script Records

Subseries II.1 Transcriptions

Box 01 (continued)

Folder 02: Transcription and notes on Theban sealings

Folder 03: Transcriptions of Linear A inscriptions after Goold-Pope

Folder 04: Transcriptions of linear texts, each with tablet (?) number, stapled pack of lined paper

Handwritten Linear syllabary, 3 pages stapled brown plain paper Transcriptions of linear texts, no labels, stapled pack of plain brown paper

Transcriptions of linear texts, each with tablet (?) number, clear packet of photocopies Ventris transcription of Kn 02 tablet with notes

Folder 05: Overhead projection sheets with Linear texts

Folder 24: Transcriptions of Linear B tablet fragments

Box 02

Linear B press, "The forms of the signs found on the tablets from Mycenae"
 Linear B press, made at Yale, ELB

Subseries II.2 Concordances, Numerations, Glossaries

Box 01 (continued)

Folder 06: J. L. Melena, Concordance B Pylos Tablets: Components to Tablets, yellow packet
 J. L. Melena, Concordance B Pylos Tablets: Components to Tablets, updated 1996, Green binding

Folder 07: Classification of the Pylos Tablets with a Concordance of the former Classified Numeration

Diagraphic Frequencies, Table 14

Bennett's arbitrary numeration of frames of Knossos Photos, 1966

Catalog of tablets and pieces of tablets, Pylos 1955

Concordance, Pylos – Emile, 1969

Folder 08: Linear B Chrestomathy sheets (x20)

Folder 25: Gray Booklet: Glossary of 1956 Linear B Sign Groups, Michael Ventris

Folder 26: The Pylos Tablet: A preliminary Transcription, Emmett Bennett 1951

Subseries II.3 Publications and Manuscripts

Box 01 (continued)

Folder 09: Untitled, incomplete manuscript on Linear script found at Pylos

Folder 10: Hellas for Homer, Emil Smith 1926 (in Manila envelope)

Folder 11: Notes of various scripts with cover letter from Ann Stewart

Folder 12: PU-RO vacant (PY Tn 316.7-10, v. 13-16), Emmett Bennett

The Mycenaean Inscribed Sealings from Thebes, Vassilis Aravantinos

Die Mykenischen Personennamen auf den Pylos-Tafeln von 1939, Hugo Muhlestein

First Mycenaean Inscribed Tablets ever found on the Greek Mainland, Emmett Bennett

Folder 13: Scarabaeus Aureus Avitus, Emmett Bennett

Linear A House of Cards, Emmett Bennett, marked incomplete

Meddelanden fran den Nordiska Kommitten for Mykenska Studier, January 1968

Some remarks on the Minoan language, Const. Dem. Ktistopoulou –

Παρατηρησεις τινες επι της μινωικης γλωσσης, Κονστ. Δημ. Κτιστοπουλου

New Religious Texts fro Pylos, L. R. Palmer, one page of manuscript

Folder 14: The Minoan Linear Script from Pylos, Emmett Bennett

Folder 18: The Phaistos Disk: Solution, Explanation, Translations – Susan Winters
 Lawshe October 1967

Subseries II.4 Notes and Notebooks

Box 01 (continued)

Folder 15: Working notes, including hand drawn tablet fragment joins

Folder 16: Notebook with drawings and find spots of linear tablets (photocopies)

Series III: Excavation Papers, Journals, and Notes

Box 01 (continued)

Folder 19: Duncan Mackenzie daybook of excavations at Knossos, 1902

Daybook of excavations at Knossos, 1905 [author unknown]

Folder 20: Pylos notebooks (Photocopies? of original, on silver paper) 1952 and 1955
 Pylos notebooks (Photocopies? of original, on silver paper), various pages from CWB 1957, MNE 1957, MR 1957 and 1958

Folder 21: Pylos notebooks (photocopies of typed versions), CWB and MR, 1952, 1954, 1955

Series IV: Nestor Records

Box 01 (continued)

Folder 22: Nestor continue/stop service form

Nestor Partners, Private Placement Memorandum Dated January 21, 1977, with note to Emmett Bennett from Malcolm H. Wiener

Series V: Memorabilia and Other Records

Box 01 (continued)

Folder 23: The Pylos Papers - Inventory of Items in the ASCSA Archives Room, as of Oct. 1984

