



# SOUTH CAROLINA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## Visual Materials from the John Henry Bennett papers, 1850-1981 SCHS# 0277.00 VM

**Description:** Approximately 100 items.

**Biographical/Historical Note:** Charleston, S.C. naval officer, forester, and writer. John Henry Bennett (1907-1969) was born in Charleston to the writer John Bennett (1865-1956) and Susan Smythe Bennett (1878-1965). He attended Exeter Academy (N.H.) and Yale University, and then worked for the U.S. Forest Service. During World War II he served in the U.S. Navy and afterwards worked at the Charleston Naval Base. He published one novel, "So Shall They Reap," in 1944.

**Scope and Content:** Collection chiefly consists of photographs, including one booklet with inset photographs (handmade by John Bennett). Images include John Bennett, Susan Adger Bennett, John Henry Bennett, family members, friends (including Hervey Allen), the Bennett home located at 77 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in Chillicothe, Ohio, artwork of John Bennett, and tree identification in the southeastern United States.

Note: Some photographs originally inventoried as 2002.023.

### Container listing:

#### BOX 1

- 1 Photographs: 19<sup>th</sup> century photographs and subjects. Includes a cdv of George Boggs taken by George S. Cook in 1868 (probably George Emmet Boggs, 1840-1900); cabinet photographs of Augustine T. Smythe and an unidentified young woman (Susan Smythe?); a photograph of a 19<sup>th</sup> century portrait of David J. McCord; and a photograph album created by John Bennett: "Mackinac and Jackinac: Being a few Photographs from an Island of the North" (1899) containing scenes in Michigan, including an image of John Bennett on "Arch Rock."
- 2 Photographs, b&w, 1936-1937. About 50 photos of trees and forest scenes. Other subjects include a log cabin and a sawmill. A man, presumably John H. Bennett, is in some of the pictures. Places identified include the Atchafalaya River in Louisiana.

- 3 Photographs, ca. 1900?, of interior rooms of the Bennett home at 76 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Chillicothe, Ohio.
- 4 Miscellaneous photographs and negatives, ca. 1910-1981. Includes images of Augustine T. Smythe and his brothers Ellison Adger Smyth and James Adger Smyth; an illustration of a snake attacking a turtle called “Tudo and Crook-fang,” or “Cooter & Moccasin Snake”; an illustration of an alligator with glasses playing a pan flute and holding up sheet music with his tail, titled “Buh’ Alligatuh,” and negatives of same; John Bennett and Hervey Allen; Susan A. Bennett (as a child) on horseback; and Susan Adger Bennett unveiling a portrait of her father John Bennett at the Charleston County Library (1981).
- 5 Photographs, b&w, 1936 and undated, of forest scenes in Arkansas, a river in Louisiana, etc.
- 6 Photographs (b&w and color) and silhouettes, ca. 1930-1980. Includes silhouettes of an unidentified girl and young woman.

### OVERSIZE

Oversize materials include artwork by John Bennett. See finding aid for the manuscript collection (0277).