

Guide to the Frederic Collin Walcott Papers

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CREATOR: Walcott, Frederic Collin, 1869-1949

TITLE: Frederic Collin Walcott papers

DATES: 1850-1948

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 11.5 linear feet (19 boxes, 1 folio)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The early papers relate to Walcott's business concerns and his game preserve. The bulk of the collection covers the period from 1915-1919 when Walcott was with the Rockefeller Foundation War Relief Commission and the U.S. Food Administration. Beginning with 1929 there is some correspondence from his career as Republican Senator from Connecticut. The remainder of the collection relates to Walcott's work in Polish relief (1939-1940) and his interest in conservation. Other persons represented include William Henry Welch (1850-1934); Herbert Hoover, with whom Walcott worked regarding Belgian relief, the Food Administration, and later as Senator; William Howard Taft; and many leaders of the American business community.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of William W. Walcott, 1961.

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Biographical / Historical

Frederic C. Walcott: investment banker and manufacturer, 1907-1915; officer and director of various corporations until 1922; engaged in Polish and Belgian relief work, 1915-1917; U.S. Food Administration worker, 1917-1919; member of Connecticut State Senate, 1925, 1927; active on state commissions, 1923-1928; U.S. Senator from Connecticut, 1929-1935; welfare commissioner of Connecticut, 1935-1939; trustee of numerous colleges and institutions.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of correspondence, manuscripts and printed material concerning Frederic Collin Walcott, manufacturer, banker, and U.S. Senator. The main body of the correspondence commences with 1910 and relates to Walcott's business concerns and his game preserve. The bulk of the collection covers the period 1915 to 1919 and may be divided into two periods: 1915 to 1917 (with his work for the Rockefeller Foundation War Relief Commission) and 1917 to 1919 (with his work for the United States Food Administration). From 1920 to 1928 there is little material. Beginning with 1929, there is some correspondence from his career as a Republican Senator from Connecticut, 1925-1935. The remainder of the collection relates to Walcott's work in Polish Relief, 1939-1940, and his continued interest in conservation.

Notable persons in the collection are William Henry Welch, Walcott's uncle and an eminent pathologist, and Herbert Clark Hoover, with whom Walcott worked in Belgian Relief, the Food Administration, and later as Senator. There are also several letters from William Howard Taft, an autograph of Woodrow Wilson, and correspondence with many of the leaders of the American business community.

List of Principal Correspondents in the Walcott Collection

Allen, Henry Justin (1868-1950) Arnold, Joseph Addison, (b. 1876) Ballard, Samuel Thruston (1855-1926) Baylis, Charles Thomas (b. 1869) Beebe, William (b. 1877) Brandegee, Frank Bosworth (1864-1924) Burnham,

John Bird (1869-1939) Capper, Arthur (1865-1951) Carlton, Newcomb (1869-1953) Coffin, Charles Albert (1844-1926) Deneen, Charles Samuel (1863-1940) Draper, William Kinnicutt (1863-1926) Dulles, Allen Welsh (b. 1893) Dunn, Gano (b. 1870) Embree, Edwin Rogers (b. 1883) Farnam, Henry Walcott (1853-1933) Fess, Simeon Davison (1861-1936) Fisher, Irving (1867-1947) Garfield, Harry Augustus (1863-1942) Glenn, Otis Ferguson (1879-1959) Goff, Guy Despard (1866-1933) Goldsborough, Phillips Lee (1865-1946) Good, James William (1866-1929) Grant, Madison (1865-1937) Grant, William West (1846-1934) Greene, Jerome Davis (1874-1959) Greene, Warwick (1879-1929) Greenway, James Cowan (b. 1877) Grew, Joseph Clark (b. 1880) Hadley, Arthur Twining (1856-1930) Hammond, John Hays (1855-1936) Hastings, Daniel Oren (b. 1874) Hemphill, Alexander Julian (1856-1920) Herrick, Myron Timothy (1854-1929) Hilles, Charles Dewey (1867-1949) Honnold, William Lincoln (1866-1950) Hoover, Herbert Clark (b. 1874) Howland, Charles P. (1869-1932) James, Henry (1879-1947) Kahn, Otto Hermann (1867-1934) Kean, Hamilton Fish (1862-1941) Kellogg, Frederic S. Lamont, Thomas William (1870-1948) Low, Seth (1850-1916) Mac Arthur, Douglas (b. 1880) McCann, George (1864-1932) McCormick, Vance Criswell (1872-1946) McCulloch, Roscoe Conkling (1880-1955) McCumber, Porter James (1858-1933) McLean, George Payne (1857-1932) Metcalf, Jesse Houghton (1860-1942) Mott, John Raleigh (1865-1955) Mott, Thomas Bentley (1865-1952) Newton, Walter Hughes (1880-1941) Osborne, Henry Zenas (1848-1923) Page, Walter Hines (1855-1918) Patterson, Robert Urie (1877-1950) Patterson, Roscoe Conkling (1876-1954) Pierson, Lewis Eugene (b. 1870) Pinchot, Gifford (1865-1946) Richey, Lawrence (1885-1959) Ritchie, Albert Cabell (1876-1936) Rockefeller, John Davidson (1839-1937) Rockefeller, John Davidson (b. 1874) Rose, Wickcliffe (1862-1931) Sherman, James Schoolcraft (1855-1912) Stimson, Henry Lewis (1867-1950) Stokes, Anson Phelps (1874-1958) Strong, Benjamin (1872-1928) Taft, William Howard (1857-1930) Thomas, John (1874-1945) Townsend, John Gillis (b. 1871) Tumulty, Joseph Patrick (1879-1954) Vandenberg, Arthur Hendrick (1884-1951) Van Hise, Charles Richard (1857-1918) Wadsworth, Eliot (1876-1959) Walcott, Frederic Collin (1869-1949) Warburg, Felix M. (1871-1937) Welch, William Henry (1850-1934) Whitney, Caspar (1864-1929) Wickersham, George Woodward (1858-1936) Wilber, David Forrest (1859-1928) Wilson, Woodrow (1856-1924) Addenda: Eliot, Charles William (1834-1926) Gary, Elbert Henry (d. 1927) Graves, Henry Solon (1871-1951) McAdoo, William Gibbs (1863-1941) Paderewski, Ignace Jan (1860-1941) Page, Thomas Nelson (1853-1922) Root, Elihu (1845-1937) Sedgwick, Ellery (b. 1872) Washington, Booker Taliaferro (1859-1915)

