

Guide to the Thomas Wells Farnam Papers

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CALL NUMBER: MS 659

CREATOR: Farnam, Thomas Wells, 1877-1943

TITLE: Thomas Wells Farnam papers

DATES: 1918-1919, 1944-1945

BULK DATES: 1918-1919

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 4 linear feet (5 boxes, 1 folio)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: Correspondence, cablegrams, reports, notes, and other papers of Thomas W. Farnam, financier and administrator. These papers relate to Farnam's service in Serbia, 1918-1919, as American Red Cross Commissioner in charge of relief and hospitals following World War I.

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Biographical / Historical

Thomas Wells Farnam was born in Litchfield, Connecticut. He attended Milton and Hotchkiss and received his B. A. from Yale in 1899. Between 1901 and 1917 he was involved in various banking and investment enterprises in New Haven. Immediately following the American declaration of war against Germany Farnam was appointed Associate Director (he subsequently became Director) of the American Red Cross Supply Service in Washington, D. C. From October 1917 to September 1918 he served as Assistant United States Food Administrator for the state of Connecticut. Farnam was then appointed American Red Cross Commissioner to Serbia in charge of relief and hospitals, carrying the assimilated rank of Lieutenant Colonel: he was posted to Belgrade where he remained through the middle of 1919. After the signing of the treaty of Versailles Farnam returned to New Haven, and he devoted the remaining years of his life to Yale University administrative affairs. He served, in turn, as Alumni Fellow of the Yale Corporation (1919-1922), Acting Secretary of the university (1920-1923), Associate Treasurer, and Comptroller (1921-1943). He died in 1943.

Scope and Contents

The T. W. Farnam Papers comprise those materials which relate to Farnam's service in Serbia during 1918-1919. They are arranged in five series, as follows:

- (I) General Correspondence (1918-1919). (1 box) [arranged alphabetically by correspondent]
- (II) Cablegrams. (1 box) Copies of official cables from Washington, Paris, and Rome.
- (III) Progress (and other operational) Reports. (1 box) Copies of progress reports from various Yugoslav regions by members of the American Mission, and drafts of the "Final Report" of June 1919.
- (IV) Miscellaneous Operational and Administrative Memoranda and Notes. (1 box) [arranged alphabetically by topical subdivisions]
- (V) Personal and Memorabilia. (1 box and 1 oversize portfolio) Farnam's "Diary", covering the period January - June 1919; copies of correspondence of Harry W. Frantz and Cornelia Reese concerning Thomas W. Farnam, 1944-1945; miscellaneous photographs taken in Serbia; and citations, warrants and diplomas.

Arrangement

Arranged in five series: I. General Correspondence. II. Cables. III. Progress and Other Operational Reports. IV. Miscellaneous Operational and Administrative Memoranda and Notes. V. Personal and Memorabilia.

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Series I: General correspondence, 1918-1919

The number of items are contained in parentheses before the unitdate.

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| b. 1, f. 1 | Agriculture, Acting Serbian Minister of (3) | |
| b. 1, f. 2 | Anderson, Henry W. (3) | 1919 March |
| b. 1, f. 3 | Anderson, Henry W. (19) | 1919 April-June |
| b. 1, f. 4 | Anderson, Henry W. (48) | 1918 December-1919 February |
| b. 1, f. 5 | Armstrong, H. F. (3) | |
| b. 1, f. 6 | Aupperle, D. W. (1) | |
| b. 1, f. 7 | Aupperle, H. V. (11) | |
| b. 1, f. 8 | Bakewell, C. M. (1) | |
| b. 1, f. 9 | Barry, Stella (1) | |
| b. 1, f. 10 | Bender, L. R. (1) | |
| b. 1, f. 11 | Bicknell, E. P. (5) | |
| b. 1, f. 12 | Borissavljevitch, Colonel (2) | |
| b. 1, f. 13 | Boscovic, Colonel (1) | |
| b. 1, f. 14 | Boudimirovitch, Jivoïn (1) | |
| b. 1, f. 15 | Bradford, Alice (1) | |
| b. 1, f. 16 | Bradner, M. R. (1) | |
| b. 1, f. 17 | Burr, G. H. (1) | |
| b. 1, f. 18 | Capps, Edward (1) | |
| b. 1, f. 19 | Carey, J. P. (36) | |
| b. 1, f. 20 | Colby, F. T. (1) | |
| b. 1, f. 21 | Conner, C. H. (3) | |
| b. 1, f. 22 | Corey, Herbert (1) | |
| b. 1, f. 23 | Corcoran, Joan M. (2) | |
| b. 1, f. 24 | Curtis, F. H. (4) | |
| b. 1, f. 25 | Davison, Henry (2) | |
| b. 1, f. 26 | Denison, R. C. (1) | |

