

**Laurence A. Steinhardt Papers**  
**A Finding Aid to the Collection in the Library of Congress**



**Manuscript Division, Library of Congress**  
**Washington, D.C.**  
**2012**

Contact information: <http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.mss/mss.contact>

Catalog Record: <https://lcn.loc.gov/mm79041301>

Additional search options available at: <https://hdl.loc.gov/loc.mss/eadmss.ms013074>

Prepared by Grover Batts

Finding aid encoded by Library of Congress Manuscript Division, 2013

## Collection Summary

**Title:** Laurence A. Steinhardt Papers

**Span Dates:** 1929-1950

**ID No.:** MSS41301

**Creator:** Steinhardt, Laurence A. (Laurence Adolph), 1892-1950

**Extent:** 42,500 items

**Extent:** 99 containers plus 1 classified

**Extent:** 42.6 linear feet

**Language:** Collection material in English

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

**LC Catalog record:** <https://lccn.loc.gov/mm79041301>

**Summary:** Lawyer, economist, and diplomat. Correspondence, letterbooks, articles, speeches, financial papers, business records, legal papers, and other papers relating to Steinhardt's career as ambassador to Sweden, Peru, the Soviet Union, Turkey, Czechoslovakia, and Canada.

## 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

Allen, George V. (George Venable), 1903-1970--Correspondence.  
Biddle, Anthony Joseph Drexel, 1896-1961--Correspondence.  
Davies, Joseph Edward--Correspondence.  
Farley, James A. (James Aloysius), 1888-1976--Correspondence.  
Henderson, Loy W. (Loy Wesley), 1892-1986--Correspondence.  
Hull, Cordell, 1871-1955--Correspondence.  
Jackson, C. D. (Charles Douglas), 1902-1964--Correspondence.  
Knopf, Alfred A., 1892-1984--Correspondence.  
Owen, Ruth Bryan, 1885-1954--Correspondence.  
Roosevelt, Franklin D. (Franklin Delano), 1882-1945--Correspondence.  
Steinhardt, Laurence A. (Laurence Adolph), 1892-1950.  
Stettinius, Edward R., Jr. (Edward Reilly), 1900-1949--Correspondence.  
Sulzberger, Arthur Hays, 1891-1968--Correspondence.  
Welles, Sumner, 1892-1961--Correspondence.

### Subjects

Diplomatic and consular service, American--Canada.  
Diplomatic and consular service, American--Czechoslovakia.  
Diplomatic and consular service, American--Peru.  
Diplomatic and consular service, American--Soviet Union.  
Diplomatic and consular service, American--Sweden.  
Diplomatic and consular service, American--Turkey.

### Places

Canada--Foreign relations--United States.  
Czechoslovakia--Foreign relations--United States.  
Peru--Foreign relations--United States.  
Soviet Union--Foreign relations--United States.  
Sweden--Foreign relations--United States.  
Turkey--Foreign relations--United States.  
United States--Foreign relations--20th century.  
United States--Foreign relations--Canada.  
United States--Foreign relations--Czechoslovakia.

United States--Foreign relations--Peru.  
United States--Foreign relations--Soviet Union.  
United States--Foreign relations--Sweden.  
United States--Foreign relations--Turkey.

### **Occupations**

Diplomats.  
Economists.  
Lawyers.

## **Provenance**

The papers of Laurence A. Steinhardt, lawyer, economist, and diplomat, were given to the Library of Congress by his widow, Dulcie Steinhardt Beau, in 1963. Additional material was given by the American Jewish Archives in 1983.

## **Processing History**

The Steinhardt Papers were processed in 1963. An addition was made circa 1983 and the finding aid was revised in 2005 and 2012.

## **Copyright Status**

Copyright in the unpublished writings of Laurence A. Steinhardt 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 Laurence A. Steinhardt 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.

## **Security Classified Documents**

Government regulations control the use of security classified material in this collection. Manuscript Division staff can furnish information concerning access to and use of classified materials.