Collection Contents

Inventory, 1850-1948

| Correspondence | | |
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| b. 1, f. 1-9 | 1876, 1892, 1906-1912 August A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access to the digital copy. | 1876, 1892, 1906-1912 August |
| b. 2 | 1912 September-1914 | 1912 September-1914 |
| b. 3 | 1915-1916 February | 1915-1916 February |
| b. 4 | 1916 March-1917 February A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access to the digital copy. | 1916 March-1917 February |
| b. 5 | 1917 March-December A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access to the digital copy. | 1917 March- December |
| b. 6 | 1918 January-September A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access to the digital copy. | 1918 January- September |
| b. 7 | 1918 October-1927 A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access to the digital copy. | 1918 October-1927 |
| b. 8 | 1928-1934 May 1 | 1928-1934 May 1 |
| b. 9 | 1934 May 2-1939 | 1934 May 2-1939 |
| b. 10 | 1940-1948, undated | 1940-1948, undated |
| Diaries and album | | |
| b. 11 | Diary and notebook of trip to England, France, Italy, and Belgium, with sketches and with miscellaneous papers laid in A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access to the digital copy. | 1915-1916 |

Diaries and album (continued)

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| b. 11 | Diary, with miscellaneous papers laid in A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access to the digital copy. | 1917-1918 |
| b. 11 | Notebook on European rations A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access to the digital copy. | 1918 |
| b. 11 | Photograph album "to accompany the report of my cruise along the Gulf Coast... in quest of information regarding the Brown Pelicans for the United States Food Administration. T. Gilbert Pearson" | 1918 |
| b. 11 | Diary of European tour, with miscellaneous papers laid in A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access to the digital copy. | 1939 |

World War I

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| b. 12 | United States Food Administration and the Rockefeller Foundation: printed and near-print material | |
| b. 13 | Miscellaneous publications, mainly re food | |
| b. 13 | Translation of German writing on postwar economic conditions | |
| b. 14 | Publications and miscellaneous papers | |
| b. 14 | Miscellaneous papers re non-World War I activities | 1850-1947, undated |

Scrapbooks (descriptions are not exhaustive)

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| b. 15 | Poland, World War I | |
| b. 16 | Poland, World War I | |
| b. 17 | Knickerbocker Bank & Trust Company | 1908-1911 |
| b. 17 | 1933-1934 | 1933-1934 |
| b. 18 | 1928-1931 | 1928-1931 |

Clippings (descriptions are not exhaustive)

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| b. 19 | Poland | |
| b. 19 | Hoover | |
| b. 19 | Germany | |

Oversize

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| b. 20 | United States Food Administration: posters, charts | |
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Oversize (continued)

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| b. 20 | Photographs: Wilson, Hoover, Myron T. Herrick, Hoover Cabinet, F. C. Walcott | |
| b. 20 | Scrapbook: memorabilia of Army-Navy "E" flag presentation to Remington Bridgeport Works | 1942 |

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Wilson, Woodrow, 1856-1924

Geographic Names

Connecticut -- Politics and government --
1865-1950
United States -- Politics and government

Corporate Bodies

Knickerbocker Bank & Trust Company
United States Food Administration

Subjects

Banks and banking -- United States
Business
Businessmen
Conservation of natural resources
Environmental protection
Game reserves -- United States
World War, 1914-1918 -- Food supply
World War, 1914-1918 -- Poland
World War, 1939-1945

Genres / Formats

Diaries

Occupations

Conservationists
Legislators
Politicians

Names

Dulles, Allen, 1893-1969
Farnam, Henry W. (Henry Walcott), 1853-1933
Hadley, Arthur Twining, 1856-1930
Kahn, Otto H., 1867-1934
McAdoo, W. G. (William Gibbs), 1863-1941
Paderewski, Ignace Jan, 1860-1941
Pinchot, Gifford, 1865-1946
Rockefeller, John D., Jr. (John Davison),
1874-1960
Rockefeller, John D. (John Davison), 1839-1937
Root, Elihu, 1845-1937
Stimson, Henry L. (Henry Lewis), 1867-1950
Stokes, Anson Phelps, 1874-1958
Taft, William H. (William Howard), 1857-1930
Walcott, Frederic Collin, 1869-1949
Washington, Booker T., 1856-1915
Welch, William Henry, 1850-1934