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PROVENANCE

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

George Aaron Barton, author, scholar, and Professor of Semitic languages. He graduated from Haverford College, B.A., 1882 and M.A., 1885. Barton received his Ph.D., 1891 from Harvard. He taught at the Friends School (Providence, R.I.), 1884-1889; at Haverford College, 1889-1893; and at Bryn Mawr, 1899-1922. Barton was professor of Semitic languages at the University of Pennsylvania, 1922-1931 and Professor Emeritus, 1932-1942. He was also appointed director of the American School of Oriental Research in Baghdad, 1921-1934. Internationally known for his writings on Biblical subjects, he was also a noted scholar of archeology, helping appraise and interpret the findings of many archeological expeditions of the Middle East.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The George A. Barton Papers, 1903-1942, concern both his personal life and his career. As a Professor whose interests and expertise crossed several disciplines, his collection includes papers relating to a variety of topics. A small portion of the collection is comprised of Barton's personal papers including letters and essays on his personal religious and political beliefs, book reviews, and lecture notes. The bulk of the collection deals with the research Barton conducted in the fields of Christianity, Archeology, and Mysticism.

Concerning the topic of Christianity the papers include: a critique of Torrey's Aramaic theory of the Gospels; numerous notes; outlines; and essays regarding the gospels and the life of Jesus. There are also notes and essays on the Apocalypse, and essays and articles on Christianity in general.

Barton's papers on archeology contain translations of texts, including Egyptian translations and those of Gudea Cylinders, A and B; essays on early man and Indo-Sumerian seals with illustrations; correspondence regarding the Hittite code and archeological finds from 1927-1928; photographs of inscriptions and tablets; and Barton's description of Herbert Clark's archeological collection.

Documenting his interest in Mysticism are notes; bibliographies; copies of students' papers, 1927; and an outline and notes for his book, entitled Mysticism. There is some correspondence regarding attempts to have the book published posthumously.

Barton's papers contain the unpublished manuscript of Mysticism (820 p., 1929), and manuscript of his published book The Royal Inscriptions of Sumer and Akkad (578 p., 1928).

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FF 4 Compilation of materials for book on mysticism

FF 5 Correspondence regarding attempts to have Barton's book *Mysticism* published, 1949-1957

MANUSCRIPTS

FF 6 Manuscript of *Mysticism*, 1929, p. 1-75

FF 7 Manuscript of *Mysticism*, 1929, p. 76-151

FF 8 Manuscript of *Mysticism*, 1929, p. 152-249

FF 9 Manuscript of *Mysticism*, 1929, p. 250-343

FF 10 Manuscript of *Mysticism*, 1929, p. 344-434

FF 11 Manuscript of *Mysticism*, 1929, p. 435-549

FF 12 Manuscript of *Mysticism*, 1929, p. 550-617

FF 13 Manuscript of *Mysticism*, 1929, p. 618-718

FF 14 Manuscript of *Mysticism*, 1929, p. 719-820

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- FF 15 Original manuscript of published book The Royal Inscriptions of Sumer and Akkad, 1928, p. 1-108
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- FF 21 Manuscript of The Royal Inscriptions of Sumer and Akkad, 1928, p. 500-556
- FF 22 Manuscript of The Royal Inscriptions of Sumer and Akkad, 1928, p. 557-578