The Baylor Lariat

November 3, 1944.

Baylor Mourns Death of K.H. Aynesworth.

Dr. Kenneth Hazen Aynesworth was a prominent surgeon in the Waco community during the early 1900s and a famous collector of Texan materials. The gift of his personal library and papers began what is now The Texas Collection.

Aynesworth, the son of George Levin and Ellen Hickman Aynesworth, was born in Florence, Texas, on 1873 February 9. He attended Baylor University from 1892 to 1894, and was once a roommate of Pat Neff. In 1899, Aynesworth earned his medical degree from the University of Texas Medical School at Galveston. Three years later, on 1902 December 31, he married Maude Brian. The couple had four children: Kenneth, Jr., Edna Maude, Nancy, and Brian.

His work in the field of medicine brought many opportunities to Aynesworth. While finishing his doctoral degree, he interned at John Sealy Hospital in Galveston. In 1902, prior to his marriage to Maude Brian, Aynesworth pursued postgraduate studies at the Friedrich Wilhelm University in Berlin. Returning to the United States, Aynesworth began his own private practice of general surgery in Waco, Texas. In 1909, he studied at the prestigious medical school at John Hopkins University. For forty years, Dr. Aynesworth practiced medicine in the Waco area, primarily at Providence Hospital. Many of his medical research papers can be found in the collection. Despite his busy work schedule, Aynesworth was involved in a number of medical and local organizations including the Waco Board of Health, the Waco School Board, the Waco Planning and Zoning Commission, and the American College of Surgeons.

In addition to his professional work, Dr. Aynesworth was a collector of Texas history. In 1923, he donated hundreds of items to Baylor University in order to found The Kenneth Hazen Aynesworth Texas History Collection. To ensure the collection was properly funded, Aynesworth contributed to the institution on an annual basis. The name of the repository was changed to the Texas Historical Collection, which later became The Texas Collection.

Aynesworth devoted much of his spare time promoting the education of others. He donated a large collection of American Indian archaeological materials to the John K. Strecker Museum, now known as the Mayborn. For his generosity, Baylor University awarded Dr. Aynesworth with an honorary law degree in 1933. In the late 1930s, Aynesworth served as a regent for the University of Texas, where a small collection of his papers are housed to this day. On 1944 October 30, Aynesworth died of a cerebral hemorrhage. He is buried in Oakwood Cemetery.

Related Resources

Related citations

Archival Arrangement
The Kenneth Hazen Aynesworth Papers were fairly well-organized prior to this latest level of processing. A detailed folder inventory and brief biographical sketch already existed. However, some of the clippings were deteriorating and the folders were over-stuffed. The current arrangement reflects the original order of the collection, but folder titles have been changed occasionally.

The Kenneth Hazen Aynesworth Papers now consists of eight series: I. Family, II. Correspondence, III. Photographic Materials, IV. Medical Practice, V. Subject Files, VI. Collected Materials, VII. Literary Productions, and VIII. Personal.

Series 1: Family. 1826-1965, undated

Summary Information
Extant (quantity/size) This series contains ten document boxes.

Administrative/Biographical History
The family series contains correspondence, genealogical materials, and general documents pertaining to Dr. Kenneth Aynesworth and his family. Subseries I. Family Correspondence is one of the largest sections in the Aynesworth Papers. The materials are in average to good condition.

Series 2: Correspondence. 1898-1944, undated

Summary Information
Extant (quantity/size) This series contains twenty-five document boxes.

Administrative/Biographical History
This series contains sent correspondence, received correspondence, cards, and classified correspondence involving Dr. Kenneth Aynesworth. Topics of these letters include politics, history, medicine, business, and education. The materials are in good condition.

Series 3: Photographic Materials. 1937-1944, undated

Summary Information
Extant (quantity/size) This series is comprised of eight folders.
Media Photographic print; Tintypes

Administrative/Biographical History
This series contains photographs and tintypes pertaining to the Aynesworth family. There is also a folder of photographs concerning World War II England, one of Aynesworth's sons was a veteran of the European theater. These materials are in good condition.

Item List
Box 35. Folder 1. Photographic Materials: Photos: General, 1937
Box 35. Folder 2. Photographic Materials: Photos: General (1 of 2), undated
Box 35. Folder 3. Photographic Materials: Photos: General (2 of 2), undated
Box 35. Folder 6. Photographic Materials: Photos: Kenneth Aynesworth (1 of 2), undated
Box 35. Folder 7. Photographic Materials: Photos: Kenneth Aynesworth (2 of 2), undated
Box 35. Folder 8. Photographic Materials: Tintypes: General, undated

Series 4: Medical Practice. 1929-1943, undated

Summary Information
Extant (quantity/size) This series is comprised of two document boxes.

