Charles Warren Papers

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Collection Summary

Title: Charles Warren Papers
Span Dates: 1874-1954
Bulk Dates: (bulk 1914-1945)
ID No.: MSS44610
Creator: Warren, Charles, 1868-1954
Extent: 6,000 items; 19 containers; 6 linear feet
Language: Collection material in English
Repository: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
Abstract: Lawyer and historian. Correspondence, annotated clippings and memoranda from World War I when Warren was assistant attorney general, official minutes and correspondence of the President's War Relief Control Board, biographical material, and miscellaneous papers.

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
Cardozo, Benjamin N. (Benjamin Nathan), 1870-1938.
Coolidge, Calvin, 1872-1933.
Davis, John W. (John William), 1873-1955.
Roosevelt, Franklin D. (Franklin Delano), 1882-1945.
Warren family.
Warren, Charles, 1868-1954.
Wilson, Edith Bolling Galt, 1872-1961.

Organizations
United States. Office of the Assistant Attorney General.
United States. President's War Relief Control Board.

Subjects
World War, 1914-1918--Civilian relief.

Occupations
Historians.
Lawyers.

Administrative Information

Provenance

The papers of Charles Warren, lawyer and historian, were given to the Library of Congress by Warren’s sister-in-law, Mildred Bliss, via John Lord O’Brian, executor of Warren’s estate, in 1965.

Processing History

The collection was processed in 1966. The finding aid was revised in 2008 and 2011.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Charles Warren is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Charles Warren 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.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Charles Warren Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

Date	*Event*
1868, Mar. 9	Born, Boston, Mass.
1885-1892	A.B., M.A., and law school, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.
1892-1914	Law practice, Boston, Mass.
1893	Private secretary to Governor William E. Russell of Massachusetts
1894	Founded Immigration Restriction League
1904	Married Annie Louise Bliss
1905-1911	Chairman, Massachusetts Civil Service Commission
1914	Assistant attorney general
1918	Law practice, Washington, D.C.
1922	Published *Supreme Court in United States History*. Boston: Little, Brown
1924	Special master, U.S. Supreme Court in New Mexico v. Texas
1929	Special master, U.S. Supreme Court in United States v. Utah
1934-1940	Member, Board of Overseers, Harvard College, Cambridge, Mass.
1936	Special master, U.S. Supreme Court in Texas v. New Mexico
1937-1941	Member, Trail Smelter Arbitral Tribunal
1943-1946	Member, President's War Relief Control Board
1954, Aug. 16	Died, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Charles Warren (1868-1964) consist of correspondence, journals, memoranda, and clippings covering the period 1874-1954, with the bulk of the material from 1914 to 1945. The collection is organized by type of material.

Correspondence, memoranda, clippings, and journals from 1914-1918 relate to Warren's tenure as assistant attorney general during World War I responsible for countering German espionage in the United States. Files titled "War Notes" include clippings and a chronological account of his own activities as well as those of other officials of the Woodrow Wilson administration in conducting the war.

Included are letters from Wilson administration officials such as Thomas Watt Gregory, Robert Lansing (1864-1928), Frank L. Polk, and Charles S. Hamlin, as well as members of the Supreme Court such as Oliver Wendell Holmes, Felix Frankfurter, William H. Taft, Louis Dembitz Brandeis, Benjamin N. Cardozo, and Charles Evans Hughes. Other correspondents are Edith Bolling Galt Wilson, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Calvin Coolidge, and John W. Davis.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is organized by type of material.

Container List

Container	*Contents*
BOX 1	Correspondence
BOX 1	1889-1922
BOX 2	1923-1935
BOX 3	1936-1944
BOX 4	1944-1954, undated
BOX 4	Family correspondence, 1943-1948
BOX 5	“War Notes”
BOX 5	1914-1917, pages 1-445 and index
BOX 6	1917-1918, pages 446-732
BOX 6	Memoranda on German code messages and secret treaties, clippings, and miscellaneous material relating to World War I
BOX 7	World War I, memoranda and clippings relating to activities of the Department of Justice
BOX 8	President’s War Relief Control Board
BOX 8	Minutes 1946
BOX 8	Correspondence, 1943-1946
BOX 8	CARE Inc.
BOX 9	Minutes, 1943-1945
BOX 10	Biographical material
BOX 10	Appointments and publications
BOX 10	Chronology of events, 1874-1949
BOX 10	Clippings, miscellany, and financial papers
BOX 11	Notes and articles, research notes, drafts, memoranda, and copies of writings and addresses
BOX 12-17	Clippings and printed matter
BOX 18-19	Programs, invitations, cards, menus, and ephemera