

Ethel Bentley Collection Notes

Ethel Bentley was born in England, 1869 to Anderton and Elizabeth Bentley. Her father immigrated to the United States in April 1871, and Ethel and her mother followed in October 1871. Ethel's obituary stated that her mother was ill during the entire trip; her younger brother, James, was born in Michigan approximately one month after they arrived in the United States.

Miss Bentley taught in several Toledo Public Schools. She became a member of First Baptist Church and then Ashland Avenue Baptist Church. She served as a missionary teacher in India, China, Burma and other Asian countries. After an injury caused her to return home from Asia, she traveled several times to Europe. She died in Toledo on July 24, 1954 and was buried in Woodlawn Cemetery.

The first two items in the collection are a diary of a trip in 1914 and a small scrapbook of clippings from 1914. A ship passenger list for Boston shows Ethel and her father returning to the United States on October 6, 1914 on the ship "Laconia" after leaving from Liverpool, England.

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- Item 1 Diary of European trip, 1914
- Item 2 Scrapbook of newspaper clippings, 1914
- Item 3 Photograph album, 1925
- Item 4 Postcard album, n.d.