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**Preferred Citation note**

Bert Henderson poems and correspondence, University Libraries Division of Special Collections, The University of Alabama
Biographical/Historical note

Bert Henderson, Alabama's third poet laureate, was born Elbert Calvin Henderson on November 8, 1903, in Glenwood, Alabama. He was the son of Albert Holloway and Jeffie G. Henderson. He married Geraldine Downs in 1928, but was listed a widower when he enlisted in 1942. On November 2, 1946, he married Mary Middleton Smith. He was employed by the Exchange Hotel and the Whitney Hotel, both in Montgomery, Alabama.

Henderson was commissioned by Alabama Governor John Patterson in a ceremony on December 21, 1959, and served in that capacity until 1971. His published works include: *House of Paradoxes*, (1941); *Bright Armor*, (1950); *Blame Noah*, (1951); *Eternal Symphony*, (1956); *The Immortal Legions*, (1966) and *The Ultimate Harvest*. Henderson's biographical sketch appeared in the *International Who's Who in Poetry, 1974-1975*. He won a national award given by CBS as well as other prizes and awards given by radio. His works were printed in numerous literary publications.

After the death of his second wife in 1967, Henderson became reclusive but continued to attend Alabama Writers Conclave meetings until 1971. He died on September 15, 1974.

Scope and Contents note

The collection contains two poems by Alabama Poet Laureate Bert Henderson and the related correspondence that he submitted in 1962 to Judge Jones of the Alabama Bible Society Quarterly.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

University Libraries Division of Special Collections, The University of Alabama December 2013

Conditions Governing Access note

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Conditions Governing Use note
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