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**SUMMARY:** Correspondence and writings of Albert Jay Nock, author and editor. Also included are writings and correspondence about Nock (mainly materials collected by Robert Crunden for his book on Nock, *The Mind and Art of Albert Jay Nock*, Chicago, 1964), and materials concerning Ruth Robinson, a close friend of Nock; in fact, the larger part of the collection consists of correspondence between Nock and Miss Robinson. Important correspondents include H. L. Mencken, Ellery Sedgwick, Brand Whitlock, Newton D. Baker, Jacques Barzun, Lewis Mumford, and John Dos Passos.

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b.        box  
f.        folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Paul Palmer, Robert Crunden, and Ruth Robinson.

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### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Biographical / Historical

Albert Jay Nock was a fiercely private man; biographical information is scarce indeed. He was born October 13, 1870 in Scranton, Pennsylvania. (Nock himself claimed 1873 or, maybe 1874 as the year of his birth; it was, he thought, a matter of little consequence). His father, Joseph Albert Nock, was a clergyman in the Protestant Episcopal Church; his mother, Emma Sheldon Jay, was a descendant of the Rochellois Protestants who arrived in America in the late 1680's. Much of Nock's youth was spent in Alpena, Michigan, where his father had established a church.

Nock attended St. Stephen's College (now Bard College) at Annandale-on-Hudson, New York, from which he received an A.B. degree in 1892. Evidence of Nock's activities between 1892 and 1898 are fragmentary at best. It appears that he took some graduate courses at the Berkeley Divinity School, which was then in Middletown, Connecticut. In any event, he was ordained to the ministry of the Episcopal Church in 1897 and was called to St. James Church, Titusville, Pennsylvania the following year. In Titusville, he met Agnes Grumbine (1876-1935), who he married on April 25, 1900. The marriage produced two sons, Francis Jay and Samuel Albert, but during the time Ruth Robinson knew him (from 1909 until his death in 1945), Nock rarely saw or mentioned his family.

Nock left the active ministry late in 1909 to join the staff of *American Magazine*, where he proved his skill in editing as well as writing. In 1915 Crowell bought *American Magazine* and turned it into a popular magazine. Nock then joined the staff of the *Nation*, where his name appeared on the mast-head as an associate editor from July 27, 1918 to November 29, 1919. He left the *Nation* for the famous *Freeman*, which he co-edited, with Francis Neilson the British single-taxer, from 1920 until it ceased publication in 1924. By that time Nock was weary of editorial duties and never again accepted a regular editorial position. Instead, he devoted the rest of his life to travels and writing.

Nock was a fierce champion of individualism and it is this credo which spurred his attacks on social and political institutions. In an autobiographical sketch he prepared for Paul Palmer, Nock wrote: "Responsibility to myself and for myself, yes. I am, as I have always been, proud to accept that, proud to assert it in the face

of God, man, beast, or devil. But responsibility for anything beyond that I accept only on the strength of the most searching evidence; and I have a peculiarly resolute resentment against the impositions by State, Church, or social conventions of responsibilities which are purely artificial in substance and fraudulent in intention."

Nock was early associated with progressivism, but by the end of World War I he found himself labeled a conservative, a name he at first resisted, but finally accepted and defended until the end of his life. In fact, Nock was never really a reformer for he viewed attempts at conversion as a violation of the individual integrity of others. Similarly, he was pessimistic about the possibility of social change. True change, he believed, must be an aggregate of the voluntary changes in individuals.

In addition to several volumes of collected essays, Nock's works include: *Jefferson*, a biography (1926), *Francis Rabelais* (1929), *A Journey into Rabelais's France* (1934), *A Journal of These Days* (1934), *Our Enemy the State* (1935), *Free Speech and Plain Language* (1937), and *Henry George* (1939). Nock's best-received book was his autobiography, *Memoirs of a Superfluous Man* (1943).

\* For additional biographical information, see *The Superfluous Anarchist: Albert Jay Nock*, by Michel Wreszin (Providence, R. I.: Brown University Press, 1972).

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## Scope and Contents

The Albert Jay Nock Collection consists of the correspondence and writings of Albert Jay Nock, correspondence and writings of others about Nock, and some materials concerning Ruth Robinson, an intimate friend of Nock's. Much of the correspondence and writings is unpublished.

The collection is arranged into three series, under the name of the person who collected and donated the papers.