Administrative/Biographical History
This series contains medical records from Dr. Aynesworth's practice in the Waco area. Materials pertaining to the Central Texas Clinic, Hillcrest Hospital, Providence Hospital, and Providence Sanitarium can be found in this series. The materials are in good condition.

Item List
Box 35. Folder 9. Medical Practice: Central Texas Clinic, 1929 November
Box 35. Folder 10. Medical Practice: Central Texas Clinic, 1929 November-December
Box 35. Folder 11. Medical Practice: Central Texas Clinic, 1930 January-July
Box 35. Folder 12. Medical Practice: Central Texas Clinic, 1930 August-1931 March
Box 35. Folder 13. Medical Practice: Central Texas Clinic, 1931 April-November
Box 35. Folder 14. Medical Practice: Central Texas Clinic, 1931 December-1932 March
Box 35. Folder 15. Medical Practice: Central Texas Clinic, 1932 April-November
Box 35. Folder 16. Medical Practice: Central Texas Clinic, 1933
Materials are in average to good condition. Contents generally concern the topics of interest including education, Baylor University, politics, medicine, Texas, Waco, and World War II. The materials are in average to good condition.

Administrative/Biographical History
Dr. Aynesworth was an avid collector of local and state history. This series contains subject files pertaining to various topics of interest including education, Baylor University, politics, medicine, Texas, Waco, and World War II. The materials are in average to good condition.

Item List
Box 36. Folder 8. Subject Files: Book Lists, 1943, undated
Box 36. Folder 9. Subject Files: Communism, 1931-1937, undated
Box 36. Folder 10. Subject Files: Education: General, 1929-1930
Box 36. Folder 11. Subject Files: Education: General, 1931-1932
Box 36. Folder 12. Subject Files: Education: General, 1933-1936
Box 36. Folder 13. Subject Files: Education: General, 1937
Box 36. Folder 14. Subject Files: Education: General, 1939
Box 36. Folder 15. Subject Files: Education: General, 1942
Box 36. Folder 16. Subject Files: Education: General, 1943
Box 36. Folder 17. Subject Files: Education: General, 1944
Box 36. Folder 18. Subject Files: Education: General, undated
Box 39. Folder 1. Subject Files: Waco: General, 1930-1935
Box 39. Folder 2. Subject Files: Waco: General, 1934-1935
Box 39. Folder 3. Subject Files: Waco: General, 1936-1937
Box 39. Folder 4. Subject Files: Waco: General, 1941-1942
Box 39. Folder 5. Subject Files: Waco: General, 1942, undated
Box 39. Folder 6. Subject Files: Waco: Housing Authority, 1941-1942
Box 39. Folder 7. Subject Files: Waco: Housing Authority, 1942
Box 39. Folder 8. Subject Files: Waco: Housing Authority, 1943-1944
Box 39. Folder 9. Subject Files: Waco: Housing Authority, 1944-1945
Box 39. Folder 10. Subject Files: Waco: Zoning: General, 1931-1932
Box 39. Folder 11. Subject Files: Waco: Zoning: General, undated
Series 6: Collected Materials. 1836-1943, undated

Summary Information
Extent (quantity/size) This series contains two document boxes and two oversize boxes.

Administrative/Biographical History
This series contains materials collected, not produced, by Kenneth Ayresworth. This series is different from the subject files because the materials are not organized by topic but by type of material. However, the themes of politics, history, education, and medicine are still prominent. The series is in good condition.

