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K. Jack Bauer was a Professor of History at Rensselaer from 1965 until his death in 1987. In addition to his professorial duties, Bauer was Chairman of the Department of History and Political Science from 1969 to 1970 and served as Institute Archivist from 1970 to 1977.

Professor Bauer received his bachelor's degree in history from Harvard College in 1948. He subsequently earned a master's degree and doctorate from Indiana University in 1949 and 1953.

From 1954-1955, Professor Bauer was an archivist at the National Archives in Washington, D.C. He then became an historian for the U.S. Marine Corps (1955-1957) after which he served as the Head of the Division of Naval History and assistant to Samuel E. Morison at the Division of Naval History (1957-1961).

Bauer was appointed an Associate in History at George Washington University (1961). He then became an Assistant Professor of History at Morris Harvey College, where he taught from 1961 to 1965.

In 1965, K. Jack Bauer came to RPI as an Associate Professor of History. In 1970 he was promoted to full Professor. During his tenure at Rensselaer, Bauer received significant recognition for his work as a diplomatic and military historian. Included among his many awards and honors was the 1970 Moncado Prize from the American Military Institute and the 1982 John Lyman Award from the North American Society for Oceanic History. In 1987, he received the William H. Wiley Distinguished Faculty Award at Rensselaer, in recognition of his exceptional teaching and outstanding scholarship.

Throughout his career Bauer published numerous books including *Zachary Taylor: Soldier, Planter, and Statesman of the Old South-West*; *The Mexican War, 1846-1848*; and *A Maritime History of the United States: the Role of American Seas and Waterways*. He also published many articles on U.S. military history.

Scope and Content Note

The Bauer Papers are divided into four series which correspond to Professor Bauer's filing system.

Series I contains correspondence between Professor Bauer and his colleagues. The files are arranged alphabetically by subject. They relate primarily to his publications and research interests as well as his work for professional organizations.

Series II contains files on Professor Bauer's published works. In addition to copies of articles and manuscripts, the files include notes and reviews as well as comments by colleagues. They are arranged alphabetically, by subject.

Series III is composed of notes, speeches, and memorabilia from Professor Bauer's professional organizations. The files are arranged alphabetically by subject.

Series IV contains course and curriculum material from classes taught by Professor Bauer at RPI. They include exams, lecture notes and syllabi for such courses as The American Frontier, The Civil War, and Military History. They are arranged alphabetically, by subject.

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