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| b. 1, f. 28 | Dodge, H. Percival (7) |
| b. 1, f. 29 | Doornbos, G. T. (2) |
| b. 1, f. 30 | Duncan, R. F. (1) |
| b. 1, f. 31 | Edwards, G. H. (2) |
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| b. 1, f. 34 | Farrand, Livingston (2) |
| b. 1, f. 35 | Fortescue, C. G. (2) |
| b. 1, f. 36 | Frantz, Harry (8) |
| b. 1, f. 37 | Frothingham, J. W. (5) |
| b. 1, f. 38 | Gibson, H. D. (1) |
| b. 1, f. 39 | Grouitch, Darinka (2) |
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| b. 1, f. 40 | Hargis, L. D. (5) |
| b. 1, f. 41 | Hay, H. S. (1) |
| b. 1, f. 42 | Hoffman, Malvina (3) |
| b. 1, f. 43 | Hunter, E. (1) |
| b. 1, f. 44 | Jager, John (1) |
| b. 1, f. 45 | James, C. L. (1) |
| b. 1, f. 46 | Johnston, Beatrice (3) |
| b. 1, f. 47 | Jovanovich, N. (1) |
| b. 1, f. 48 | Korac, M. (3) |
| b. 1, f. 49 | Koroshetz (2) |
| b. 1, f. 50 | Kovesty (?), D. (1) |
| b. 1, f. 51 | Lewis, Clara (5) |
| b. 1, f. 52 | Lieneman, J. E. (1) |
| b. 1, f. 53 | McAlevy, George W. (1) |
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| b. 1, f. 56 | Milutinović, Bor. (1) |
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| b. 1, f. 61 | Owsley, J. E. (1) |
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| b. 1, f. 63 | Persons, R. F. (1) |
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| b. 1, f. 65 | Pribicevic, Milan (6) |
| b. 1, f. 66 | Prince, Morton (1) |
| b. 1, f. 67 | Puranovic, W. L. (2) |
| b. 1, f. 68 | Rachitch, M. (4) |
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| b. 1, f. 74 | Schell, E. A. (1) |
| b. 1, f. 75 | Scoville, Herbert (3) |
| b. 1, f. 76 | Seidemann, H. P. (2) |
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| b. 1, f. 79 | Stoddard, Louis E. (6) |
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| b. 1, f. 81 | Thwaites, F. C. (2) |
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Series II: Cables, 1918-1919

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| b. 2, f. 1 | Washington and Paris | 1918 |
| b. 2, f. 2 | Rome and miscellaneous | 1918-1919 |

Series III: Progress (and other operational) reports, Circa 1919

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| b. 3, f. 1 | Preliminary memorandum on Serbia | 1919 January 22 |
| b. 3, f. 2 | Progress Reports (Captain Buck) | |
| b. 3, f. 3 | Progress Reports (Major Carey) | |
| b. 3, f. 4 | Progress Reports (Captain Edwards) | |
| b. 3, f. 5 | Progress Reports (Miscellaneous - Southern Serbia) | |
| b. 3, f. 6 | "Memorandum re: Work in Serbia" English | 1919 June |
| b. 3, f. 7 | "Final Report": Outlines English | 1919 June |
| b. 3, f. 8 | "Final Report" [with map] English | 1919 June 30 |

Series IV: Miscellaneous operational and administrative memoranda and notes, Circa 1918

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| b. 4, f. 1 | re: Children's Relief |
| b. 4, f. 2 | re: Civil Relief |
| b. 4, f. 3 | re: Community House, Belgrade |
| b. 4, f. 4 | re: Cooperatives |
| b. 4, f. 5 | re: Financial Accounts |
| b. 4, f. 6 | re: Food Supplies |
| b. 4, f. 7 | re: Honors Received by Mission |
| b. 4, f. 8 | re: Inventories |
| b. 4, f. 9 | re: Medical/Artificial Limb Department |
| b. 4, f. 10 | re: Medical/Hospitals and Orphanages |
| b. 4, f. 11 | re: Medical/Public Health Plan |
| b. 4, f. 12 | re: Medical/Tuberculosis Program |
| b. 4, f. 13 | re: Organizational and Personnel |
| b. 4, f. 14 | re: Press Releases |
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Series V: Personal and memoranda, Circa 1918-1945

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| b. 5, f. 3 | Photographs | |
| b. 5, f. 4 | Copies of correspondence of Harry W. Frantz and Cornelia Reese concerning Thomas W. Farnam | 1944 September 15, 1945 January 27, February 5 |
| b. 6 | Diplomas, warrants, and citations | |

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.

Subjects

World War, 1914-1918

Geographic Names

Serbia

United States -- Foreign relations

Occupations

Health services administrators

Names

Anderson, Henry W. (Henry Watkins), 1870-

Dodge, Henry Percival, 1870-1936

Farnam, Thomas Wells, 1877-1943

Farrand, Livingston, 1867-1939

Hoffman, Marvina, 1887-1966

Scoville, Herbert, 1877-1937

Treadwell, George Curtis, 1872-1932

Wells, H. Gideon (Harry Gideon), 1875-1943

Corporate Bodies

American National Red Cross

Yale University -- Officials and employees