

## Congregational Library & Archives

Dwight J. Bradley papers, 1936-1962.

MS5163

### Summary

**Creator:** Bradley, Dwight J. (Dwight Jaques), 1889-1957.

Bradley, Elizabeth Ganse

**Title:** Dwight J. Bradley papers, 1936-1962.

**Dates:** 1936-1962, bulk 1940-1942

**Extent:** 2 document cases (0.8 cubic feet)

**Collection ID Number:** MS5163

**Language:** English

**Abstract:** Dwight J. Bradley was a clergyman, author, and social commentator who served as a pastor for several Congregational churches and as executive director for the Council for Social Action. This collection consists of daily journals, several published books, three unpublished works and correspondence.

### Collection History and Status

**Custodial History:** Items held by Brooklyn College Library Archive & Special Collections from 1962-2014.

**Acquisition Information:** Gift of Brooklyn College Library Archive & Special Collections in February 2014.

**Repository:**

Congregational Library & Archives

14 Beacon Street

Boston, MA 02108

617-523-0470

<http://www.congregationallibrary.org>

**Accruals:** No accruals expected.

**Processing Information:** Processed and described by Brooklyn College Library Archive & Special Collections, 2012, using DACS. Re-described by Jessica Steytler, February 2014, using DACS, Second Edition.

### Accessing and Using the Collection

**Conditions Governing Access:** Access to this collection is unrestricted and open to the public.

**Physical Access:** The newspaper clippings are in poor condition. Handle with great care.

**Copyright:** Items in this collection are subject to U.S. Copyright Law. It is the responsibility of the researcher to determine the copyright status of collection items and to secure any permissions necessary for their reproduction and publication. Requests for permission to publish material must be discussed with the archivist or librarian.

**Preferred Citation:**

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### Description

**Historical Note:** Dwight J. Bradley (1889-1957), clergyman, author, and social commentator, was born in Yankton, South Dakota, December 16, 1889. He was ordained in the Congregational Church in 1915. Bradley had Doctor of Divinity degrees from the Pacific School of Religion as well as from Colby and Oberlin Colleges. Throughout his career as an ordained minister, he held various positions, such as the executive director of the Council for Social Action of the Congregational and Christian Churches of the United States. He was also the general director of religious activities for the Army and Navy, and a professor at Andover-Newton Theological Seminary.

Rev. Dwight J. Bradley served in the following churches:

Highland Church, Cleveland Ohio, 1915-1917

First Church, El Paso Texas, 1917-1920

First Church, Webster Grove Missouri, 1920-1929

First Church, Newton Massachusetts, 1930-1934

Union Church, Boston Massachusetts, 1934-1938

Edgehill Church, New York New York, 1953-1957

**Scope of Collection:** This collection consists of materials pertaining to the life of Dwight J. Bradley from 1938-1942. There are daily journals, several published books, three unpublished works, in addition to miscellaneous correspondences. His journals contain personal opinions on major world events, such as World War II, as well as personal issues like the passing of Bradley's father. The journals also include the dates and locations when Bradley travelled across the United States. The books and unpublished works reflect Bradley's beliefs in his faith, the ideal marriage, and how to treat our fellow man. The miscellaneous materials shed light on issues and events described in the journals, such as newspaper clippings of Bradley's writings.

## **Further Searches**

### **Subject Headings:**

Bradley, Dwight J. (Dwight Jaques), 1889-1957.

Bradley, Elizabeth Ganse

Psychology, Applied.

Literature - Collections.

Death.

Immortality.

Religion.

Religions and Science.

Christian civilization.

Christianity and politics.

Democracy.

Leadership.

General Council of the Congregational and Christian Churches of the United States. Council for Social Action.

### **Related Materials:**

General Council of the Congregational and Christian Churches of the United States. Council for Social Action records, 1934-1956. Collection ID Number RG 0057.

Newton, Mass. First Congregational Church records, 1773-1972. Collection ID Number RG 0132.