Series I, "Ruth Robinson," is the largest series in the collection and consists primarily of letters from Nock to Ruth Robinson. The series also includes letters to Nock from H. L. Mencken, Ellery Sedgwick, Brand Whitlock, Newton Baker, and Senator Robert Wagner.

Series II, "Paul Palmer," was originally part of the Paul Palmer Papers, (See: Paul Palmer Papers, Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University.) Palmer, who, like Nock, was a member of the Players' Club in New York, was the editor of *The Mercury* for which Nock wrote articles and the *Reader's Digest*. Among the notable correspondents in this series are Lawrence R. Abbott, Rutger B. Jewett, and Brand Whitlock.

Series III, "Robert M. Crunden," Consists of papers collected by Crunden for a thesis he wrote as an undergraduate at Yale University, which was later published as a book, *The Mind and Art of Albert Jay Nock* (Chicago: Henry Regnery Co., 1964). There is also a group of letters to Crunden from people who knew Nock. Notable correspondents in this group include: Harry Elmer Barnes, Jacques Barzun, John Dos Passos, Margaret Storrs Grierson, Hugh Mac Carran, Lewis Mumford, and Edmund A. Opitz.

\* For additional Nock papers see the Richard E. Danielson Papers and the Charles Nagel Papers, Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library.

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## Arrangement

Arranged in three series: I. Ruth Robinson. II. Paul Palmer. III. Robert M. Crunden.

## Collection Contents

### Series I: RUTH ROBINSON, 1910-1969

2' (4 boxes)

This series contains materials collected and donated by Ruth Robinson and is divided into two subsections: "Correspondence" and "Special Files."

The bulk of the correspondence consists of letters to and from Nock, most of which are letters from Nock to Ruth Robinson. Letters are arranged alphabetically by the name of Nock's correspondent and chronologically within each folder. Typed copies of Nock's letters made by Ruth Robinson are filed immediately after the original letter. In addition, Robinson wrote editorial footnotes to the letters clarifying or elaborating upon unclear references. These will be found at the end of the correspondence. Numbers appearing on the typed copies of the letters mark the footnoted passages. Recording tapes used to make the typed copies of Nock's letters follow the editorial footnotes.

There is a small section of correspondence by various persons addressed to Ruth Robinson or to Nock's sons, which were written after Nock's death. Most of these letters deal with the publication of *Selected Letters of Albert Jay Nock* or are about various writings about Nock. Among the correspondents in this section are: Bernard Iddings Bell, William Harlowe Briggs, Frank Chodorov, George Libaire, Robert M. Thornton, and Nock's two sons, Francis Jay and Samuel Albert Nock.

"Special Files" consists of two published articles by Nock; the November, 1944 issue of *Encore*, for which Nock was the guest editor; printed materials about Nock and his writings; photos and autobiographical notes by Ruth Robinson; and some of the original pen and ink drawings done by Robinson for Nock's *Journey into Rabelais's France*. In addition, there are printed materials about the publication of *The Freeman*, guest lists, and programs for dramatic productions by the Player's Club, of which Nock was a member.

#### Correspondence

b. 1, f. 1	<i>Atlantic Monthly</i> See also: <a href="#">box 3, folder 46</a>
b. 1, f. 2	<i>American Magazine</i> See also: <a href="#">box 3, folder 47</a>
b. 1, f. 3	Baker, Newton D, (Mayor of Cleveland) 1915.
b. 1, f. 4	Darrow, Karl K. 31 December, 1943.
b. 1, f. 5	<i>Encore</i> See also: <a href="#">box 3, folder 48</a>
b. 1, f. 6	Hobson, Henry 1939.
b. 1, f. 7	Johnston, Sir Harry H. 1924.
b. 1, f. 8	Mencken, H. L. 3 May, 1913.
b. 1, f. 9	Morrow, William, and Company See also: <a href="#">box 1, folder 6</a>
b. 1, f. 10	Parsons, Louis A. "Zebe," 1943.