Fax cover sheet from Emmett Bennett to unknown, includes "Course of Action," three pages of articles on Emmett Bennett and Linear B, and two photos of archaeological site Drawing (and photocopy) of lyre player with Emmett L. Bennett printed beneath

Institute for Aegean Prehistory Distinguished Service Award photocopy

Archaeological Institute of America Gold Medal Award copy

Folder 27: Admission ticket to lecture on "Toward the Origins of the Mycenaean Script" by Emmett Bennett at the Society for the Promotion of Hellenic Studies, 18 March 1965

Brochure for "Problems in Decipherment" symposium in honor of Emmett Bennett, 8-9 April 1988

Pamphlet for the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

Postcard with photo of UC University Hall in snow

Cardboard square with large Linear B sign and Emmett Bennett's name on one side and "RI" on the reverse

Printed drawing "To Emmett L. Bennett from Don Wootton P.D 1925"

Box 02 (continued)

Emmett Bennett's diploma from Cincinnati High Schools, 1935

UC straight edge/ruler

Nestor and Emmett Bennett name tag

Figurine in traditional Greek clothing

Bag of foreign currency

1938 UC Glee Club Washington DC trip group photo

Watercolor painting by van Holt, 24 Marne Canal

Ladle in white envelope labeled entitled "One Wood Ladle, Once Broken, Once Mended"

Gold Medal Award for Distinguished Archaeological Achievement received in 2001

Series VI: Photographic Records

Box 01 (continued)

Folder 28: Large photos of Linear B tablets

Box 02 (continued)

14 unlabeled rolls of negatives
 1 negative roll labeled "26 Nike Samothrace"
 1 negative roll labeled "Trojan Horse Vase Mykonos"
 3 negative cases with unlabeled rolls of negatives
 1 negative case labeled "Mycenaean and Early Greek Art"
 1 negative case labeled "Art and Architecture of Ancient Crete"
 1 negative case with roll labeled "17 Corcyra Rediment," more labels inside roll
 1 negative case with labels inside roll
 1 negative roll in box labeled "Microfilm, Thesis! – J. J. Reich, M.A. 1964"
 Large negatives
 Mackenzie Pottery Notebooks
 Negative Knossos, ELB
 Positive P-52-1
 Positive Knossos
 Positive P-52-1
 Negative Knossos
 Positive Pylos R(?)
 Negative Knossos, ELB
 Positive Knossos
 Positive Knossos, ELB
 Evans & Mackenzie Notebooks
 Negative Knossos
 Negative P-52-1
 BPB 6301, Ashmolean Museum – Oxford, Evans Papers, 417 exposures (box)
 Knossos Tablets, 1950, B/C (Agfa 35mm film slip)
 Unlabeled (silver tin)
 Pylos 1959 Negative (silver tin)
 Unlabeled (silver tin)
 Unlabeled (silver tin)
 Unlabeled (silver tin)
 Unlabeled metal box with slides
 Unlabeled plastic case with slides

Box 03

Photos, drawings, and transcriptions of Linear B tablets from Pylos, individual tablets in separate brown sleeves
 AA60
 AA61
 AA62
 AA63
 AA75 [AA76?]
 AA85
 AA89
 AA93
 AA94

AA95
AA96
AA98
AA240
AA313
AA354
AA662
AA695
AA701
AA752
AA762
AA764
AA775 + AA956
AA783
AA786
AA798
AB186
AB189
AB190
AB194
AB210
AB217
AB277
AB356
AB372
AB379
AB382
AB388
AB417 + AB1050
AB468
AB553
AB554
AB558
AB562
AB573
AB578
AB584
AB586
AB745
AB746
AB789
AB899
AC1275
AC1278
AD290
AD295

AD318 + AD420
AD326
AD357
AD380
AD390
AD663
AD666
AD667
AD697
AD921 + AD375
AE8
AE26
AE27
AE72
AE134
AE142
AE264
AE303
AE344
AE489
AE765
AE1014
AN1
AN7
AN26
AN39
AN101
AN128
AN172
AN192
AN207 + AN360
AN209
AN233 + AN943
AN261 + AN857
AN292
AN340
AN424
AN519
AN594
AN607
AN610
AN614
AN615
AN616
AN724
AN830 + AN907