Boston, Mass. Union Congregational Church records, 1822-1948. Collection ID Number RG 0031

### Arrangement:

Series I: Dwight J. Bradley Journals, 1938-1942.

Series II: Miscellaneous, 1940-1962.

Series III: Books, 1936-1938.

Series IV: Unpublished Works, undated.

## Contents

**Series I:** Dwight J. Bradley Journals

**Date:** 1938-1942

**Extent:** 4 folders

**Scope of Series:** This series contains the personal journal of Dwight J. Bradley from 1938-1942. The journal lists the dates and locations of Bradley as he traveled across the United States. The journal also chronicles the events, professional conferences, and religious services Bradley attended or participated in including his personal opinions about major world events, such as World War II. There is also mention made of notable individuals like Franz Schoenberer.

	<b>Date</b>	<b>Box 1/ Folder</b>
Journal	1938-1939	B1/F1
Journal	1939-1940	B1/F2
Journal	1941-1942	B1/F3
Journal	1942	B1/F4

**Series II:** Miscellaneous

**Date:** 1940-1962

**Extent:** 9 folders

**Scope of Series:** This series contains letters addressed to Mr. Bradley. There are programs from a 1958 memorial service, church letters with news articles, as well as personal correspondence by Mrs. Elizabeth Bradley regarding the donation of her late husband's papers.

	<b>Date</b>	<b>Box 1/ Folder</b>
Letters addressed to Rev. Bradley	1941-1942	B1/F5
Memorial service program and address	1958 May 5	B1/F6
News articles and church newsletter	1941	B1/F7
Souvenir programs	1941-1942	B1/F8
Western Union telegrams	undated	B1/F9
Church meeting schedules	1940-1941	B1/F10
Elizabeth Bradley correspondence	1961-1962	B1/F11
Photographs	circa 1940	B1/F12
Miscellaneous	undated	B1/F13

**Series III: Books****Date:** 1936-1938**Extent:** 2 folders

**Scope of Series:** Included here are two published works by Dwight J. Bradley: *Highway of the Spirit* (1936) and *By Faith: A Book of Modern Devotion* (1938). *Highway* talks about leading a better religious life through Bible study, personal meditation as well as religious growth through social action. *By Faith* talks about people seeking devotion in God as well as hope and evidence of good things still unseen to the reader.

	<b>Date</b>	<b>Box 1/ Folder</b>
<i>Highway of the Spirit</i>	1936	B1/F14
<i>By Faith: A Book of Modern Devotion</i>	1938	B1/F15

**Series IV: Unpublished Works****Date:** undated**Extent:** 1 document case

**Scope of Series:** This series contains unpublished manuscripts by Dwight J. Bradley. The first one is titled *Hope is Our Heritage*, which is about how our own compassion, faith, hope, and love have been applied to our own culture and heritage. The second manuscript is called *Three Squares and a Rose*, a first-person narrative on the ideal meaning of marriage. The third manuscript, *The Malady of Man*, explains how the issue of intolerance has clearly changed the course of human civilization. In particular, how it could impact many of the general social problems ordinary people face.

	<b>Date</b>	<b>Box 2/ Folder</b>
<i>Three Square Meals and a Rose</i> Chapters 1-3	undated	B2/F1
<i>Three Square Meals and a Rose</i> Chapters 4-6	undated	B2/F2
<i>Three Square Meals and a Rose</i> Chapters 7-9	undated	B2/F3
<i>The Malady of Man</i> , criticism on manuscript, pages 1-47	undated	B2/F4
<i>The Malady of Man</i> , pages 48-95	undated	B2/F5
<i>The Malady of Man</i> , pages 96-148	undated	B2/F6
<i>Hope Is Our Heritage</i> forward, pages 1-70	undated	B2/F7
<i>Hope Is Our Heritage</i> pages 71-135	undated	B2/F8
<i>Hope Is Our Heritage</i> pages 136-195	undated	B2/F9
<i>Hope Is Our Heritage</i> pages 196-238	undated	B2/F10
<i>Hope Is Our Heritage</i> pages 238-277 and end pages	undated	B2/F11