## Correspondence (continued)

b. 1, f. 11	Reese, Daniel Hawes 1913.
b. 1, f. 12	1910, to Ruth Robinson.
b. 1, f. 13	1911, to Ruth Robinson.
b. 1, f. 14	1912, to Ruth Robinson.
b. 1, f. 15	1913, January-April, to Ruth Robinson.
b. 1, f. 16	1913, May-June, to Ruth Robinson.
b. 1, f. 17	1913, July-August, to Ruth Robinson.
b. 1, f. 18	1913, September-October, to Ruth Robinson.
b. 2, f. 19	1913, November-December, to Ruth Robinson.
b. 2, f. 20	1914, January-April, to Ruth Robinson.
b. 2, f. 21	1914, May-August, to Ruth Robinson.
b. 2, f. 22	1914, September-December, to Ruth Robinson.
b. 2, f. 23	1915, January-June, to Ruth Robinson.
b. 2, f. 24	1915, July-December, to Ruth Robinson.
b. 2, f. 25	1916, to Ruth Robinson.
b. 2, f. 26	1917, to Ruth Robinson.
b. 3, f. 27	1919, to Ruth Robinson.
b. 3, f. 28	1921, to Ruth Robinson.
b. 3, f. 29	1922, to Ruth Robinson.
b. 3, f. 30	1923, to Ruth Robinson.
b. 3, f. 31	1924, to Ruth Robinson.
b. 3, f. 32	1925, to Ruth Robinson.
b. 3, f. 33	1926, to Ruth Robinson.
b. 3, f. 34	1927, to Ruth Robinson.
b. 3, f. 35	1928, to Ruth Robinson.
b. 3, f. 36	1930, to Ruth Robinson.
b. 3, f. 37	1931-1933, to Ruth Robinson.
b. 3, f. 38	1934, to Ruth Robinson.
b. 3, f. 39	1935, 1937, to Ruth Robinson.
b. 3, f. 40	1938, to Ruth Robinson.

## Correspondence (continued)

b. 3, f. 41	1939, to Ruth Robinson.	
b. 3, f. 42	1940-1942, to Ruth Robinson.	
b. 3, f. 43	1943, to Ruth Robinson.	
b. 3, f. 44	1944-1945, to Ruth Robinson.	
b. 3, f. 45	Postcards--no dates--to Ruth Robinson.	
b. 3, f. 46	Sedgwick, Ellery (Ed. of <i>Atlantic Monthly</i> )	1915, 1930, 1931
b. 3, f. 47	Siddall, John, assoc. editor, <i>American Magazine</i>	May, 1913.
b. 3, f. 48	Smith, Dent, editor of <i>Encore</i> ; letter congratulating Nock's editing of November, 1944, issue--8 November, 1944.	
b. 3, f. 49	Wagner, Sen. Robert F.. Undated.	
b. 3, f. 50	Whitlock, Brand "Mawruss," 1912, 1913. See also: <a href="#">box 1, folder 3</a>	
b. 3, f. 51	Wilson, Catherine Rose, 9 September, 1933.	
b. 3, f. 52	Ruth Robinson's editorial footnotes to A. J. Nock's letters (all the preceding material).	
b. 4, f. 53	Tape made by Ruth Robinson used to correct the type-script and make notes for the collection of typescript copies of letters of A. J. Nock to Ruth Robinson. Reel # 1.	
b. 4, f. 54	Tape made by Ruth Robinson used to correct the typescript and make notes for the collection of typescript copies of letters of A. J. Nock to Ruth Robinson. Reel # 2.	
b. 4, f. 55	Tape made by Ruth Robinson used to correct the typescript and make notes for the collection of typescript copies of letters of A. J. Nock to Ruth Robinson. Reel # 3.	
b. 4, f. 56	Tape made by Ruth Robinson used to correct the typescript and make notes for the collection of typescript copies of letters of A. J. Nock to Ruth Robinson. Reel # 4.	
b. 4, f. 57	Bell, Bernard Iddings, minister, to: Samuel A. Nock, August 22, 1945 and to Ruth Robinson 23 August, 1945.	
b. 4, f. 58	Briggs, William Harlow (Harper Bros.) to Ruth Robinson 1945-1946, 1950, 1951. See also: <a href="#">box 4, folder 71</a>	
b. 4, f. 59	Briggs, William Harlow (Harper Bros.) to Catherine R. Wilson 1946. See also: <a href="#">box 6, folder 8</a>	
b. 4, f. 60	Caxton Printers, Ltd. (J. H. Gipson, president) to Ruth Robinson 1961. A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at <a href="mailto:beinecke.library@yale.edu">beinecke.library@yale.edu</a> to request access to the digital copy.	

