

David C. Mearns Papers
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Collection Summary

Title: David C. Mearns Papers

Inclusive Dates: 1830-1979

Bulk Dates: 1940-1967

ID No.: MSS52761

Creator: Mearns, David C. (David Chambers), 1899-1981

Extent: 20,000 items

Extent: 161 containers plus 5 oversize

Extent: 65 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

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

LC Catalog record: <https://lccn.loc.gov/mm82052761>

Summary: Librarian and historian. Correspondence, writings, reports, and orders documenting Mearns's positions as an official and historian of the Library of Congress and scholar of Abraham Lincoln.

Online Content: Selected correspondence, writings, reports, special orders, general orders, and other papers from the collection are also available through the Library of Congress website, [Freedom's Fortress, The Library of Congress, 1939-1953](#).

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

Barkley, David M., 1906-1983--Correspondence.

Chambers, David Laurance, 1879-1963--Correspondence.

Daniels, Jonathan, 1902-1981--Correspondence.

Feinberg, Charles E., 1899-1988--Correspondence.

Haverlin, Carl, 1899-1985--Correspondence.

Lincoln, Abraham, 1809-1865.

Lydenberg, Harry Miller, 1874-1960--Correspondence.

MacLeish, Archibald, 1892-1982--Correspondence.

Mearns, David C. (David Chambers), 1899-1981.

Mearns, David C. (David Chambers), 1899-1981. The Lincoln papers; the story of the collection, with selections to July 4, 1861. 1948.

Mearns, David C. (David Chambers), 1899-1981. The story up to now; the Library of Congress, 1800-1946. 1947.

Miers, Earl Schenck, 1910-1972--Correspondence.

Newman, Ralph Geoffrey, 1911- --Correspondence.

Sandburg, Carl, 1878-1967--Correspondence.

Schwengel, Fred, 1907-1993--Correspondence.

Stern, Alfred Whital, 1881-1960--Correspondence.

Trohan, Walter, 1903- --Correspondence.

Turner, Justin G.--Correspondence.

Organizations

Library of Congress--Officials and employees.

Library of Congress.

Occupations

Historians.

Librarians.

Acquisition Information

The papers of David Chambers Mearns, librarian and historian, were given to the Library of Congress by Mearns in 1962-1978. An addition was given by his daughter, Mrs. Richard Jacoby, in 1987.

Processing History

The collection was processed in 1969. An addition was processed and the finding aid was revised and expanded by Nan Thompson Ernst in 2011.

Additional Guides

The Mearns Papers were first described in the *Quarterly Journal of the Library of Congress* 25, no. 4 (Oct. 1968): 343-344, an account written by his longtime colleague and collaborator, Lloyd A. Dunlap.

Transfers

Items have been transferred from the Manuscript Division to other custodial divisions of the Library. Some sound recordings have been transferred to the Motion Picture, Broadcasting, and Recorded Sound Division. Some prints and photographs have been transferred to the Prints and Photographs Division. All transfers are identified in these divisions as part of the David C. Mearns Papers.

Related Material

Related collections in the Manuscript Division include the Verner W. Clapp Papers at <https://hdl.loc.gov/loc.mss/eadmss.ms013145>.

Copyright Status

Copyright in the unpublished writings of David C. Mearns in these papers and in other collections of papers in the custody of the Library of Congress has been dedicated to the public.

Access and Restrictions

The papers of David C. Mearns 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.

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Preferred Citation

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

Biographical Note

Date	Event
1899, Dec. 31	Born, Washington, D.C.
1914-1916	Student, St. Albans School, Washington, D.C.
1916-1917	Student, George Washington University, Washington, D.C.
1918	Student, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Va.
1918-1920	Library of Congress, reference assistant, Order Division
1920-1930	Successively, Reading Rooms Division stack inspector, special assistant, chief assistant, acting superintendent
1939-1941	Superintendent of Reading Rooms
1941-1943	Chief reference librarian
1943-1949	Director, Reference Department
1947	Published <i>The Story Up to Now: the Library of Congress 1800-1946</i> , Washington, D.C.
1948	Published <i>The Lincoln Papers</i> , New York: Doubleday, 2 vols.
1949	Member, White House Library Selection Committee of the American Booksellers Association
1949-1951	Assistant librarian of Congress
1951-1967	Successively, assistant librarian for American collections, incumbent of the chair of American History and chief, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress
1954	Member, Cooperating Committee for the <i>Papers of Benjamin Franklin</i>
1954-1967	Member, National Historical Publications Commission
1955	Published with Arthur Bestor and Jonathan Daniels, <i>Three Presidents and Their Books</i> , Urbana: University of Illinois Press (paperback edition, 1963)
1959	Fellow, Society of American Archivists
1961	Published <i>Largely Lincoln</i> , New York: St. Martin's Press
1962	Appointed to Special White House Library Committee Vice president, Ulysses S. Grant Association
1964	Member, Editorial Advisory Board for the <i>Papers of Woodrow Wilson</i>
1966	Elected to membership in American Antiquarian Society
1967	Retired from the Library of Congress
1967-1976	Honorary consultant in the humanities, Library of Congress
1981, May 27	Died, Alexandria, Va.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of David Chambers Mearns (1899-1981) span the years 1830-1979 with the bulk dated 1940-1967. The collection is arranged in ten series that document Mearns's career as librarian and historian: [Biographical and Personal Matter](#), [Correspondence](#), [Correspondence and Memoranda](#), [Subject File](#), [Speeches and Writings](#), [Research File](#), [Editorial File and Advisory Review Material](#), [Miscellany](#), [Addition](#), and [Oversize](#).