## **Preferred Citation**

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

## **Biographical Note**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
1892, Oct. 6	Born, New York, N.Y.
1913	A.B., Columbia University, New York, N.Y.
1915	M.A. and LL.B., Columbia University, New York, N.Y. Admitted to New York bar
1915-1916	Accountant

1916	Counsel to Waslaw Nijinsky
1920-1933	Member, Guggenheimer, Untermyer and Marshall law firm
1933	Member, Executive Finance Committee, Democratic National Committee and Franklin D. Roosevelt's pre-convention campaign committee
1933-1937	Ambassador to Sweden
1937-1939	Ambassador to Peru
1938	Delegate, Eighth Conference of the Pan-American Union, Lima, Peru
1939-1941	Ambassador to USSR
1942-1945	Ambassador to Turkey
1945-1948	Ambassador to Czechoslovakia
1948-1950	Ambassador to Canada
1950, Mar. 28	Killed in an airplane accident

## Scope and Content Note

The papers of Laurence Adolph Steinhardt (1892-1950) span the years 1929-1950, with the bulk of the material focused on his career in the State Department from 1933 until his death in an airplane crash in 1950. Included are correspondence, memoranda, reports, legal and financial records, speeches and writings, printed matter, and miscellaneous material relating to his positions as ambassador to Sweden, Peru, the Soviet Union, Turkey, Czechoslovakia, and Canada.. The papers are organized into five series: [General File](#) ; [Subject and Legal Files](#) ; [Letterbooks](#) ; [Addition](#) ; and [Classified](#) .

The [General File](#) (formerly titled Miscellaneous) constitutes the bulk of the collection and consists largely of incoming correspondence, embassy reports, writings, and personal material organized by year. The papers also contain personal financial material, files relating to the day-to-day operation of the various embassies to which Steinhardt was assigned, and a small number of articles and speeches.

Included among the many notable correspondents in the collection are George V. Allen, Anthony Joseph Drexel Biddle, Joseph Edward Davies, James A. Farley, Loy W. Henderson, Cordell Hull, C. D. Jackson, Alfred A. Knopf, Ruth Bryan Owen, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Edward R. Stettinius, Arthur Hays Sulzberger, and Sumner Welles.

## Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged in five series:

- [General File, 1932-1950](#)
- [Subject and Legal Files, 1933-1945](#)
- [Letterbooks, 1929-1950](#)
- [Addition, 1930-1948](#)
- [Classified, 1947](#)

## Description of Series

<b>Container</b>	<b>Series</b>
BOX 1-66	<p><b><u>General File, 1932-1950</u></b></p> <p>Correspondence (largely incoming), memoranda, reports, financial papers, drafts and printed copies of articles and speeches, clippings, cards and invitations, and printed matter. Arranged by year and therein alphabetically.</p>
BOX 67-70	<p><b><u>Subject and Legal Files, 1933-1945</u></b></p> <p>Memoranda, reports, legal and financial records. Arranged by topic.</p>
BOX 71-88	<p><b><u>Letterbooks, 1929-1950</u></b></p> <p>Bound volumes of carbon copies of outgoing letters. Arranged chronologically.</p>
BOX 89-99	<p><b><u>Addition, 1930-1948</u></b></p>
BOX 89-95	<p><b><u>Correspondence, 1933-1948</u></b></p> <p>Family, personal, and general correspondence. Family letters are arranged chronologically; general correspondence is arranged alphabetically.</p>
BOX 95	<p><b><u>Embassy Papers, 1934-1948</u></b></p> <p>Correspondence, speeches, writings, clippings, and miscellany. Arranged chronologically.</p>
BOX 96	<p><b><u>Speeches and Statements, 1933-1946</u></b></p> <p>Speeches, statements, and related correspondence. Arranged chronologically.</p>
BOX 96-99	<p><b><u>Financial Papers, 1930-1948</u></b></p> <p>Business, financial, and legal papers. Arranged chronologically.</p>
BOX 99	<p><b><u>Miscellany</u></b></p> <p>Newspaper articles, clippings, and unidentified and undated material. No arrangement.</p>
BOX CL 1	<p><b><u>Classified, 1947</u></b></p> <p>Correspondence. Arranged and described according to the series, container, and folder from which the items were removed.</p>