## Correspondence (continued)

b. 4, f. 61	Caxton Printers (J. H. Gipson, pres.) to Robert M. Thornton 1 November, 1960. A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at <a href="mailto:beinecke.library@yale.edu">beinecke.library@yale.edu</a> to request access to the digital copy.
b. 4, f. 62	Chodorov, Frank to Ruth Robinson August 26, 1946.
b. 4, f. 63	Clough, Benjamin Crocker to Ruth Robinson September, 1962.
b. 4, f. 64	Colcord, Lincoln to Ruth Robinson May 12, 1946.
b. 4, f. 65	Cziraky, Sandor, to Ernest von Harringa; 10 October, 1958.
b. 4, f. 66	Cziraky, Sandor to Ruth Robinson (letters concerning dissertation on AJN) 1958-1962.
b. 4, f. 67	Gipson, J. H., president, Caxton Printers, to Ruth Robinson. See also: <a href="#">box 4, folder 60</a>
b. 4, f. 68	Harper & Brothers, Publishers.
b. 4, f. 69	Libaire, George to Ruth Robinson, 22 August, 1946; and to Frank Chodorov 21 August, 1946.
b. 4, f. 70	Nock, Francis to Ruth Robinson, 1945-1947, 1951, 1956, and undated.
b. 4, f. 71	Nock, Samuel A.; letters to/from Briggs, William Harlowe, 1946 and 1950.
b. 4, f. 72	Nock, Samuel A.; to Mrs. Edward Nicholas, 1 September, 1945, and Ellen Winsor, 15 February, 1957.
b. 4, f. 73	Nock, Samuel A. to Ruth Robinson, 19 August, 1945-1913 January, 1950; 25 May, 1955-1912 February, 1957.
b. 4, f. 74	Thornton, Robert M. to Ruth Robinson, 21 July, 1959-1919 December, 1961.
b. 4, f. 75	Miscellaneous correspondence (mostly to Ruth Robinson) concerning AJN's death and later publication of his works.
b. 4, f. 75	<u>Special Files</u>
b. 5, f. 76	"Advertising and Liberal Literature," from <i>The Sewanee Review</i> (date unknown) by Albert Jay Nock. English
b. 5, f. 77	"Anarchist's Progress," from <i>Analysis</i> , November, 1949, by Albert Jay Nock. English
b. 5, f. 78	<i>Encore</i> , vol. VI, no. 33, Nov., 1944; Albert Jay Nock, guest editor. See also: <a href="#">box 3, folder 48</a>
b. 5, f. 79	<i>Analysis</i> , vol. II, no. 10, August, 1946, memorial issue on Albert Jay Nock.
b. 5, f. 80	<i>Fragments</i> , memorial issue, April-June, 1966. Articles by and about Albert Jay Nock.
b. 5, f. 81	Clippings and reviews, miscellaneous, concerning Nock and his works.

## Special Files (continued)

b. 5, f. 82	Reed, John, <i>The Day in Bohemia, or Life Among the Artists</i> , excerpts mentioning Nock, 1913.
b. 5, f. 83	Robinson, Ruth, autobiographical notes of 1965, 1969 (containing information about Nock).
b. 5, f. 84	Robinson, Ruth, a few of the drawings for <i>A Journey into Rabelais' France</i> (text by A. J. Nock).
b. 5, f. 85	<a href="#">Robinson, Ruth, photos of.</a>
b. 5, f. 86	<i>Freeman</i> , Huebsch's announcement of his intention to publish; vol. 1, no. 1, March 17, 1920; and <i>The Freeman, Jr.</i> , (parody) vol. 1, no. 1/2, Mar. 5, 1925.
b. 5, f. 87	<i>Freeman</i> , birthday dinners for, invitations, address lists, and letters of acceptance or rejection.
b. 5, f. 88	<i>Freeman</i> , brief note concerning doctoral dissertation on, author unknown (in handwriting of Ruth Robinson).
b. 5, f. 89	The Players, programs for productions by; 1922, 1923, 1924, 1927.

**Series II: PAUL PALMER, 1911-1945, 1946***0.75 linear feet (2 boxes)*

This series contains materials collected and donated by Paul Palmer, Nock's friend and associate. The series is divided into three subsections: "Correspondence," "Writings," and "Printed Matter."

"Correspondence" is arranged alphabetically by the name of the correspondent and chronologically within each folder. Approximately half of this section consists of correspondence between Palmer and Nock; the remainder, with the exception of two third-party letters, one addressed to Ruth Robinson and the other to Palmer, are letters from various people to Nock.