Item List
Box 40. Folder 1. Collected Materials: General, 1836-1894
Box 40. Folder 2. Collected Materials: General, 1898-1933
Box 40. Folder 3. Collected Materials: General, 1934-1939
Box 40. Folder 4. Collected Materials: General (1 of 9), undated
Box 40. Folder 5. Collected Materials: General (2 of 9), undated
Box 40. Folder 6. Collected Materials: General (3 of 9), undated
Box 40. Folder 7. Collected Materials: General (4 of 9), undated
Box 40. Folder 8. Collected Materials: General (5 of 9), undated
Box 40. Folder 9. Collected Materials: General (6 of 9), undated
Box 40. Folder 10. Collected Materials: General (7 of 9), undated
Box 40. Folder 11. Collected Materials: General (8 of 9), undated
Box 40. Folder 12. Collected Materials: General (9 of 9), undated
Box 40. Folder 13. Collected Materials: Advertisements: General, 1886-1887
Box 40. Folder 17. Collected Materials: Clippings: General, 1933-1943
Box 40. Folder 18. Collected Materials: Clippings: General, undated
Box 41. Folder 1. Collected Materials: Essays: General, 1934
Box 41. Folder 2. Collected Materials: Essays: General, 1935
Box 41. Folder 3. Collected Materials: Essays: General, 1938
Box 41. Folder 4. Collected Materials: Essays: General (1 of 3), undated
Box 41. Folder 5. Collected Materials: Essays: General (2 of 3), undated
Box 41. Folder 6. Collected Materials: Essays: General (3 of 3), undated
Box 41. Folder 8. Collected Materials: Essays: Randolph Adams, 1940-1941
Box 41. Folder 9. Collected Materials: Lists: General, 1890-1897
Box 41. Folder 10. Collected Materials: Lists: General (1 of 2), 1898
Box 41. Folder 11. Collected Materials: Lists: General (2 of 2), 1898
Box 41. Folder 13. Collected Materials: Pamphlets: General, 1937
Box 41. Folder 14. Collected Materials: Pamphlets: General, 1938-1941
Box 41. Folder 15. Collected Materials: Pamphlets: General, undated
Box 41. Folder 16. Collected Materials: Periodicals: Frontier Times, 1940 December
Box 41. Folder 18. Collected Materials: Poetry: General, 1940
Box 41. Folder 19. Collected Materials: Poetry: General, 1941-1942, undated
Box 41. Folder 20. Collected Materials: Poetry: General, undated
Box 41. Folder 22. Collected Materials: Speeches: General (2 of 2), 1934, undated
Box 41. Folder 23. Collected Materials: Travel Guide: Germany, 1901
Box 41. Folder 24. Collected Materials: Travel Guide: Germany, 1902
Box 49. OZ. Folder 1. Collected Materials: General, 1924
Box 49. OZ. Folder 2. Collected Materials: General, 1933-1939 February
Box 49. OZ. Folder 3. Collected Materials: General, 1939 May
Box 49. OZ. Folder 4. Collected Materials: General, 1939 December-1941, undated
Box 50. OZ. Folder 1. Collected Materials: Bonds: Union Trust Company, 1902
Box 50. OZ. Folder 2. Collected Materials: Periodicals: General, 1933-1940, undated
Series 7: Literary Productions. 1905-1945, undated

Summary Information

Extent (quantity/size) This series contains four document boxes and two oversized boxes.

Administrative/Biographical History

This series contains addresses, manuscripts, essays, and other literary productions produced by or directly pertaining to Dr. Kenneth Aynesworth. Medical and educational essays are particularly well-represented in the series. The materials are in good condition.

