

The Papers of  
Whitney Hart Shepardson

1910-1966

A Descriptive List

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WHITNEY HART SHEPARDSON

1910-1966

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Whitney Hart Shepardson  
Papers, 1910-1966

Mr. Shepardson was an advisor to Col. E. M. House at the Versailles Peace Conference in 1918. He served as a purchasing agent for European governments buying American foodstuffs, vice president of the International Railways of Central America, and from 1934 to 1940 was principal editor of the United States and World Affairs, a publication of the Council on Foreign Relations, of which Mr. Shepardson was a founding member. During World War II he served with the OSS, and in 1942 was Special Assistant to the Ambassador to Great Britain. From 1953 to 1956 he was president of the Free Europe Committee, operator of Radio Free Europe.

Description: The papers consist of incoming and outgoing correspondence, memoranda, diaries, articles and books by Mr. Shepardson and news clippings, all relating to various aspects of Mr. Shepardson's career.

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Box 1

Whitney H. Shepardson, Colgate, 1910, was elected Rhodes Scholar from New York State in January 1910. He entered Balliol College, Oxford, where he read in modern history for three years. He was the first American to win the Gladstone Memorial Prize--a university-wide competition for the best thesis in history.

Correspondence--Oxford, 1913

Letters of congratulation, July-August 1913--to WHS for receiving "first class honors" at Balliol; correspondence from C.H. Firth relating to the editing of certain manuscripts and correspondence concerning the Gladstone Memorial Prize. 1 folder.

Miscellaneous Printed Materials--Oxford, 1910-1913

Pamphlets, newspaper clippings, picture postal cards, dinner menus, bills of fare, musical and stage programs, lists, golf score sheet, rowing programs, memorandum of expenses, university regulations, lecture schedules and accounts of charges. 2 folders.

Miscellaneous Correspondence, 1910-1914

Letters received, 1910-1914, from Katharine and C.R. Fletcher and F.F. Urquhart. Several items.

School Papers and Miscellaneous Manuscripts, 1910-1914

Two undated samples of work submitted in Latin and Political Science. Also a typed manuscript of diary entries made during a 30 day trip through Holland, Germany and Belgium. Also a copy of a talk before the Southboro, Mass. Mens Club on Oxford.

Photographs--Oxford, c1910-1913

Undated but presumably taken while WHS was at Oxford. 1 folder.

Miscellaneous Printed Materials--Oxford, 1929

Notices, program, directory, menu and other printed material concerning the reunion of Rhodes Scholars at Oxford, July 1929. 1 folder.

## Notebook

Diary of a trip through Holland, Germany and Belgium between December 1911 and January 1912. 90 pages, handwritten.

## Correspondence--F.F. Urquhart, 1913-1934

Typescript copies of letters sent, 1913-1934, to F.F. "Sligger" Urquhart, tutor in Balliol College, Oxford. Correspondence contains brief and random comments on Balliol, World War I, Paris Peace Conference, American politics and foreign policies and the Council of Foreign Affairs.

Box 2

## P.N. Gray and Co.--1921-1922

Correspondence, memoranda, notes, newspaper clippings, picture postal cards and reprints concerning WHS's work as European manager (stationed in Vienna) of P.N. Gray and Co. Gray and Co. was an American concern acting as the agent for the Belgian, Polish and Austrian governments in their purchase of food from the United States. Also a 42 page typed manuscript recounting a 10 week visit (1921) to South Africa with stops at Capetown, Durban, Johannesburg and Port Elizabeth. 1 folder.

## General Education Board, 1927-1930

Correspondence, memoranda, telegrams, cablegrams and printed material. WHS served as director of the General Education Board, 1925-1927, and was particularly interested in the development of agricultural and biological research. 1 folder.

## United States Shipping Board, 1917-1918

Correspondence, memoranda, newspaper clippings and printed materials relating to his service as an attorney with the U.S. Shipping Board May 1917-July 1918. 2 folders.

## Harvard Law School, 1914-1917

Miscellaneous programs, student legal briefs, newspaper clippings and picture postal cards.

## Harvard Law School Reunion

Printed material. Reunion dinner of class of 1917, January 1961.

Bates International Bag Co., 1930

Statement for the nine month period ending September 30, 1930. WHS was president of Bates from 1928-1930.

International Railways of Central America

Printed material.

Box 3

The United States in World Affairs, 1934-1940

Correspondence, newspaper and periodical clippings that comment on The United States in World Affairs. These annual surveys of American Foreign relations were written by Whitney H. Shepardson in collaboration with William O. Scroggs and under the sponsorship of the Council on Foreign Relations. Includes remarks by Herbert Feis, Arnold Toynbee, Isaiah Bowman and Anne O'Hare McCormick. 6 folders.

Miscellaneous Correspondence 1932-1947

A wide variety of correspondence including: communications with Wagner College concerning an honorary degree, 1947; election to American Academy in Rome, 1945; correspondence with American Red Cross suggesting candidates for Red Cross positions, 1942; and correspondence concerning an African research project under the sponsorship of the Royal Institute of International Affairs, 1933.

Correspondence--Doubleday, Doran Co., 1935

Exchanges[1935] with Doubleday, Goran concerning Colonel Lawrence's Seven Pillars of Wisdom. Several items.

Correspondence--Cordell Hull, 1939

Exchanges with Secretary of State Cordell Hull, April 1939, in which WHS suggests the convening of a peace conference. Several items.

Century Club, 1938-1957

Correspondence. WHS served the Century Club Association as member and chairman of several committees and as vice president. 1 folder.