"Writings" contains manuscripts by Nock, both published and unpublished, and printed articles by Nock, some of which are unsigned. The manuscripts are arranged alphabetically by subject (most do not have titles); the printed articles are arranged alphabetically by title, or, if untitled, by type, e.g., reviews.

"Printed Matter" contains published material about Nock and his writings and is arranged alphabetically by type. Photographs of Nock are included in this section.

Correspondence

b. 6, f. 1	Abbott, Lawrence F. ( <i>The Outlook</i> ), June, 1913.
b. 6, f. 2	Appleton, D., & Co. See also: <a href="#">box 6, folder 13</a>
b. 6, f. 3	<i>Atlantic Monthly</i> , editor ("Teu") to Palmer, Paul, senior editor, <i>Readers Digest</i> , 24 August, 1948.
b. 6, f. 4	<i>Atlantic Monthly</i> . See also: <a href="#">box 6, folder 28</a>
b. 6, f. 5	"A. A. B." ( <i>American Magazine</i> ) 1914, 1915, and undated. English
b. 6, f. 6	Bell, Bernard Iddings, 26 September, 1934.
b. 6, f. 7	Boyden, A., undated.
b. 6, f. 8	Briggs, William Harlowe (Harper & Brothers, Publishers) 7 November, 1941.
b. 6, f. 9	Cary, William B., minister, 11 September, 1918.
b. 6, f. 10	Harper & Brothers, Publishers. See also: <a href="#">box 6, folder 8</a>
b. 6, f. 11	Hazard, Caroline to Ruth Robinson, 11 September, 1934.
b. 6, f. 12	Hobson, Thayer (William Morrow & Co., Publishers), 28 October, 1933.
b. 6, f. 13	Jewett, Rutger B. (D. Appleton & Co.) concerning AJN's introduction to book by B. Whitlock, December, 1913.
b. 6, f. 14	Johnston, Sir Henry H., 27 March, 1924.
b. 6, f. 15	Kennedy, Charles W., 24 March, 1911.
b. 6, f. 16	McCurdy, Allen W., minister, 28 April, 1913.

## Correspondence (continued)

b. 6, f. 17	Morningside Presbyterian Church. See also: <a href="#">box 6, folder 16</a>
b. 6, f. 18	Morrow, William, & Co., Publishers. See also: <a href="#">box 6, folder 12</a> <a href="#">box 6, folder 27</a>
b. 6, f. 19	<i>The Outlook</i> . See also: <a href="#">box 6, folder 1</a>
b. 6, f. 20	Palmer, Paul (from A. J. Nock), 1937-1938.
b. 6, f. 21	Palmer, Paul (to A. J. Nock), 1938.
b. 6, f. 22	Palmer, Paul (from A. J. Nock), 1939-1940.
b. 6, f. 23	Palmer, Paul (from A. J. Nock), 1941-1942.
b. 6, f. 24	Palmer, Paul (to A. J. Nock), 6 November, 1941.
b. 6, f. 25	Palmer, Paul (from A. J. Nock), 1943.
b. 6, f. 26	Palmer, Paul (from A. J. Nock), 1944-1945 and undated.
b. 6, f. 27	Phillips, Frances (William Morrow & Co., publishers), 30 October, 1933.
b. 6, f. 28	Sedgwick, Ellery, editor, <i>The Atlantic Monthly</i> , 1914, 1934.
b. 6, f. 29	Thompson, Maud, re: "Motherhood and the State" by AJN in <i>Atlantic Monthly</i> , July, 1914; August, 1914.
b. 6, f. 30	Van Loon, Hendrick Willens, 5 October, 1934.
b. 6, f. 31	Whitlock, Brand, 1912 and undated.
b. 6, f. 32	Anonymous admirer of "Motherhood and the State" by AJN, <i>Atlantic Monthly</i> , July, 1914.

Writings

b. 6, f. 33	MS. of autobiographical memoir by A. J. Nock for use by Paul Palmer. A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at <a href="mailto:beinecke.library@yale.edu">beinecke.library@yale.edu</a> to request access to the digital copy.
b. 6, f. 34	MS. (typed) of "In the Interpreter's House," by A. J. Nock, undated, re: The abasement of Christmas.
b. 6, f. 35	MS. of introduction by A. J. Nock to book by Brand Whitlock (?), 20 November, 1913.
b. 6, f. 36	MS. of article on liberalism, by A. J. Nock.
b. 6, f. 37	MS. (typed) of unpublished journal of travels in Europe, by A. J. Nock, 5 May, 1934--25 January, 1935; 10 August (1935?)--27 October (1935?). A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at <a href="mailto:beinecke.library@yale.edu">beinecke.library@yale.edu</a> to request access to the digital copy.
b. 6, f. 38	MS. (typed) of account of travels in France, by A. J. Nock. A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at <a href="mailto:beinecke.library@yale.edu">beinecke.library@yale.edu</a> to request access to the digital copy.