# Container List

<b>Container</b>	<b>Contents</b>
<b>BOX 1-66</b>	<b>General File, 1932-1950</b> Correspondence (largely incoming), memoranda, reports, financial papers, drafts and printed copies of articles and speeches, clippings, cards and invitations, and printed matter. Arranged by year and therein alphabetically.
<b>BOX 1</b>	1932
<b>BOX 1</b>	General correspondence
<b>BOX 2</b>	Articles
<b>BOX 2</b>	Financial papers
<b>BOX 3</b>	Financial papers
<b>BOX 4</b>	1933
<b>BOX 4</b>	General correspondence
<b>BOX 4</b>	A-M
<b>BOX 5</b>	N-Z
<b>BOX 5</b>	Speeches and articles
<b>BOX 5</b>	Embassy papers
<b>BOX 6-7</b>	Financial papers
<b>BOX 8</b>	1934
<b>BOX 8</b>	General correspondence
<b>BOX 8</b>	A-L
<b>BOX 9</b>	M-Z
<b>BOX 9</b>	Speeches and articles
<b>BOX 9</b>	Miscellany
<b>BOX 10-11</b>	Financial papers
<b>BOX 12</b>	1935
<b>BOX 12</b>	General correspondence
<b>BOX 12</b>	A-R
<b>BOX 13</b>	S-Z
<b>BOX 13</b>	Speeches and articles
<b>BOX 13</b>	Financial papers
<b>BOX 14</b>	Financial papers
<b>BOX 15</b>	1936
<b>BOX 15</b>	General correspondence
<b>BOX 15</b>	A-O
<b>BOX 16</b>	P-Z
<b>BOX 17-18</b>	Financial papers
<b>BOX 19</b>	1937
<b>BOX 19</b>	General correspondence
<b>BOX 19</b>	A-S
<b>BOX 20</b>	T-Z
<b>BOX 20</b>	Financial papers
<b>BOX 21-22</b>	Financial papers

## General File, 1932-1950

Container	Contents
BOX 23	1938
BOX 23	General correspondence
BOX 23	A-R
BOX 24	S-Z
BOX 24	Speeches and articles
BOX 24	Financial papers
BOX 25-26	Financial papers
BOX 27	1939
BOX 27	General correspondence, A-Z
BOX 27	Financial papers
BOX 28	1940
BOX 28	General correspondence
BOX 28	A-O
BOX 29	P-Z
BOX 29	Financial papers
BOX 30-31	Financial papers
BOX 32	1941
BOX 32	General correspondence
BOX 32	A-R
BOX 33	S-Z
BOX 34-35	Financial papers
BOX 36	1942
BOX 36	General correspondence
BOX 36	A-M
BOX 37	M-Z
BOX 37	Newspaper clippings
BOX 38-39	Financial papers
BOX 40	1943
BOX 40	General correspondence, A-Z
BOX 41	Papers regarding
BOX 41	U. S. embassy in Turkey
BOX 41	Alice Leone Moats
BOX 41	Medical information regarding Steinhardt
BOX 42	Financial papers
BOX 43	1944
BOX 43	General correspondence, A-Z
BOX 44	Articles and other material, regarding Middle East reports on War Refugee Board and evacuation of Jews from Europe
BOX 44	Embassy papers
BOX 45	Financial papers
BOX 46	1945
BOX 46	General correspondence, A-Z
BOX 47	News reports
BOX 47	Embassy papers
BOX 47	Cards and invitations
BOX 48	Financial papers

