

Guide to
MS 067
B.F. Jenness, M.D. papers

Span Dates, 1910-1967
Bulk Date, 1955

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Biographical Sketch

Burt Franklin Jenness was a Lieutenant Commander in the United States Navy, physician, and adjunct professor for the College of Mines and Metallurgy (Texas Western) in El Paso, Texas. Burt Franklin (B.F.) Jenness, M.D., was born in Pittsfield, New Hampshire in 1876. Jenness attended Dartmouth Medical School and the Naval Medical School. He became a physician and educator who served as a medical doctor-assistant surgeon in the United States Navy from 1902-1914. As a result of World War I, his military status was later reactivated in 1917-1919. During his time in the military, Jenness earned the rank as Lieutenant Commander (LCDR, Medical Corps) B.F. Jenness.

In 1917, Jenness became an adjunct professor in the mining and biology departments at the College of Mines and Metallurgy (later Texas Western, now the University of Texas at El Paso). He stayed in that position until 1949. After which, Dr. Jenness served as the director of the Health Services Department at Texas Western College until he retired in 1957. While working as the Health Officer, he wrote Health Bulletins and notes to the students living in the dorms. The Health Bulletins focused on checkups, vaccinations, and other medical issues as they occurred. During his lifetime, Jenness wrote several articles that can be found in professional medical journals and local and national newspapers. Jenness also wrote and published about five books of poetry, and wrote the lyrics to the poem "Men O' Mines." The poem was re-worked and turned into the football fight song and the alma mater for Texas Western College in 1956. Dr. B.F. Jenness passed away at age 95 in 1971. After his death, Jenness's position at Health Services was discontinued, and the Student Health Center took over the functions that Jenness created and performed during his time as Health Service Officer.

[Source: Whitaker, Lori. "B.F. Jenness, Health Service Officer at the Texas College of Mines and Metallurgy," *UTEP Transformations Blog*.]

Series Description or Arrangement

The B.F. Jenness papers are arranged in five series:

Series I. Health Records

Series is divided into four sub-series - Blank Health Forms, Health Notes, Health Bulletins (College of Mines and Metallurgy and Texas Western College), and Health Service Reports-Financial. All sub-series are arranged chronologically.

Series II. Correspondence, 1924-1935

Arranged chronologically.

Series III. Research, Class and Lecture Notes, 1931

Series is divided into three sub-series - Research papers, Class Notes, and Lecture Notes. All sub-series are arranged chronologically.

Series IV. Publications, 1910-1967

Series is divided into two sub-series – Journals and Newspaper clippings. All sub-series are arranged chronologically.

Series V. Photographs, 1933-1963

Arranged chronologically.

Scope and Content Notes

The B.F. Jenness papers date from 1921 to 1967, bulk 1955. Types of papers include blank medical forms, health notes, health bulletins, health reports, correspondence, research, class and lecture notes, publications, newspaper clippings, and photographs.

The Health Records series contains blank medical forms, health notes, health bulletins, and financial reports from the Health Service Center. The Correspondence series contains various correspondence to and from Jenness from the Texas College of Mines and Metallurgy, Texas Western College, the United States Navy, and personal letters from friends. The Research, Class and Lecture Notes series contains research papers that B.F. Jenness wrote, class notes from when he was taking classes at the University of Southern California, and lecture notes from his time as an adjunct professor at Texas College of Mines and Metallurgy. The Publications series contains various journals, Jenness's articles as well as newspaper clippings featuring his poetry and medical achievements. The Photographs series consists of various photos of specimens from biology classes, Jenness with some of his students, a copy of a letter from Texas Western College and a copy of a photograph of the Jarilla Mountains (Otero County, New Mexico).

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Researchers should also view:

Owen Payne White papers, C.L. Sonnichsen Special Collections Department, the University of Texas at El Paso Library.

Allpoetry.com: "Burt Franklin Jenness" http://allpoetry.com/Burt_Franklin_Jenness

"Funeral set for Dr. Jenness," El Paso Herald-Post, October 15, 1971. Stout-Feldmand

Interview with William and Valilyan Strain:

<http://digitalcommons.utep.edu/interviews/642/>

Studio photographs, PH074, C. L. Sonnichsen Special Collections Department, the University of Texas at El Paso Library.

UTEP catalogs, 1917-1957:

<http://academics.utep.edu/Default.aspx?alias=academics.utep.edu/catalogarchive>

Container List

Series I. Health Records, 1932 – 1957 and undated

Box #	Folder #	Title	Date
1	1	Health Service Forms-Blank	undated
1	2	Health Notes	undated
1	3	Health Bulletins (1 of 2)	undated, 1932-1943
1	4	Health Bulletins (2 of 2)	1944-1957
1	5	Health Service Reports-Financial	undated, 1933-1955

Series II. Correspondence, 1924-1935 and undated

Box #	Folder #	Title	Date
1	6	Correspondence	undated, 1933-1955

Series III. Research, Class and Lecture Notes, 1931 and undated

Box #	Folder #	Title	Date
2	1	Research	undated
2	2	Class Notes	undated, 1931
2	3	Biology Laboratory Guide	undated
2	4	<i>A Manual of Health Lecture: Section 1</i> by B.F. Jenness	undated
2	5	<i>A Manual of Health Lecture: Section 2</i> by B.F. Jenness	undated

Series IV. Publications, 1910-1967 and undated

Box #	Folder #	Title	Date
2	6	Publications	1910-1955
2	7	Newspaper clippings	undated, 1921-1967

Series V. Photographs, 1933-1963 and undated

Box #	Folder #	Title	Date
2	5	Photographs of lizard	undated
2	5	Photographs of frog	undated
2	5	Photographs of newt	undated
2	5	Photograph of man with tail	undated
2	5	Photographs of B.F. Jenness with students	1933
2	5	Photograph of a letter to B.F. Jenness from Texas Western College	1952
2	5	Photograph copy of a 1905 photograph of the Jarilla Mountains near Orogrande, New Mexico	1963

