

# EDWARD J. BENNETT PAPERS, ca. 1939-1995

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Collection #:  
M 705  
OM 374

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## USER INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 box

COLLECTION DATES: ca. 1939-1995

PROVENANCE: Henry W. Bennett, Wisconsin Rapids, WI, 17 October 1997

RESTRICTIONS: None

REPRODUCTION RIGHTS: Permission to reproduce or publish material in this collection must be obtained in writing from the Indiana Historical Society.

ALTERNATE FORMATS: None

OTHER FINDING AIDS: None

RELATED HOLDINGS: None

ACCESSION NUMBERS: 1998.0028

NOTES:

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## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Edward Jaquelin Bennett (1893-1975) was a lifelong resident of Indianapolis, Indiana. He was the son of a prosperous manufacturer of cast iron heating stoves and insurance company president, Henry W. Bennett. In 1914, Edward graduated from Wabash College (Crawfordsville, Montgomery Co.). Throughout his life he was an entrepreneur, bank director, and businessman. He inherited his father's stove business, Indianapolis Stove Company, and owned it until the family business was sold in 1951. Edward started a solenoid valve manufacturing business, Atkomatic Value Company, in 1942. He retired in 1963.

He was a member of the University Club, the Woodstock Club, and the Dramatic Club (M 646, Dramatic Club Records). Edward was elected to membership in the Indianapolis Literary Club on 28 November 1997 and was an active member until late in his life. He read eleven essays at the club, many of which were murder mysteries.

Edward and his wife, France H., had three sons: Henry W., Charles H., and Edward J., Jr.

Source: Material in the collection.  
*Indiana Biography Series*, Vol. 83, p. 29.

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### SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of research materials and manuscripts of Edward J. Bennett's mysteries and papers delivered to the Indianapolis Literary Club. Seven of the stories in this collection were included in *Murder Most Foul and Other Grisly Tales*, which was compiled and published by his son, Henry W. Bennett in December 1995. A copy of *Murder Most Foul* is present.

Research materials for Bennett's story, "The Cold Spring Murder," include a copy of *The Cold Spring Tragedy*, which describes a murder that took place in Cold Spring, Indiana (Dearborn Co.) in 1868. There are seven photostat copies of newspaper articles concerning the murder. Another story, "Belle Gunness," was based on events that took place in LaPorte, Indiana.

The collection also contains another paper by Bennett entitled "Arthur Schopenhauer" and a memorial to Evans Woollen, Jr., which might have been authored by Bennett.

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### FOLDER LISTING

#### FOLDER CONTENTS

- 1 *Murder Most Foul and Other Grisly Tales*
- 2 "Murder Most Foul"
- 3 "The Life and Times of Lizzie Borden"
- 4 "Arsenic at Eventide"
- 5 "The Cold Spring Murder"
- 6 *The Cold Spring Tragedy*
- 7 (OM 374) Newspaper Clippings (Research for "The Cold Spring Murder")
- 8 "The Tichborne Case"
- 9 (OM 374) "Belle Gunness"

10 "No Mean City"

11 "Arthur Schopenhauer"; Memorial to Evans Woollen, Jr.

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### CATALOGUING INFORMATION

MAIN ENTRY: Bennett, Edward J., 1893-1975

SUBJECT ENTRIES: Bennett, Edward J., 1893-1975

Gunness, Belle, 1859-1908

Schopenhauer, Arthur, 1788-1860

Woollen, Evans, 1897-1959

Indianapolis Literary Club

Authors, American--Indiana--Indianapolis

Detective and mystery stories, American--Indiana--Indianapolis

ADDED ENTRIES: Murder most foul and other grisly tales

Cold Spring tragedy

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