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Speeches

1868

Article written for the Crescent, Sherman, N. Y., Mch 1868, concerning the need for a town hall, handwritten.

May 30, 1868: G. A. R. Speech, handwritten.

-----: Political speech, handwritten.

-----: Political speech, handwritten.

-----: Speech to the Sherman Literary Union, handwritten.

1869

Jan. 14: G. A. R. Speech delivered at Sheldon Hall, handwritten.

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Speeches

1870

July 19: Letter to the Democrat on emigrating to Kansas, handwritten.

1874

Reminiscences of Sherman's March to the Sea, Benson took part in this campaign, handwritten.

1877

July 4: 101st Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, handwritten.

1878

Graduating class speech at Ottawa, handwritten.

1882

Sept. 24: "To Christian Endeavor", handwritten.  
———: Graduating class speech, handwritten.

1883

Oct. 19: Temperance speech at Wellsville, handwritten.  
———: Notes for a speech on the debate over a temperance law in the Kansas Senate, handwritten.

1885

July 4: Speech delivered at Endora, handwritten.  
———: History of the Chautauqua at Ottawa upto 1885, handwritten.  
———: Address to K. U. Law School Graduates, handwritten.

1887

May 30: G. A. R. speech, handwritten.

1889

Sept.: Y. M. C. A. at Garnett, handwritten.

1890

July 4: Speech delivered at Wellsville, handwritten.  
———: Temperance speech "At Leavenworth Gen'l Assoc. Revised and delivered at Pomona", handwritten.

1891

March 23: Dedication of Auditorium at Ottawa, local history, handwritten.

May 30: "Temperance-Soldier Citizen" delivered at White Hall in Forest Park at Ottawa to the W. C. T. U. on G. A. R. day not delivered, handwritten.

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1892

——: Speech for anniversary of Y. M. C. A. "not read", handwritten.

1896

May 30: Memorial Day Speech delivered at Baldwin(?), Civil War reminiscences, handwritten.

1897

May 31: Memorial Day Address at Forest Park in Ottawa, typed.

Oct. 17: 25th Anniv. of Ottawa Masonic Lodge, incomplete, handwritten.

——: 17th Anniv. of prohibition in Kansas, handwritten.

1898

June: Graduation at Lane, handwritten.

Oct. 14: "Pres. Benson's Address at laying of cornerstone of new Washington School Bldg.", handwritten.

1899

July 4: Theme is expansionism, handwritten.

——: Three speeches of welcome to the boys of 20th Kan. Vol. of Lynn and Franklin Counties, two are duplicates, handwritten.

1900

——: Political speech delivered at Colony, handwritten with typed outline of speech.

1901

Feb. 22: D. A. R. address, handwritten.

April: "Home" a Y. M. C. A. speech, handwritten.

May 17: "Not for Self", 8th grade of M. E. Church, handwritten.

1902

May 30: "The Unknown Grave" delivered at Forest Park in Ottawa, handwritten.

1903

May 30: G. A. R. speech on Andersonville, motherhood and patriotism, handwritten.

——: History of the Ottawa Library Association, handwritten.

——: Speech on divorce laws, handwritten.

1904

Jan. 27: Speech at the Ottawa Dist. Med. Soc. Banquet, handwritten.

Feb. 18: Speech to Ottawa Univ. Theological Students on the church and the law, handwritten.

Nov. 7: "Christian Work" delivered at Men's Supper at Cong. Church in Topeka, handwritten.

1906

- March: "An Undaunted Scrutiny of Our National Perils" delivered at General Association in Topeka, typed and handwritten copies.  
Aug. 30: "Osawatomie" speech delivered on its 50th anniversary, typed.  
Sept. 8: Speech delivered at Old Settlers meeting in Olathe, typed.  
Sept. 21: Outline of speech to 6th Cav. at Fort Scott, handwritten.  
——: G. A. R. Re-union at Cherryville.  
——: "To-Day" a political speech, handwritten and typed copies.  
——: Political speech on accomplishments of G. O. P., typed.  
——: Political speech on corporations, trusts and Hepburn Act, typed.  
——: Political speech on material progress of U. S. under Roosevelt, typed.  
——: Political speech on investigation of trusts and Roosevelt, typed.

1907

- : Speech on the 100th Anniversary of the settlement of Chadakain Valley of N. Y., original home of Benson, typed and handwritten copies.

1908

- July: 49th anniversary of Wyandotte Constitution, handwritten and typed.  
——: Commencement address at Russell High School, typed.  
——: "The Farmer as Seen From The Bench", typed.

