

Ernest Gallaudet Draper Papers
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Collection Summary

Title: Ernest Gallaudet Draper Papers

Span Dates: circa 1919-1955

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1928-1953)

ID No.: MSS18952

Creator: Draper, Ernest Gallaudet, 1885-1954

Extent: 250 items

Extent: 3 containers

Extent: 1.2 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

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

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Summary: Manufacturer and government official. Chiefly speeches and articles, including also biographical material, a diary, correspondence, book reviews, clippings, and notes, relating to Draper's service as assistant secretary of commerce and as a member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, and including his involvement with various New York state and city agencies concerned with unemployment and labor.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

People

Draper, Ernest Gallaudet, 1885-1954.

Hull, Cordell, 1871-1955--Correspondence.

Ickes, Harold L. (Harold LeClair), 1874-1952--Correspondence.

Perkins, Frances, 1880-1965--Correspondence.

Roosevelt, Franklin D. (Franklin Delano), 1882-1945--Correspondence.

Roper, Daniel C. (Daniel Calhoun), 1867-1943--Correspondence.

Truman, Harry S., 1884-1972--Correspondence.

Vinson, Fred M., 1890-1953--Correspondence.

Organizations

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (U.S.)

United States. Department of Commerce.

United States. Naval Reserve.

Subjects

Banks and banking.

Business and politics.

Commercial treaties.

Democracy.

Education.

International trade.

Labor and laboring classes--New York (State)

Labor and laboring classes--New York (State)--New York.

Public welfare.

Small business.

Unemployment--New York (State)

Unemployment--New York (State)--New York.

Unemployment.

World War, 1914-1918.

World War, 1939-1945.

Places

United States--Commerce.
United States--Commercial policy.
United States--Defenses.
United States--Economic conditions--20th century.
United States--Economic policy--20th century.
United States--Politics and government--1901-1953.
United States--Social conditions--20th century.

Occupations

Industrialists.
Public officials.

Provenance

The papers of Ernest Gallaudet Draper, manufacturer and government official, were given to the Library of Congress by his wife, Theodora Trowbridge Draper, in 1955.

Processing History

The papers of Ernest Gallaudet Draper were arranged and described in 1956. The finding aid was revised and the collection reorganized in 2012.

Additional Guides

A short description of the papers was published in *The Library of Congress Quarterly Journal of Current Acquisitions* 13, no. 3 (May 1956): 161-62.

Copyright Status

Copyright in the unpublished writings of Ernest Gallaudet Draper has been dedicated to the public, except that the right to publish as a whole the manuscript of Ernest Gallaudet Draper's random notes, which he called "Stirring Times, 1941-1949," is governed by the copyright act. (Theodora Trowbridge Draper Deed of Gift, 16 December 1955).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Ernest Gallaudet Draper 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

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Biographical Note

Date	Event
1885, May 15	Born, Washington, D.C.

1906	B.A., Amherst College, Amherst, Mass.
1906-1912	Worked as clerk and in other capacities for Payson Merrill, a book concern, New York, N.Y.
1911	Married Mary White Childs (divorced)
1912-1920	President, American Creosoting Co.
1917-1918	Lieutenant, U. S. Naval Reserve Force; assistant navigator aboard <i>Sierra</i> (troop transport)
1919	Published <i>Navigating the Ship</i> . New York: D. Van Nostrand Co.
1920-1935	Member, People's Institute, New York, N.Y., an offshoot of the Cooper Union Mechanics School Vice president and treasurer, Hills Brothers Co., packers of Dromedary dates and other food products
1924-1927	Served on New York City Commission of Unemployment, New York, N.Y. Served on New York City Art Commission, New York, N.Y.
1926	Married Theodora Trowbridge Elliman (died 1959)
1930-1932	President, American Association of Labor Legislation
1930-1935	Member, New York State Commission of Unemployment
1934	Member, National Labor Board Member, New York State Advisory Committee on Minimum Wages
1934-1950	Member, Business Advisory Council, Department of Commerce
1935-1938	Assistant secretary of commerce
1936-1938	Member, Executive Committee on Commercial Policy
1938-1950	Member, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, Washington, D.C.
1954, Apr. 30	Died, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Ernest Gallaudet Draper (1885-1954) span the years circa 1919-1955, with the bulk of the material dating from 1928 to 1953, and relate largely to his service as assistant secretary of commerce and as a member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

The speeches and writings cover Draper's career before and during his service with the federal government. Speeches and book reviews written before 1935 concern the business economy, unemployment, and unemployment security. His personal diary, "Stirring Times, 1941-1949" relates to problems that came before the Federal Reserve Board during World War II and the board's discussions and decisions, and to personal matters. Other writings include his recollections as a naval reserve officer during World War I, articles, and a foreword. The bound volumes of speeches and articles begin in 1935 with Draper's service as assistant secretary of commerce and end in 1948 during his membership on the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. Topics include foreign trade, social welfare, business and democracy, trade agreements, banking, small businesses, and defense. The correspondence concerns politics, economic problems, and education. Correspondents include Cordell Hull, Harold L. Ickes, Frances Perkins, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Daniel C. Roper, Harry S. Truman, and Fred M. Vinson.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged by type of material.

Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1	Biographical material and clippings, 1935-1938, 1955
BOX 1	Correspondence, 1928-1953 (4 folders)
BOX 1	Speeches and writings
BOX 1	Speeches, 1921-1937, undated (4 folders)
BOX 1	Writings
BOX 1	"Recollections of a Naval Reserve Officer, 1917-1918," circa 1919
BOX 1	Book reviews, 1927-circa 1935
BOX 1	"Goods and Dollars in World Trade," 1944
BOX 1	<i>A Statistical Study of Regulation V Loans</i> , foreword, 1950
BOX 2	"Stirring Times, 1941-1949," diary, circa 1954
BOX 2	Rough draft (3 folders)
BOX 2	Typed copy (2 folders)
BOX 2	Article that appeared in <i>New York Evening Post</i> , undated
BOX 2	Notes and drafts on various topics, copybook, undated
BOX 3	Bound volumes of speeches and articles, 1935-1948 (2 vols.)