

**SC-306: Lt. Bennett C. Simmons Drawing**

**Collection Number:** SC-306

**Title:** Lt. Bennett C. Simmons Drawing

**Dates:** 1944

**Creator:** Van Dresser, William, 1871-1950

**Scope and Content:**

Collection consists of one oversize pencil portrait drawing of Lt. Bennett C. Simmons, a B-17 Bombardier-Navigator, Army Air Corps, WWII. The drawing was created by renowned portrait artist William Van Dresser at Boca Raton Field (Florida) in 1944.

**Quantity/Physical Description:** 0.1 linear foot (1 oversized drawing)

**Language(s):** English

**Repository:**

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**Acquisition:**

This item was donated to Special Collections and Archives on January 7, 2008, by Fran Simmons, daughter of Bennett Simmons.

**Other Finding Aid:**

The finding aid is available on the Special Collections & Archives, Wright State University Libraries web site at

[http://www.libraries.wright.edu/special/collection\\_guides/guide\\_files/sc306.pdf](http://www.libraries.wright.edu/special/collection_guides/guide_files/sc306.pdf).

**Processed by:**

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**Biographical/Historical Note:**

Bennett Clark Simmons was born July 1, 1916, in San Angelo, Texas, to B. C. Simmons and Margaret Mae Jordan. He enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps in October 1940 and reenlisted in November 1941. He served as a B-17 bombardier-navigator during WWII and also taught bombardier classes to new recruits. Following WWII, he went back to school on his G.I. Bill and became a medical doctor. He practiced medicine in Long Beach, California, for many years prior to his death on March 24, 1977.

**Subject Terms:****Persons/Families**

Simmons, Bennett Clark, 1916-1977  
 Van Dresser, William, 1871-1950

**Organizations/Corporate Names**

United States. Army. Air Corps -- History

**Places**

Boca Raton Army Air Field (Fla.)

**Material Types**

Pencil drawings

**Collection Inventory**

<b><u>Location</u></b>	<b><u>Item</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>
OS-61 File 13	1	Drawing of Lt. Bennett Simmons	1944