Visit to England, Ireland and Scotland, 1941

Correspondence, memoranda, note cards, speech transcripts, circular notices, schedules, picture postal cards, newspaper clippings, mimeographed and printed material. WHS toured the British Isles during the summer of 1941 at the invitation of the Royal Institute of International Affairs. The ostensible purpose of the visit was to discuss peace aims and reconstruction with British officials and members of the Foreign Research and Press Service. 1 folder.

"Letters of Special Interest" 1918-1966

Correspondence, memoranda and newspaper clippings on a wide range of topics, Communications from Dwight D. Eisenhower, James B. Conant, Christian Herter, Hamilton Fish Armstrong and Henry A. Wallace. Also includes materials concerning his service in the United States Army during World War I and correspondence and other materials relating to the awarding of the Medal of Merit in 1960. 1 folder.

Box 4

"W.J. Donovan" 1942-1946

Correspondence, memoranda, photographs and memorabilia relating to WHS's service as a civilian adviser to the Office of Strategic Services. Also photographs and memorabilia pertaining to General William J. Donovan, director of the OSS. 1 folder.

Round Table Club 1941

Invitation to membership. 1 item.

Treasurer, IBK

Correspondence concerning his election as treasurer of the United Chapters of Phi Beta Kappa. Several items.

Century Club

Correspondence, 1946-1947, concerning preparations for the Century Club's centennial celebration. 1 folder.

"Odds and Ends"

Correspondence with the following: Thomas Lamont, 1941; Vincent Massey, High Commissioner for Canada, 1927-1939; John Laylin, 1935; Charles Merz, New York Times, 1932; Charles Ross, St. Louis Post Dispatch, 1936. 1 folder.

India Trip 1951

Free Europe Committee 1955-1957

Correspondence, memoranda, telegrams, cablegrams, reports, mimeographed and printed materials. WHS was president of the Free Europe Committee, operator of Radio Free Europe, 2 folders.

Free Europe Committee--Photographs

Undated and unidentified. Several items.

Visit to France 1960

Photographs, printed material and memorabilia. WHS was one of a score of OSS veterans who visited Algeria and France as the guests of Amicale Action, the veterans' organization of the French Resistance.

Box 5

Harvard--Board of Overseers, 1957-1963

Correspondence. WHS's service as a member of the Committee to Visit the History Department. 3 items.

Medal of Freedom Award

Correspondence concerning the awarding of the Medal of Freedom to WHS for his wartime services. Several items.

American Academy in Rome

Memorial to Irving S. Olds by WHS. 1 item.

Letters to the New York Times

Correspondence and newspaper clippings of letters submitted and printed on the Times editorial page.

American Society of the French Legion of Honor

Printed material. 1 folder.

The Athenaeum

Correspondence on WHS's election to the Athenaeum. Several items.

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Colgate

Correspondence, photograph and printed material relating to the Colgate Foreign Policy Conference, 1957.

Paris Peace Conference

Letter [1965] acknowledging WHS's gift to United Nations of several folders of material on the Paris Peace Conference. Also several transcripts of press releases, 1918-1919.

Balliol

Correspondence, 1963, with Sir David Kier, Master of Balliol, Vincent Massey and others concerning affairs at Balliol. 1 folder.

"Eisenhower" 1955-1963

Correspondence, programs, and printed material from the White House. Several items.

"Verses"

Random verses. Handwritten and typescript. 1 folder.

Speech and Article Drafts

Drafts of articles and speeches, 1912-1951. 2 folders.

Box 6

Books and other printed material.

Box 7

P. H. K. [Philip Henry Kerr, 11th Marquess of Lothian]

Correspondence to, from, and about Lothian, 1919-1942. Correspondents, in addition to Lothian and Shepardson, include Lothian's family, Shepardson's wife, Eleanor Cargin Shepardson, Norman H. Davis, Felix Frankfurter, Thomas W. Lamont, Vincent Massey, and others. Topics and individuals mentioned include Jan C. Smuts' visit to Canada and the U.S. in 1930, the Rhodes Trust, the endowment of a professorship at Harvard, Herbert Baker, Lionel Curtis, the Round Table, Britain's need for destroyers in 1940. There are newspaper clippings concerning Lothian from The Times of London, the New York Times, the New York Herald-Tribune, the Irish Times, and the Washington Post.

Unlabelled folder: Two letters from Robert Brand, 1951, re Korea, the UN, etc. A letter re the origins of Theosophy.

Box 8

Bound Diaries

Guatemala and Salvador 1933  
Australia and New Zealand 1947  
Union of South Africa 1948  
West Indies, 1948  
Nigeria and Gold Coast 1950

Box 9

Notes, Correspondence, Writings, and Articles

India Pakistan 1951, Notes (Bound)  
Carnegie Corporation 1946-1953 Letters (Bound)  
Causes of the American Revolt, Composition 1913 (Bound)  
Round Table Articles, W.H.S., 1920-1925 (Bound)  
Round Table Articles, W.H.S., 1926-1934 (Bound)

Above materials had been filed with printed materials. Given to archives by Joseph Marshall, Librarian, December 1983.

A bound facsimile of the Magna Carta given by Lord Halifax to Whitney Shepardson. Shelved in first floor stacks with unaccessioned folios. Housed in large maroon slip case.

Box 10

Petitions: Island of Cuba (Bound Volume)

Box 11

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Box 12

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Box 13

"And Do Silently: A Biography of Whitney Hart Shepardson"  
by Robert Struckman and John Shepardson  
(Unpublished Manuscript donated by John W. Shepardson, MSS 08-16)