

R. C. Leffingwell Letterbooks

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Collection Summary

Title: R. C. Leffingwell Letterbooks

Span Dates: 1917-1920

ID No.: MSS29835

Creator: Leffingwell, R. C. (Russell Cornell), 1878-1960

Extent: 15,000 items; 16 containers; 6.2 linear feet; 37 microfilm reels

Language: Collection material in English

Repository: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Abstract: United States assistant secretary of the treasury. Letters relating to war debts and loans, post-World War I financing, and bond drives signed by Leffingwell during his term as assistant secretary of the treasury and by other Treasury Department officials.

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.

People

Auchincloss, Gordon, 1886-1943--Correspondence.
Baker, Newton Diehl, 1871-1937--Correspondence.
Baruch, Bernard M. (Bernard Mannes), 1870-1965--Correspondence.
Billy, Édouard de, 1866-1919--Correspondence.
Burke, John, 1859-1937--Correspondence.
Colby, Bainbridge, 1869-1950--Correspondence.
Crosby, Oscar Terry, 1861-1947--Correspondence.
Daniels, Josephus, 1862-1948--Correspondence.
Gregory, Thomas Watt, 1861-1933--Correspondence.
Harding, W. P. G. (William Proctor Gould), 1864-1930--Correspondence.
Hoover, Herbert, 1874-1964--Correspondence.
Lansing, Robert, 1864-1928--Correspondence.
Leffingwell, R. C. (Russell Cornell), 1878-1960.
Legge, Alexander, 1866-1933--Correspondence.
Lever, Hardman, Sir, 1869-1947--Correspondence.
Long, Breckinridge, 1881-1958--Correspondence.
Macchi di Cellere, Vincenzo, conte, 1866-1919--Correspondence.
McAdoo, W. G. (William Gibbs), 1863-1941--Correspondence.
Palmer, A. Mitchell (Alexander Mitchell), 1872-1936--Correspondence.
Polk, Frank L. (Frank Lyon), 1871-1943--Correspondence.
Strong, Benjamin, 1872-1928--Correspondence.
Tardieu, André, 1876-1945--Correspondence.
Wilson, Woodrow, 1856-1924--Correspondence.

Organizations

United States. Dept. of the Treasury.

Subjects

Debts, Public.
Finance, Public.
Government securities.
World War, 1914-1918--Finance.

Occupations

Public officials.

Administrative Information

Provenance

The letterbooks of R. C. Leffingwell, United States assistant secretary of the treasury, were given to the Library of Congress by Edward Pulling in 1961.

Processing History

The letterbooks were processed in 1972 and 1979. The finding aid was revised in 2010.

Additional Guides

An index to the Leffingwell Letterbooks is available in the Manuscript Division Reading Room.

Copyright Status

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Access and Restrictions

The papers of R. C. Leffingwell are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Microfilm

A microfilm edition of these papers is available on thirty-seven reels. Consult reference staff in the Manuscript Division concerning availability for purchase or interlibrary loan. To promote preservation of the originals, researchers are required to consult the microfilm edition.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Event</i> |
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| 1878, Sept. 10 | Born, New York, N.Y. |
| 1899 | Graduated, Yale University, New Haven, Conn. |
| 1902 | Graduated, Columbia University Law School, New York, N.Y. Joined law firm of Guthrie, Cravath, and Henderson (became partner in 1907) |
| 1906 | Married Lucy Hewitt (died 1959) |
| 1917-1920 | Assistant secretary of the treasury |
| 1920 | Rejoined law firm of Cravath, Henderson, Leffingwell, & de Gersdorff |
| 1923-1940 | Partner, J. P. Morgan & Co. |
| 1940-1943 | Vice-chairman, J. P. Morgan & Co. |

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| 1943-1955 | Chairman, J. P. Morgan & Co. |
| 1944-1953 | Member, Council of Foreign Relations (president, 1946-1953) |
| 1946 | Named chairman, Carnegie Corp. |
| 1955-1960 | Director, J. P. Moran & Co. |
| 1960, Oct. 2 | Died, New York, N.Y. |

Scope and Content Note

The letterbooks of Russell Cornell Leffingwell (1878-1960) span the years 1917-1920. The collections consist of official letters relating to war debts and loans, post-World War I financing, and bond drives signed by Leffingwell during his term as United States assistant secretary of the treasury and by other Treasury officials. Included are letters to Gordon Auchincloss, Newton Diehl Baker, Bernard M. Baruch, Édouard de Billy, John Burke, Bainbridge Colby, Oscar Terry Crosby, Josephus Daniels, Thomas Watt Gregory, W. P. G. Harding, Herbert Hoover, Robert Lansing, Alexander Legge, Sir Hardman Lever, Breckinridge Long, Conte Vincenzo Macchi di Cellere, W. G. McAdoo, A. Mitchell Palmer, Frank L. Polk, Benjamin Strong (1872-1928), André Tardieu, and Woodrow Wilson.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged chronologically.

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