AN852
AN1281 [UN1281?]
AQ64
AQ218
CC660
CN40 [CN14?]
CN45
CN202
CN254 + CN272
CN285
CN314
CN418
CN436
CN437
CN440
CN441 [CN1069?]
CN453 + CN836
CN485
CN570
CN595
CN600
CN702
CN719
CN925
CN1116
CN1197
CN1287
CR591
EA52
EA56
EA71
EA102
EA109
EA132
EA136 + EA936
EA208 + EA258
EA259
EA270
EA304 + EA307 + EA1023
EA305
EA325
EA421
EA439
EA757
EA809
EA922

EB149 + EB940
EB152
EB156 + EB157
EB159
EB177 + EB1010
EB294
EB297
EB321 + EB327 + EB1153
EB339 + EB409
EB347
EB364 + EB366
EB369
EB377
EB416
EB472
EB473
EB477
EB495
EB496 + EB1034
EB498
EB499 [EB892?]
EB502
EB534 [EB501?]
EB566
EB818
EB842
EB846
EB862
EB871
EB874 + EB902
EB877
EB884
EB885
EB890 + EB898 + EB933
EB893 + EB897
EB895 + EB906
EB903
EB909 [EB905?]
EB935 [EB913?]
EB976
EB1344 [EB916?]
EB1348 [EB915?]
EB1352 + EB1353
ED236
ED317
ED411

ED847
ED901
EN74
EN467
EN609
EO160
EO211
EO269
EO276
EO278
EO281
EO371
EO444
EO471 + EO855
EP212
EP301
EP539
EP613 + EP1131
EP704
EP705
EQ146
EQ213
ER312
ER880
ES650
ES652
FA1195 + FA1196
FG253
FG368
FG374
FN41
FN50
FN79
FN187
FN324 + FN1031 + FN1454
FN837 + FN864
FN 965
FN975
FR343
FR1201
FR1209
FR1211
FR1231
FR1237
GN428
JN320

JN410 + JN413 + JN1067
JN415
JN431 + JN433 + XN1058 + XN1154
JN478
JN601
JN605
JN725
JN750
JN829
JN832
JN881
JN927
JO438
LA623
MA90
MA120
MA123
MA124
MA193
MA216
MA221
MA225
MA330
MA333 + MA526
MA335 + XN244
MA346
MA365
MA378
MA393
MA397 + MA1048
MB1366
MN11
NA106
NA195 [NA527?]
NA197
NA198
NA245
NA262
NA345 + EB1350 + XN1015
NA361
NA395
NA396
NA405
NA406
NA419
NA425

NA514
NA529
NA532
NA542
NA543
NA544
NA568
NA571
NA576
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NA604
NA856
NA923
NA924
NA926
NA928
NA941
NA1009
NA1013
NA1016
NA1027
NA1038
NA1041
NA1053
NA1086
NA1091
NA1092
NG319
NN831
ON300
PA49
PA53
PA398
PA889 + PA1002
QA1289
QA1297
QA1303 + QA1307
SA22
SA287
SA403
SA483 + SA1079
SA487
SA488
SA753
SA761
SA767

SA769
SA774
SA791
SA796
SA840
SA843
SA1266
SA1267
TA641
TA709
TN316
UA25
UA158
UA407
UA434 [UN434?]
UB1316
UB1318
UN2
UN6
UN219
UN443
UN612
UN853 + UN869 + UN870 + UN876
UN1177
UN1185
UN1193
UN1314
UN1319
UN1320 + UN1442 + XN1447 + XN1448
UN1322
VA15
VA482
VN19
VN20
VN130
VN493
VN851
VN879
VN1339
WA114
WA362
WA401
WA732
WA917
WA948
WA1008

WR1328
 XA289 + AD681 + AD687
 XA400
 XA412
 XA463
 XA1044
 XA1365 + XA1386
 XA1376
 XA1424 [XA1438?]
 XN358
 XN435 + XN1033 + AN1061 + AN1033
 XN442
 XN1059 + XN1071 + CN1066
 XN1104
 XN1149

Folder 01: Uncategorized photos

155
 162
 176
 835
 861
 868
 872
 964
 1251
 1259
 1272
 1341
 1345

Folder 02: Unmatched photos without original sleeve

Folder 03: Empty envelopes, some labeled

Box 4

Accordion folder with color-coded number chart on front, original location of numbered photos below