## Writings (continued)

b. 7, f. 39	"About a Book or Two," by A. J. Nock, from <i>Analysis</i> , July, 1945. English
b. 7, f. 40	Address to Classical Conference by A. J. Nock
b. 7, f. 41	"American Indifference to Affairs of Government Is Largely Due to Our Unwieldy Political System," by A. J. Nock. Reprinted in the Providence, Rhode Island, <i>Bulletin</i> , Feb. 8, 1933. (Originally printed in <i>The American Mercury</i> ). English
b. 7, f. 42	"Anarchist's Progress," by A. J. Nock. reprinted from <i>Analysis</i> . English
b. 7, f. 43	"Basis of Government," an outline by A. J. Nock in Nock's handwriting. English
b. 7, f. 44	"A Canadian Railway's Public Spirit" and "Radical Wisdom," by A. J. Nock from <i>The Outlook</i> ; "This Week," 10 May, 1913, pp. 43-44. English
b. 7, f. 45	"Democracy Here and Abroad," by A. J. Nock from <i>The New York Evening Post</i> , 30 January, 1918. (Newspaper clipping and typed copy). English
b. 7, f. 46	"An Extraordinary Correspondence," galley proofs (from <i>American Magazine</i> ?) (by A. J. Nock?) English
b. 7, f. 47	Frank Gilbreth's Great Plan to Introduce Time-Study into Surgery or "Efficiency and the High-Brow"--fragment, <i>The American Magazine</i> , p. 48, undated, by A. J. Nock.
b. 7, f. 48	"The Instinct for Style," from <i>The Nation</i> , 24 May 1919, pp. 824-825. (by A. J. Nock?) English
b. 7, f. 49	"In the Interpreter's House," from <i>The American Magazine</i> , March, 1912, pp. 635-640. (by A. J. Nock?). English
b. 7, f. 50	"In the Interpreter's House," from <i>The American Magazine</i> , April, 1912, pp. 766-768. (by A. J. Nock?). English
b. 7, f. 51	"In the Interpreter's House," from <i>The American Magazine</i> , June, 1912, pp. 243-256. (by A. J. Nock?). English
b. 7, f. 52	"In the Interpreter's House," (by A. J. Nock?) [re:] Czar Nicholas II of Russia; Galley Proofs from <i>The American Magazine</i> (Dec. 4, 1912?). English
b. 7, f. 53	"In the Interpreter's House," (by A. J. Nock?) [re:] scientific management; Galley Proofs from <i>The American Magazine</i> , undated. English
b. 7, f. 54	"In the Interpreter's House," from <i>The American Magazine</i> , undated, pp. 94-97, [re:] baseball (by A. J. Nock?). English

## Writings (continued)

b. 7, f. 55	"In the Interpreter's House," from <i>The American Magazine</i> , undated, pp. 132-137, [re:] Christianity and industrial autocracy (by A. J. Nock?). English
b. 7, f. 56	"In the Interpreter's House," [re:] the liberals; from <i>The American Magazine</i> , pp. 122-131, undated (by A. J. Nock?). English
b. 7, f. 57	"In the Interpreter's House," from <i>The American Magazine</i> , undated, pp. 92-95, [re:] movies (by A. J. Nock?). English
b. 7, f. 58	"In the Interpreter's House," from <i>The American Magazine</i> , undated, pp. 92-97, [re:] railroads (by A. J. Nock?). English
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"Special Files" contains printed materials not directly related to Nock and miscellaneous notes written by Ruth Robinson after Nock's death.