1909

- : "The Oral Argument" delivered at K. U. Law School, handwritten.

1910

- Feb: Opening of Washburn Law School, theme is common law, handwritten.  
May 30: Memorial Day Speech at Osborne, handwritten.

1911

- April 20: "Old and New" delivered at Cong. Church, handwritten.  
May 30: G. A. R. address at Ottawa, Handwritten.

1914

- March 30: Rough notes of speech delivered at Mercantile Club of Kansas City, Kansas on business and the law, handwritten.  
Sept. 12: Speech on the American flag, typed.  
——: Charge to the jury in Rorshach v. Diven, typed.  
——: Anniversary speech of Ottawa Masonic Lodge, handwritten.

1915

- Feb. 17: Oration to the Grand Lodge of Kansas at Topeka, handwritten.  
May 30: Memorial Day speech, handwritten.

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Speeches Undated as to Year or Month.

- "Good Politics", typed and handwritten copies.
- G. A. R. speech, handwritten.
- Statistics on wars and casualties from American Revolution to Spanish-American War, handwritten.
- Sunday school talk on Abe Lincoln and Missions, handwritten.
- "People and Lawyers", handwritten.
- Speech on the role and functions of the judicial branch of government, handwritten.
- Speech on education, typed.
- Rock Creek C. E., subject is brotherhood, handwritten.
- Address to Woman's Relief Corp, handwritten and typed copies.
- Speech on presentation of Lincoln Tablets at Chanute High School on July 4(?), typed.
- Speech to Sorosis Club of Y. M. C. A. of Topeka, Feb. 11, typed.
- A patriotic speech-possibly a Memorial Day speech, handwritten.
- Remarks on rule changes of Cong. Church, handwritten.
- Speech on knowledge of the law, handwritten.
- Speech on patriotism, handwritten.
- Description of places he had visited, handwritten.
- "Heroes", typed.
- Speech on Sunday school, temperance and politics, two copies and both handwritten.
- Notes on State v. Logan, handwritten.
- Ottawa Baptist Sunday School Anniversary, handwritten.
- Eulogy of A. H. Baldwin of Ottawa, handwritten.
- Testimonial to A. E. Skinner of 1st National Bank of Ottawa, typed.
- Farewell Address to Dr. Hays and Mr. Jackson of Cong. Church of Topeka, handwritten.
- Speech delivered at laying of cornerstone of Franklin County Courthouse, history of county, handwritten.
- Eulogy of Rev. Chew, three speeches all handwritten.

Miscellaneous

Notes and outline of speeches whose complete texts are absent with a few pages of incomplete speeches.

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Personal Papers 1753-1907

1753

Receipt for a slave bought by a Capt. Thom. Davis from a Lazoran Le Baron, probably a copy of the original bill of sale.

1865

Aug. 11: W. A. Farlee to Benson, personal letter.

1866

March 8: Quartermasters Office to Benson concerning reports filed by Benson as a company commender.

April 9: W. C. Benson, sale of notes to A. W. Benson.

July 27: Form letter from Quartermasters Office.

1867

Sept. 26: Form letters from the Treasury Dept.

1868

Jan. 11: Form letter from the Treasury Dept.

July 23: W. A. Farlee to Benson, personal letter.

1869

Furlough letter for Benson from New York G. A. R. Post.

1873

June 4: A. W. Benson to F. A. Wilkinson of Conn. Life Ins. Co. concerning his wound, typed.

1888

Allen Williams to Benson on the fight for Rocky Face Creek.

1890

A. W. Benson to Paymaster General of U. S. A. on mustering out pay.

1891

Letters and affidavits on a contemplated pension claim.

1892

Post Card from Dept. of Interior wishing information on military record.

1907

Jan. 14: A. Park to Benson, personal letter.

Undated

Unsigned personal letter concerning a gift from an old comrade in arms.

Diaries and Papers relating to A. W. Benson and the 154th Regt. Ny Y. Vols.

1864-1865 Diaries kept by Benson.

1866: Commission as Lieut. Col. by the State of New York.

1888: Speech delivered before the Re-union of 154th at Ellicottville N. Y. on Aug. 30.

1893: John F. Wellman's story of 154th dedicated to A. W. Benson, written in prose poetry style.

Undated: A handwritten account of the siege of Atlanta written for Miss Donelson, Editress.

A handwritten and typed account of "Outline of My Military History" by A. W. Benson.