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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Henry Barrett Learned Papers

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**Summary:** Historian and professor at Stanford University. Chiefly notes and related materials gathered by Learned for revision of his book *The President's Cabinet* (1912) and an unpublished history of the vice presidency.

## 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

Learned, Henry Barrett, 1868-1931.

Learned, Henry Barrett, 1868-1931. President's cabinet; studies in the origin, formation and structure of an American institution. 1912.

### Organizations

American Historical Association.

International Congress of Historical Sciences.

Stanford University--Faculty.

### Subjects

Cabinet officers.

History--Societies, etc.

Vice-Presidents--United States.

### Places

United States--Politics and government.

### Occupations

Educators.

Historians.

## Provenance

The papers of Henry Barrett Learned, historian and professor at Stanford University, were given to the Library of Congress by Waldo Leland in 1954.

## Processing History

The collection was processed in 1968. The finding aid was revised in 2013.

## Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Henry Barrett Learned is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

## Access and Restrictions

The papers of Henry Barrett Learned 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  |
|---------------|--|
| 1868, Mar. 21 | Born, Exeter, N.H.   |
| 1890          | A.B., Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.   |
| 1890-1892     | Headmaster of private school, Plymouth, Mass.  |
| 1892-1893     | Teacher of history, University School, Chicago, Ill.   |
| 1894          | A.M., University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill.   |
| 1894-1896     | In charge of department of history, Armour Institute of Technology, Chicago, Ill.  |
| 1897          | A.M., Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.   |
| 1897-1898     | Assistant in history, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.   |
| 1898          | Lecturer, Harvard Summer School, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.  |
| 1899          | Married Emily Cheyney  |
| 1899-1900     | Studied at University of Leipzig, Leipzig, Germany   |
| 1900          | Literary editor, <i>Hartford Courant</i>   |
| 1900-1906     | Instructor in history, Sheffield Scientific School, Yale University, New Haven, Conn.  |
| 1903          | Editor, <i>Sermons for the New Life</i> by Horace Bushnell   |
| 1912          | Published <i>The President's Cabinet</i> . New Haven: Yale University Press  |
| 1917-1919     | At Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C.  |
| 1917-1921     | Member, Board of Education, District of Columbia   |
| 1920-1922     | Lecturer and associate professor of history, Stanford University, Stanford, Calif.   |
| 1923          | Delegate from Yale University, New Haven, Conn., and Stanford University, Stanford, Calif., Fifth International Congress of Historical Sciences, Brussels, Belgium |
| 1925-1931     | Member, Board of Education, District of Columbia   |
| 1927-1931     | Acting professor of history, Stanford University, Stanford, Calif.   |
| 1928          | Delegate, Sixth International Congress of Historical Sciences, Oslo, Norway  |
| 1931, Oct.    | Died, Palo Alto, Calif.  |

## Scope and Content Note

The papers of Henry Barrett Learned (1868-1931) span the years 1907-1931 and consist chiefly of notes and related material gathered by Learned for revision of his book *The President's Cabinet* (1912) and an unpublished history of the vice presidency. A file of miscellaneous material at the end of the collection includes papers relating to Learned's attendance at

the fifth and sixth International Congress of Historical Sciences, 1923 and 1928, his seminars at Stanford University, and a movement between 1914 and 1917 to reform the American Historical Association.

## **Arrangement of the Papers**

The probable evolution of the material has been considered in determining its arrangement, which is organized into files titled outlines, general topics, cabinet administrations, and executive branch (vice presidency).

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