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b. 8, f. 1	Bell, Bernard Iddings (from Nock), 1933, 1934, 1943, undated copies.
b. 8, f. 2	Gipson, James H. (from Nock), November 29, 1944(?), copy. A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at <a href="mailto:beinecke.library@yale.edu">beinecke.library@yale.edu</a> to request access to the digital copy.
b. 8, f. 3	Lange, Elizabeth (from Nock), October 17, 1943, copy.'
b. 8, f. 4	Kirk, Russell (from Nock), July 9, 1945, copy.
b. 8, f. 5	Lichtenstein, Walter (from Nock), June 5, 1944, copy.
b. 8, f. 6	Mencken, H. L. (from Nock), March 16, 1921, copy.
b. 8, f. 7	Nock, Samuel A. (from A. J. Nock), (June 17, 1941?] Copy.
b. 8, f. 8	Oliva, Felix M. (from Nock), May 16, 1944, copy.
b. 8, f. 9	Robinson, Ruth (from Nock), January 1, 1938, copy.
b. 8, f. 10	Sedgwick, Ellery (to Nock), February 26, 1930, copy.
b. 8, f. 11	<i>The American Journal of Economics and Sociology</i> . See also: <a href="#">box 8, folder 38</a>
b. 8, f. 12	Aring, Charles D. to Crunden, 1963.
b. 8, f. 13	Arvin, Newton to Crunden, 1961.

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b. 8, f. 14	Bard College (formerly St. Stephen's College), 1961, 1962, to Crunden.
b. 8, f. 15	Barnes, Harry Elmer to Crunden, 1961.
b. 8, f. 16	Barzun, Jacques (provost, Columbia University) to Crunden, 1961, 1964.
b. 8, f. 17	Bean, William B. to Crunden, 1963.
b. 8, f. 18	Berkeley Divinity School, 1962, to Crunden.
b. 8, f. 19	Bigelow, Paul to Crunden, 1961, 1962.
b. 8, f. 20	Broadhurst, E. H. to Crunden, 1962.
b. 8, f. 21	Chamberlin, William Henry to Crunden, 1961.
b. 8, f. 22	Chodorov, Frank to Crunden, 1961.
b. 8, f. 23	Christ Episcopal Church, Blacksburg, Virginia. See also: <a href="#">box 8, folder 55</a>
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b. 8, f. 25	Cziraky, Sandor to Crunden, 1962.
b. 8, f. 26	DosPassos, John to Crunden, 1961.
b. 8, f. 27	Eastman, Max to Crunden, 1961.
b. 8, f. 28	Fischer, Hanns to Crunden, 1963.
b. 8, f. 29	Foundation for Economic Education, Inc. See also: <a href="#">box 8, folder 44</a>
b. 8, f. 30	Garrison, Eleanor to Crunden, 1961.
b. 8, f. 31	Grierson, Margaret Storrs (Sophia Smith Collection--Smith College Library), 1961, to Crunden.
b. 8, f. 32	Hazo, Robert G. to Crunden (Institute for Philosophical Research), 1962, 1963.
b. 8, f. 33	Hillyer, Robert to Crunden, 1961.
b. 8, f. 34	Huebsch, B. W. to Crunden (The Viking Press, Inc.), 1961.
b. 8, f. 35	Institute for Philosophical Research. See also: <a href="#">box 8, folder 32</a>
b. 8, f. 36	LaFollette, Suzanne to Crunden, 1961, 1962.
b. 8, f. 37	Library of Congress (David C. Mearns, chief, MS. Division) to Crunden, 1961.
b. 8, f. 38	Lissner, Will to Crunden ( <i>The American Journal of Economics and Sociology</i> ), 1961.
b. 8, f. 39	MacCarran (?), Hugh, to Crunden, 1962.
b. 8, f. 40	Mearns, David C. See also: <a href="#">box 8, folder 37</a>

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b. 8, f. 41	Mumford, Lewis, to Crunden, 1961.
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b. 8, f. 43	Nock, Samuel Albert to Crunden, 1961, 1962.
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b. 8, f. 48	Robinson, Geroid T. to Crunden, 1961.
b. 8, f. 49	Robinson, Ruth to Crunden, 1961-1964 and undated.
b. 8, f. 50	St. Stephen's College. See also: <a href="#">box 8, folder 14</a>
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b. 8, f. 52	Tachau, William G. to Crunden, undated.
b. 8, f. 53	Turner, Susan J. to Crunden, 1961.
b. 8, f. 54	Van Doren, Mark from/to Crunden, 1961.
b. 8, f. 55	Walke, Roger A. Jr., Rector (Christ Episcopal Church, Blacksburg, Va.) 1962, to Crunden.
b. 8, f. 56	Wesleyan University to Crunden, 1962.
b. 8, f. 57	Wilson, Catherine R. to Crunden, 1962.

