

# Guide to the Charles Mason Remey Papers

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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 413

**CREATOR:** Remey, Charles Mason, 1874-1974

**TITLE:** Charles Mason Remey papers

**DATES:** 1891-1957

**BULK DATES:** 1939-1957

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 8 linear feet

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The papers consist of his travel journals in Europe and Latin America as a teacher of the Bahá'í faith (1945-1948) and typescripts of family biographies and other aspects of the Remey family history. Included are compilations of the life and letters of Charles Mason, chief justice of Iowa, of George Collier Remey, rear admiral in the United States Navy, and of Mary Josephine Remey. Remey's architectural career is represented in an "Architectural design for a Bahá'í temple to be built upon Mt. Carmel in the Holy Land."

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Charles M. Remey, 1940-1958.

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The materials are open for research.

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Charles Mason Remey Papers. Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library.

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## Biographical / Historical

Charles Mason Remey: studied architecture at Cornell, at École des Beaux Arts (Paris), 1896-1903; professor of architecture, George Washington University, 1908-1910; active in the Bahá'í faith and designer of the Bahá'í temple on Mount Carmel; author.

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## Scope and Contents

The Charles Mason Remey Papers were given to Yale University Library by Mr. Remey. The family material consists of typed copies of manuscripts the originals of which are in other repositories, and Yale is one of several institutions that holds a set of these copies. It is not apparent whether any other institution has Remey's own travel diaries.

## Collection Contents

b. 1	A Teacher of the Baha'i Faith in South America--Diary of His Travels	1945 November 10-1946 April 4
b. 1	"Journal Diary of Baha'i Travels in Latin America" English	1946 December 18-1947 March 9
	"Journal Diary of Baha'i Travels in Europe"	
b. 1	1947 May 24-Sep 21	
b. 1	1948 Apr 27-Nov 3	
b. 1	"Houses in Which the Remey Family and Their Forebears Have Lived" English	1957
b. 1	"A Record of the USS Remey, Assembled by CMR" English	undated
b. 1	"Architectural Design for the Baha'i Temple to be Built upon Mt. Carmel in the Holy Land" English	undated
	"Life and Letters of Charles Mason, Chief Justice of Iowa, 1804-82" [typescript]	1939
b. 1	Volumes 1-7	
b. 2	Volumes 8-12	
b. 2	"Life and Letters of Rear Admiral George Collier Remey, United States Navy, 1841-1928," volumes 1-10 [typescript] English	1939
b. 3	"Life and Letters of Mary Josephine Mason Remey, Wife of Rear Admiral George Collier Remey, Daughter of Chief Justice Charles Mason, 1848-1939," volumes 1-12 [typescript] English	1939
b. 3	"The Wardrobe of Gertrude Heim Remey, 1888-1932" [typescript with photos]	1939
b. 3	<i>The Lost Ring and Other Poems</i> by Caroline M. Mason	1891
b. 3	<i>An Elementary Treatise on the Structure and Operations of the National and State Governments of the United States</i> by Charles Mason English	1893
b. 3	<i>Harriette Briggs Stoddard</i> by Mrs. J. D. Kingsbury English	undated
b. 3	<i>Reminiscences and Letters</i> by Charles Mason Remey	1910-1940s
b. 4	Volumes 1-16	
b. 5	Volumes 17-34	
b. 6	Volumes 35-50	

b. 7	Volumes 51-68	
b. 8	Volumes 69-86	
b. 9	Volumes 87-105	
b. 10	Volumes 106-119	
b. 11	"The Biography of a House: A Monograph of the Home of an Architect," by Charles Mason Remey English	1945
b. 11	"The Mausoleum of the Remey Family," by Charles Mason Remey English	1945
<i>Baha'i Reminiscences, Diary Letters, and Other Documents</i>		
b. 11	"Daily Diaries of Charles Mason Remey" [thirteen notebooks] English	1940-1948
b. 11	"Herbert's Diary: an Account of Trailer Travels Among Some Centers of Baha'i Teaching," by Herbert Smith, edited by Charles Mason Remey English	1949
b. 11	"Letters Treating of Baha'i Activities" English	1920s-1940s, undated

## **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**

Architects  
Bahai Faith  
Clergy  
Families  
Judges -- Iowa

### **Geographic Names**

Europe -- Description and travel  
Iowa -- Politics and government  
Latin America

### **Genres / Formats**

Diaries

### **Names**

Mason, Charles, 1804-1882  
Remey, Charles Mason, 1874-1974  
Remey, George Collier, 1841-1928  
Remey, Gertrude Heim Klemm, 1888-1932  
Remey, Mary Josephine Mason, 1845-1938

### **Corporate Body**

United States. Navy (Biography)