A lifelong Washingtonian, Mearns cherished his relationship to Washington institutions, principally St. Albans School and the Library of Congress. He was employed by the Library before his nineteenth birthday, and he remained in its service for forty-nine years. Upon retirement he was named honorary consultant in the humanities, a position in which his only predecessor had been Robert Frost.

The Mearns Papers document in rich detail Mearns's career in the Library and in the larger world of historical scholarship. His three decades as a reference librarian are best represented in the widely varied [Subject File](#) and in the series of [Speeches and Writings](#), many of the latter written in collaboration with Verner W. Clapp, his longtime associate and friend.

Also covered in these series are his work and publications relating to the history of the Library and to Abraham Lincoln. In 1946 Mearns was called upon to summarize the history of the Library, 1800-1946, as a preamble to the *Annual Report* of the Librarian of Congress. The result was *The Story Up to Now* (Washington, D.C., 1947). As director of the reference

department, Mearns had a central role to play in the opening to the public of the Abraham Lincoln Papers in 1947. That fact, plus his wide knowledge of Lincolniana, led to his editorship of *The Lincoln Papers*, a two-volume selection (New York, 1948) with an introductory description of the Lincoln Papers. Notes and manuscripts for both publications are included in the Mearns Papers.

In 1949 Mearns was appointed assistant librarian, a change in activity reflected in the papers chiefly in the increasing number of occasional speeches on general Library topics. Two years later he became chief of the Manuscript Division, the position in which he served until his retirement in 1967. The correspondence series in the papers is confined entirely to the period 1949-1967 and reflects Mearns's activities as assistant librarian and as chief of the Manuscript Division. Both incoming letters and drafts or retained copies of outgoing letters are in the papers. Further documentation of these years will be found in the [Subject File](#) and in the [Speeches and Writings](#) for the period.

Among the prominent correspondents represented by substantial correspondence are David M. Barkley (son of Alben W. Barkley), David Laurence Chambers, Jonathan Daniels, Charles E. Feinberg, Carl Haverlin, Harry Miller Lydenberg, Archibald MacLeish, Earl Schenck Miers, Ralph Geoffrey Newman, Carl Sandburg, Fred Schwengel, Alfred Whital Stern, Walter Trohan, and Justin G. Turner. There is also considerable correspondence with other staff of the Library of Congress.

The [Addition](#) features correspondence, photographs, and newspaper clippings documenting Mearns's retirement celebration in 1967 and letters saved by Mearns or received after his retirement.

Arrangement of the Papers

The collection is arranged in ten series:

- [Biographical and Personal Matters, 1948-1967](#)
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- [Speeches and Writings, 1921-circa 1970](#)
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- [Editorial File and Advisory Review Material](#)
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Description of Series

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BOX 66-94	<p><u>Subject File, 1931-1967</u></p> <p>Memoranda, documentary reports, clippings, and cross references to correspondence covering a variety of subjects from Jefferson to the Civil War centennial.</p> <p>Alphabetically arranged.</p>
BOX 95-142	<p><u>Speeches and Writings, 1921-circa 1970</u></p> <p>Drafts of texts, galley and page proofs, as well as research notes, correspondence, and newspaper clippings.</p> <p>Arranged chronologically. Book reviews, miscellaneous radio and television scripts, ghost writings, and introductions of persons are filed at the end of the series along with files for Mearns's books <i>Three Presidents and Their Books</i>, <i>Largely Lincoln</i>, <i>The Lincoln Papers</i>, and <i>The Story Up to Now</i>.</p>
BOX 143-149	<p><u>Research File</u></p> <p>Notes on a variety of subjects including material on the history of the various copies of the Gettysburg Address. Includes bound copies of <i>Gardner's Photographic Sketchbook of the War</i> (2 vols., 1865) and copies of newspaper articles about Mark Twain in Washington, D.C., published in 1868.</p> <p>Arranged by type of material.</p>
BOX 150-155	<p><u>Editorial File and Advisory Review Material</u></p> <p>Books and articles submitted to Mearns as editor or for advisory review by publishers.</p> <p>Arranged by title of publication or type of material.</p>
BOX 156-160	<p><u>Miscellany, 1830-1967</u></p> <p>Appointment calendars, awards, mementoes and souvenirs, photographs, and prints.</p> <p>Arranged alphabetically by type of material.</p>
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Oversize, 1865-circa 1945

Poster, research material, print, and photograph.

Arranged and described according to the series, containers, and folders from which the items were removed.

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	<i>Antiquarian Bookman</i>
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	<i>Atlantic Monthly</i>
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	<i>Autograph Collectors Journal</i>
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Baker, Carlos	
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	College and Research Libraries
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	Columbia University Libraries
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	<i>Dictionary of American Biography</i>
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	Doggett, Mrs. W. H.
	Dondero, George A.
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Frankfurter, Felix
Fraser, George B.
Frederick County Civil War Centennial
Freedman, Benjamin H.
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	Hanke, Lewis U.
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	Harcourt, Brace & Co.
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	Jones, Edgar De Witt	
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	Justice Department, Book Club	
	Kaiser, John B.	
	Kane, Harnett Thomas	
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	Lincoln Association of New Jersey City
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