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b. 8, f. 58	Autobiographical sketch of A. J. Nock written for Paul Paul Palmer. Copy of the original (which is in the Palmer Series), in the handwriting of Nock.
b. 8, f. 59	Autobiographical sketch of A. J. Nock, written for Paul Palmer. Typed copy of the original (which is in the Palmer, Series).
b. 8, f. 60	"Democracy Here and Abroad," by A. J. Nock, copied from the New York <i>Evening Post</i> , January 30, 1918. (Two copies.) English
b. 8, f. 61	Fists Across the Sea--an Unsentimental Prophecy, by A. J. Nock in <i>Harper's Monthly Magazine</i> vol. 154, Feb. 1927, pp. 274-280.
b. 8, f. 62	"Introduction," by Albert J. Nock to <i>Meditations in Wall Street</i> , Anonymous, December 1, 1939. English
b. 8, f. 63	"Introduction," by Albert J. Nock; book and author unknown, September 30, 1915. English

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b. 8, f. 64	"Introduction to the Fourth Edition," by Albert Jay Nock; book and author unknown, October 13, 1921. English
b. 8, f. 65	"Introduction," by Albert Jay Nock; book, author, and date unknown. English
b. 8, f. 66	Mr. Smith and Mr. Smythe--The Real Causes of British-American Friction, by A. J. Nock in <i>Harper's Monthly Magazine</i> , pp. 691-697, undated.
b. 8, f. 67	"To Paul Palmer," notes concerning three natural laws, by A. J. Nock, August 1, 1944. English
b. 8, f. 68	"To Paul Palmer," notes re: the meaning of "liberalism," by A. J. Nock. October 30, 1944. English
b. 8, f. 69	Short story--"A Puritan Heart," by "Cav. A de Angelis" (A. J. Nock), July, 1911, (published in <i>American Magazine</i> , May 19, 1912).
b. 8, f. 70	Short story--"An Influence," by "Cav. Angelo de Angelis" (A. J. Nock), unpublished.
b. 8, f. 71	Short story--"A Tatiana of the South," by "Cav. Angelo de Angelis" (A. J. Nock), unpublished.
b. 8, f. 72	"What Has My Education Done For Me?" by A. J. Nock; a commencement address delivered June 16, 1892, at St. Stephen's College (Nock was in class of 1892 at St. Stephen's). English
b. 8, f. 73	Chamberlain, John, "A.J. N./Man of Letters," in <i>A Reviewer's Notebook</i> , in <i>The Freeman</i> , November, 1962, pp. 59-62.
b. 8, f. 74	Chodorov, Frank, "Gentle Nock at Our Door," in <i>Faith and Freedom</i> , February, 1955.
b. 8, f. 75	Palmer, Paul, "Palmer Sketch," of A. J. Nock; undated, after Nock's death.
b. 8, f. 76	Powell, Lawrence Clark; article mentioning A. J. Nock (title missing) from the <i>New York Times Book Review</i> , June 9, 1963.
b. 8, f. 77	Reed, John, <i>The Day in Bohemia, or, Life Among the Artists</i> , two excerpts mentioning Nock, 1913.
b. 8, f. 78	Robinson, Ruth; memories of Albert Jay Nock as she wrote them (for use in <i>Selected Letters of Albert Jay Nock</i> ).
b. 8, f. 79	Robinson, Ruth; memories of Albert Jay Nock, as revised by Paul Bigelow (for use in <i>Selected Letters of Albert Jay Nock</i> ).
b. 8, f. 80	Anonymous--History of A. J. Nock's career at St. James Church; anonymous, untitled, undated.
b. 8, f. 81	"The Freeman," Chapter IV of ? by ? (Literary Editor of the Freeman) (contains information about Nock), date, author, and source unknown. English
b. 8, f. 82	"The Nockian Society," a newsletter announcing tentative formation of the Society, February 14, 1963. English
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b. 8, f. 85	Newspaper clippings on: 1. fire at the Player's Club; 2. death of Van Wyck Brooks.
b. 8, f. 86	Nock, Samuel Albert, "Editorial Comment," obituary for H. L. Mencken, spring, 1965.
b. 8, f. 87	Robinson, Ruth, "Memo for Biographical First Chapter," (corrective notes and suggestions--for Crunden's book?).
b. 8, f. 88	Robinson, Ruth; copy or draft of letter to Francis Jay Nock, undated.
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