Folder 01: Photos of Linear tablets and seals

Folder 02: ELB early publication for Linear alphabetic bees, scans of Linear tablets

Folder 03: Panatomic X film negatives of Linear tablets

Folder 04: Negatives of "Frantz Photos 1039" of Linear B tablets from Pylos

Folder 05: Loose photos of Linear tablets and clear sleeves w/ photos of tablets on labeled cards

Folder 06: Negatives of Linear tablets

Folder 07: Photos, scans, and drawings of Linear tablets, originally labeled "For Nestor Please"

Folder 08: Large, high quality photos of Linear tablets

- Folder 09: Loose photos and scans of tablets, original folder sent to ELB from Brussels
- Folder 10: Photos of Linear tablets, tablet material, and seals originally from Ruth Palmer to ELB labeled "Gillieron 1939"
- Folder 11: Scans and photos of Linear tablets
- Folder 12: Numbered photos of Pylos tablets 3-51
- Folder 13: Numbered photos of Pylos tablets 52-90, [91-153 no photos present]
- Folder 14: Numbered photos of Pylos tablets 154-204
- Folder 15: Numbered photos of Pylos tablets 205-251
- Folder 16: Numbered photos of Pylos tablets 252-369
- Folder 17: Numbered photos of Pylos tablets 371-410
- Folder 18: Numbered photos of Pylos tablets 416-513
- Folder 19: Numbered photos of Pylos tablets 42-121-200
- Folder 20: Numbered photos of Pylos tablets 201-273-320
- Folder 21: Numbered photos of Pylos tablets 320-356-436
- Folder 22: Numbered photos of Pylos tablets 437-472-515
- Folder 23: "Photographs of the Linear B Tablets Excavated in 1939 at the Palace of Nestor, Ano Englianos" by Alison Frantz at ASCSA.
- Folder 24: "Photographs of the Linear B Tablets Excavated in 1939 at the Palace of Nestor, Ano Englianos" by Alison Frantz at ASCSA. (Continued)
- Folder 25: "Photographs of the Linear B Tablets Excavated in 1939 at the Palace of Nestor, Ano Englianos" by Alison Frantz at ASCSA. (Continued)

Box 5

- Manila envelopes (rubber banded) with Duplicate Prints from 1939-1954
- Manila envelope with "Work on the Pylos Tablets" and photos of tablet joins
- Box with photos, drawings, and notes for linear tablets
- Folder 01: Nine pages of plates of Linear B tablets
- Folder 02: In folder labeled "Seq. Initiale": Two cardboard cutouts of Linear B tablets; Loose photos of Linear B tablets; Materials and photos for the preparing of plates of Linear B tablets
- Folder 03: Loose photos of Linear B tablets
- Folder 04: Envelope with loose photos of Linear B tablets and fingerprints on tablets
- Folder 05: Cards with photos of Linear B tablets and number (similar to those in Box 3)
- Folder 06: Cards with photos of Linear B tablets and number (similar to those in Box 3)
- Folder 07: Cards with photos of Linear B tablets and number (similar to those in Box 3)
- Folder 08: Cards with photos of Linear B tablets and number (similar to those in Box 3)
- Folder 09: Newspaper clippings of archaeological finds from 1960's
Cardboard folder with postcards from British Museum (of Ancient Greek objects) and Safety film of plates of Acropolis of Pylos
- Folder 10: Various photos, drawings, and scans of Linear tablets and archaeological sites
- Folder 11: Two small envelopes with photos of tablets, sites, and pottery
35mm film slip with Knossos tablet photos, 1950 Heraklion museum
Small envelope with 4 slides of pottery from Kea
One slide of Minoan double-axes in museum case
Loose photos of tablets
Postcard of Mycenae

Folder 12: Black and white copies of photos of 1939 Pylos tablets in situ
Folder 13: Personal photos

Box 6 (continued)

Folder 01: Numbered photos of Pylos tablets in plastic sleeves, various missing numbers
from Box 4

Folder 02: Photos of Linear tablets and seals on cards with tablet number

Folder 03: Photos of Linear tablets and seals on cards with tablet number (Continued)

Folder 04: Photos of Linear tablets and seals on cards with tablet number (Continued)

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