

# Guide to the Keith Merrill Papers

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 1480

**CREATOR:** Merrill, Keith, 1887-1959

**TITLE:** Keith Merrill papers

**DATES:** 1915-1985

**BULK DATES:** 1940-1945

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 1.25 linear feet

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The papers consist of correspondence, memoranda, reports, cables, and printed material concerning economic warfare assembled by Keith Merrill when he served with the Board of Economic Warfare during World War II. Merrill intended to write a history of economic warfare, with emphasis on the violation of neutrality by the Swedes, and drafts of his manuscript are included in the papers.

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b. box  
f. folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Rosemary Merrill Loring, 1988.

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The materials are open for research.

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## Biographical / Historical

Keith Merrill was born on April 2, 1887 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He graduated from Yale University in 1911 and in 1914 he received a LL.B. from Harvard University. Merrill served in the United States Foreign Service from 1917 until 1937. He was in the U.S. Naval Reserve and served as assistant to Captain W. D. Puleston, Navy liaison officer to the Board of Economic Warfare, from 1942 to 1946. He married Mary Katherine Ayer on May 7, 1917; they had three children: Keith, Jr., Rosemary Katherine, and Eugenia Ayer.

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## Arrangement

Arranged by record type.

## Collection Contents

b. 1, f. 1	American Bosch case	1940-1945
b. 1, f. 2	Ball bearing production	1943-1945
b. 1, f. 3	Biography [summary of Merrill's activities in World War II]	undated
b. 1, f. 4	Correspondence [alphabetical]	1937, 1942
b. 1, f. 5 - 6	Economic warfare	1919, 1940-1945
b. 1, f. 7	German imports from neutrals	1915-1918, 1943
b. 1, f. 8	IT&T Corporation subsidiaries	undated
b. 1, f. 9	International law cases	1943
b. 1, f. 10	Naval period	1943
	Negotiations	
b. 1, f. 11	Argentina	1943-1945
b. 1, f. 12	Portugal	1943, 1945
b. 2, f. 13	Spain [violations of neutrality]	1943-1945, 1947
b. 2, f. 14 - 19	Sweden	1942-1945
b. 3, f. 20	Switzerland	1944-1945
b. 3, f. 21	Neutrals [general]	1943-1944, undated
b. 3, f. 22	Neutrality, personal [speech given by Merrill defending his neutral stance in the late 1930s]	1940
	Postwar period	
b. 3, f. 23	Economic situation [memos pertaining to]	1945
b. 3, f. 24	German interests in United States	1945
b. 3, f. 25	"Government Organization for Waging Total War" [report] English	1945
b. 3, f. 26	Marshall Plan	1948
b. 3, f. 27	Neutrality	1945
b. 3, f. 28	Ruhr Plan	1946-1947
	<i>Triumph of Unarmed Forces</i> [book by Merrill]	
b. 3, f. 29 - 30	Draft	undated
b. 4, f. 31	Notes and memos	1945, 1985, undated

b. 4, f. 32	Unneutral neutrals	1942-1947
b. 4, f. 33	Miscellaneous [memos, notes, financial statements]	1917-1945, undated

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## **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.

### **Geographic Names**

Sweden -- Foreign relations

### **Names**

Merrill, Keith, 1887-1959

### **Corporate Body**

United States. Board of Economic Warfare