

EDWARD L. BRYANT PAPERS

Papers, 1901-1979
(Predominantly, 1930-1965)

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Edward L. Bryant was born to Edward L. and Laura B. Bryant Feb. 8, 1898 in Detroit. He was a nephew to Clara Bryant Ford, wife of Henry Ford.

Edward attended the U. of M., Detroit College of Law and received his law degree from the University of Detroit in 1920. He practiced law in Detroit with several prominent lawyers including Homer Ferguson (later U.S. Senator), Vincent M. Brennam (later Michigan Supreme Court Justice) and Frank Murphy (later Governor of Michigan.)

Bryant married Frances Maire and they had two children: Edward L. Bryant, Jr. and Martha Bryant Hopkins.

After retiring from his law practice in 1961, he worked at the Edison Institute as a researcher and also wrote numerous articles, many of which were published in the Dearborn Historian and the Palestiner, a magazine put out by his Masonic Lodge. He retired from the Edison Institute in 1966.

Edward Bryant gave much of his material to the archives over a period of years. On his death in 1984 another large donation was made. All of this material was collected into one accession.

Series I
Personal Papers of E. L. Bryant & Family
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Personal correspondence, clippings, photos and memorabilia of his family and career. Of special interest are letters from Clara Ford and a friend in the Rotary Club of Jerusalem.

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