Item List

Box 42. Folder 1. Literary Productions: Address: “Division of Labor in the Machine Age”; K.H. Aynesworth, 1938
Box 42. Folder 2. Literary Productions: Address: “Education in a Democracy”; K.H. Aynesworth: Philosopher’s Club, 1932 October 10
Box 42. Folder 3. Literary Productions: Address: Funeral: Kenneth Aynesworth, 1944-1945
Box 42. Folder 4. Literary Productions: Address: “Higher Education and the Democratic Ideal”; Kenneth Aynesworth: University of Texas, 1938 August 29
Box 42. Folder 5. Literary Productions: Address: Kenneth Aynesworth: Southwestern University, 1941 December 2
Box 42. Folder 6. Literary Productions: Address: Kenneth Aynesworth: Texas Dental College, 1942 June 8
Box 42. Folder 7. Literary Productions: Address: Memorial for Dr. James Thompson: Kenneth Aynesworth, 1927
Box 42. Folder 8. Literary Productions: Address: “The Cavemen of 1939”; Kenneth Hazen Aynesworth, 1939 March 10
Box 42. Folder 9. Literary Productions: Address: “The Conditions of the Peace”; Kenneth Hazen Aynesworth, 1943 May 11
Box 42. Folder 10. Literary Productions: Address: “The Doctor, Then and Now”; K.H. Aynesworth, 1942 March 20
Box 42. Folder 11. Literary Productions: Address: “The Little Boy’s Journey”; K.H. Aynesworth, 1939 September 29
Box 42. Folder 12. Literary Productions: Address: “The Physician as a Citizen”; Kenneth Aynesworth: University of Texas: Medical Department, 1929 May 31
Box 42. Folder 13. Literary Productions: Addresses: General, 1917
Box 42. Folder 14. Literary Productions: Addresses: General, 1930
Box 42. Folder 15. Literary Productions: Addresses: General, 1931
Box 42. Folder 16. Literary Productions: Addresses: General, 1932
Box 42. Folder 17. Literary Productions: Addresses: General, 1933-1940 July
Box 42. Folder 18. Literary Productions: Addresses: General, 1940 October, undated
Box 42. Folder 19. Literary Productions: Addresses: General, undated
Box 43. Folder 1. Literary Productions: Clippings: General, 1940
Box 43. Folder 2. Literary Productions: Commencement Addresses, 1938
Box 43. Folder 3. Literary Productions: Commencement Addresses, 1941
Box 43. Folder 4. Literary Productions: Commencement Addresses, 1942 March
Box 43. Folder 5. Literary Productions: Commencement Addresses, 1942, undated
Box 43. Folder 6. Literary Productions: Drama: “It’s All in a Day’s Work”; K.H. Aynesworth, 1934
Box 43. Folder 9. Literary Productions: Essay: Phi Beta Kappa Fraternity, 1934 May 14
Box 43. Folder 10. Literary Productions: Essay: “Phil Nelan and his Companions”; J.A. Quintero, 1936
Box 43. Folder 17. Literary Productions: Essay: “The Layman’s Viewpoint of a Modern University, Its Missions, Its Methods, Its Results”; Kenneth Aynesworth, 1934 April 17
Box 43. Folder 18. Literary Productions: Essays: General, 1927
Box 43. Folder 19. Literary Productions: Essays: General, 1931-1932
Box 43. Folder 20. Literary Productions: Essays: General, 1934 January–March
Box 43. Folder 22. Literary Productions: Essays: General, 1936-1938
Box 44. Folder 1. Literary Productions: Essays: General, 1938
Box 44. Folder 2. Literary Productions: Essays: General, 1939
Box 44. Folder 3. Literary Productions: Essays: General, 1940 March–April
Box 44. Folder 4. Literary Productions: Essays: General, 1940
Box 44. Folder 5. Literary Productions: Essays: General, 1941-1943
Box 44. Folder 6. Literary Productions: Essays: General (1 of 5), undated
Box 44. Folder 7. Literary Productions: Essays: General (2 of 5), undated
Box 44. Folder 8. Literary Productions: Essays: General (3 of 5), undated
Box 44. Folder 9. Literary Productions: Essays: General (4 of 5), undated
Box 44. Folder 10. Literary Productions: Essays: General (5 of 5), undated
Box 44. Folder 11. Literary Productions: Essays: Medical, 1905-1911
Box 44. Folder 12. Literary Productions: Essays: Medical, 1912-1913
Box 44. Folder 13. Literary Productions: Essays: Medical, 1925-1926
Box 44. Folder 14. Literary Productions: Essays: Medical, 1926-1931
Box 44. Folder 15. Literary Productions: Essays: Medical, 1933
Box 44. Folder 16. Literary Productions: Essays: Medical, 1935-1937 May
Box 44. Folder 17. Literary Productions: Essays: Medical, 1937 November–1938 May
Box 44. Folder 18. Literary Productions: Essays: Medical, 1938 June-November
Box 44. Folder 19. Literary Productions: Essays: Medical, 1942-1943
Box 44. Folder 20. Literary Productions: Essays: Medical (1 of 2), undated
Box 44. Folder 21. Literary Productions: Essays: Medical (2 of 2), undated
Box 44. Folder 22. Literary Productions: Manuscript: “Biological Basis of Human Conduct”, undated
Box 44. Folder 23. Literary Productions: Manuscript: “Education in a Democracy”; K.H. Aynesworth: Philosopher’s Club (1 of 3), 1932 October 10
Series 8: Personal. 1860-1943, undated

Summary Information

**Extent (quantity/size)** This series contains three document boxes and two oversized boxes.

Administrative/Biographical History

This series contains personal materials belonging to Kenneth Aynesworth including records of his membership in various local and medical organizations, legal papers, and certificates. The materials are in average to good condition.