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Jerseyana, Newark Star-Ledger, Rev. Henry Charlton Beck

# **Identity Statement:**

Title: Henry Charlton Beck Papers

Extent of the unit of description: 1 box; .25 linear feet

## Scope & Content / Abstract:

This collection primarily consists of a series of newspaper articles authored by Henry Charlton Beck (1902-1965). Most of the articles are Beck's serial series "Jerseyana," published in the Newark Star-Ledger Newspaper, from 1953-1958. The collection of clippings was compiled by Gladys Ellsworth. The collection would interest anyone looking for a central compilation of Beck's columns, and is arranged both chronologically and by county of interest.

#### **Context:**

Name of Creator: Gladys Ellsworth

Administrative / Biographical history: Henry Charlton Beck (1902-1965) was an Episcopalian Priest, a writer of mystery novels and books about NJ history, and the founder of the New Jersey Folklore Society. Prior to his odination as Priest in 1949, Beck was a newspaperman for the Camden Courier-Post, writing news articles about local stories. He also wrote many of his historical books at this time, inlcuding "Forgotten Towns of Southern New Jersey," "More Forgotten Towns of Southern New Jersey", "New Jersey Midlands", "The Roads of Home", "Jersey Genesis", and "Tales and Towns of Northern New Jersey."

Beck served as a Deacon at St. Matthew's Church in Pennington from 1947-1949; as a Rector at Calvary Church in Flemington from 1950-1956; and as a writer for the American Church News and the Bishop of New Jersey thereafter. He also wrote a weekly historical article for the Newark Star-Ledger for 18 years over the latter part of his career.

While in Flemington, Reverend Beck became interested in Hunterdon history and joined the Hunterdon County Historical Society. He was a friend and frequent correspondent of Hriam E. Deats, the Society's librarian.

Custodial history: The collection was compiled and donated by Gladys Ellsworth

**Structure:** 

System of Arrangement: Subject

**Disposition: Disposition date:** 

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