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Collection Summary

Title: George Thomas Washington Papers

Span Dates: 1934-1949

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Creator: Washington, George Thomas

Extent: 2,600 items

Extent: 8 containers

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Summary: Judge, official in the U.S. Office of the Attorney General, and law professor. Correspondence, articles, drafts of a book, personal and office files, legal memoranda, lecture notes, speeches, and memorabilia from Washington's career in government.

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

Acheson, Dean, 1893-1971--Correspondence.

Clark, Tom C. (Tom Campbell), 1899-1977--Correspondence.

Short, Livingston L.--Correspondence.

Stettinius, Edward R., Jr. (Edward Reilly), 1900-1949--Correspondence.

Stevens, Robert S. (Robert Sproule), 1888-1968--Correspondence.

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

Washington, George Thomas.

Washington, George Thomas. Corporate executives' compensation. 1942.

Organizations

United States. Department of Justice. Office of the Attorney General.

Subjects

Coal miners--United States.

Coal mines and mining--United States.

Executives--Salaries, etc.

Labor--United States.

Law.

Lend-lease operations (1941-1945)

National security--United States.

Nazis.

Noncitizens--United States.

Price regulation--United States.

Sabotage.

Subversive activities--United States.

War criminals--Germany.

World War, 1939-1945--Economic aspects--Iran.

World War, 1939-1945--Economic aspects--Iraq.

World War, 1939-1945--Economic aspects--Middle East.

World War, 1939-1945--Economic aspects.

Places

Iran--Commerce--United States.
Iraq--Commerce--United States.
United States--Commerce--Iran.
United States--Commerce--Iraq.

Occupations

Educators.
Judges.
Public officials.

Provenance

The papers of George Thomas Washington, judge, official in the U.S. Office of the Attorney General, and law professor, were given to the Library of Congress by his wife, Helen Goodner Washington, in 1971.

Processing History

The collection was processed in 1972. The finding aid was revised in 2012.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of George Thomas Washington is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of George Thomas Washington 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, George Thomas Washington Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

Date	Event
1908, June 24	Born, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio
1928	Ph. B., Yale College, New Haven, Conn.
1931	Litt. B. Oxford University, Oxford, England (Rhodes Scholar)
1932	LL.B., Yale Law School, New Haven, Conn.
1932-1938	Attorney, New York, N.Y.
1938-1942	Faculty member, Cornell University Law School, Ithaca, N.Y.
1942	Attorney, Office of Emergency Management
1942-1943	U.S. economic representative, Baghdad, Iraq
1943-1944	Chief, Lend-lease Mission, Teheran, Iran
1944-1946	Special assistant, U.S. attorney general
1946	Assistant solicitor general

1946-1947	Acting solicitor general
1949-1971	Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit
1953	Married Helen Goodner
1971, Aug. 24	Died, Santa Barbara, Calif

Scope and Content Note

The papers of George Thomas Washington (1908-1971) span the years 1934-1949, with most of the material concentrated in the period 1942-1949, when Washington worked as an official in the United States Lend-lease operations in the Near East and was an attorney with the Justice Department. The bulk of the collection was generated as a result of these two aspects of his career.

The correspondence is almost entirely of a professional nature. Of particular significance are letters relating to the operations of the American economic missions in Iraq and Iran that Washington supervised during World War II. Letters from his work at the Justice Department discuss policy and other issues. Notable correspondents include Dean Acheson, Tom C. Clark, Livingston L. Short, Edward R. Stettinius, Robert S. Stevens, and Harry S. Truman.

Subject files on the economic mission to Iraq and Iran detail the fiscal operations of the mission. There are also a few memoranda and notes about other aspects of the mission. Files relating to the Justice Department consist almost entirely of departmental and legal memoranda. Included are miscellaneous materials dealing with the trial in 1942 of Nazi saboteurs, the activities of resident aliens and national security, price controls, the treatment of German war criminals, the duties of the solicitor general, coal miners and their labor conditions, the congressional investigation of subversives, and other matters handled by the Justice Department in the period 1944-1949. Also of note is a report on the foreign service that Washington helped to draft.

The writings deal primarily with the legal matter of the compensation of corporation executives, on which Washington was an authority, and on the administration of the law at the level of the federal government.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged in five series:

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Writings, 1938-1949

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BOX 8	Miscellany, 1934-1948 Chiefly writings of others. Arranged alphabetically by name of writer.
BOX 8	Biddle, Francis, et al., Supreme Court brief, U.S. ex rel. Burger v. Cox
BOX 8	Carr, Norman, “Marriage Hygiene as Prescribed by Physicians”
BOX 8	Clark, Tom C., “A Greeting to the International Bar Association”

Miscellany, 1934-1948

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BOX 8	Horenstein, George D.
BOX 8	“A New Forum for Stockholders”
BOX 8	“Problems of Procedure in Stockholders' Derivative Suits”
BOX 8	Houston, R. E. Houston, Jr., “The American Tobacco Case,” a Study in Profit-Sharing”
BOX 8	Huxley, Aldous, “Who Are You?”
BOX 8	<i>Law Report News</i> , 1940, Nov. 26
BOX 8	Supreme Court opinion, <i>Testa v. Katt</i>
BOX 8	Valance, William Roy, “Responsibility of the Lawyer in a Free Society”
BOX 8	Unidentified
BOX 8	“Damages in Contract at Common Law”
BOX 8	“Demands of Courts for Executive Papers”