## General File, 1932-1950

Container	Contents
BOX 49	1946
BOX 49	General correspondence
BOX 49	A-O
BOX 50	P-Z
BOX 50	Speeches and articles
BOX 50	Cards and invitations
BOX 50	Embassy papers
BOX 51-52	Financial papers
BOX 53	1947
BOX 53	General correspondence
BOX 53	A-P
BOX 54	Q-Z <i>See also Classified</i>
BOX 54	Cards and invitations
BOX 54	Speeches
BOX 54	Embassy papers <i>See also Classified</i>
BOX 54	Financial papers
BOX 55	Financial papers
BOX 56	1948
BOX 56	General correspondence
BOX 56	A-K
BOX 57	L-Z
BOX 58	Speeches and interviews
BOX 58	Embassy papers
BOX 59	Financial papers
BOX 60	1949
BOX 60	General correspondence
BOX 60	A-I
BOX 61	J-R
BOX 62	S-Z
BOX 63	Speeches and articles
BOX 63	Embassy papers
BOX 63	Financial papers
BOX 64	Financial papers
BOX 65	1950
BOX 65	General correspondence, A-Z
BOX 65	Embassy papers
BOX 66	Financial papers
BOX 67-70	<b>Subject and Legal Files, 1933-1945</b> Memoranda, reports, legal and financial records. Arranged by topic.
BOX 67	Russian conditions, 1933
BOX 67	Madeleine S. Partridge will, 1934
BOX 67	Kreuger affairs, 1934-1935
BOX 67	Sweden, 1937
BOX 67	Czechoslovakia, 1945



## Subject and Legal Files, 1933-1945

Container	Contents
BOX 67	Czechoslovakia and Poland, reports and clippings, 1947
BOX 68	Richard Hofmann estate
BOX 69	Marguerite Herczeg estate
BOX 69	Martha M. Hall estate
BOX 69	Elliott and Dowling trusts
BOX 70	Stockholm Enskilda Bank, correspondence and cancelled checks, 1933-1937
BOX 71-88	<b>Letterbooks, 1929-1950</b> Bound volumes of carbon copies of outgoing letters. Arranged chronologically.
BOX 71	1929-1930
BOX 72	1931
BOX 73	1932
BOX 74	1933
BOX 75	6 July 1933-1 Apr. 1936
BOX 76	12 Feb. 1936-29 July 1938
BOX 77	14 July 1938-3 Feb. 1940
BOX 78	5 Feb. 1940-29 Dec. 1941
BOX 79	20 Jan. 1942-31 Dec. 1942
BOX 80	8 Dec. 1942-30 Mar. 1945
BOX 81	12 Nov. 1943-26 June 1944
BOX 82	2 Apr. 1945-30 Dec. 1946
BOX 83	2 Jan. 1947-20 Nov. 1947
BOX 84	1 Jan. 1947-31 Jan. 1949
BOX 85	1 Jan. 1948-31 31 Jan. 1950
BOX 86	1 Feb. 1949-21 July 1949
BOX 87	6 Aug. 1949-31 Oct. 1949
BOX 88	1 Nov. 1949-5 Apr. 1950
BOX 89-99	<b>Addition, 1930-1948</b>
BOX 89-95	<b>Correspondence, 1933-1948</b> Family, personal, and general correspondence. Family letters are arranged chronologically; general correspondence is arranged alphabetically.
BOX 89	Family, 1933-1946, undated
BOX 89	General
BOX 89	A-By (5 folders)
BOX 90	C-G (5 folders)
BOX 91	H-L (5 folders)
BOX 92	L-Q (5 folders)

## Addition, 1930-1948

Container	Contents
BOX 93	R-St (5 folders)
BOX 94	Sm-W (6 folders)
BOX 95	W-Z (2 folders)
BOX 95	Unidentified
BOX 95	<b>Embassy Papers, 1934-1948</b> Correspondence, speeches, writings, clippings, and miscellany. Arranged chronologically.
BOX 95	1934-1948, undated <i>See also Classified</i> (3 folders)
BOX 96	<b>Speeches and Statements, 1933-1946</b> Speeches, statements, and related correspondence. Arranged chronologically.
BOX 96	1933-1948 (3 folders)
BOX 96-99	<b>Financial Papers, 1930-1948</b> Business, financial, and legal papers. Arranged chronologically.
BOX 96	1930-1934 (4 folders)
BOX 97	1935-1938 (6 folders)
BOX 98	1939-1947 (8 folders)
BOX 99	1948, undated (2 folders)
BOX 99	<b>Miscellany</b> Newspaper articles, clippings, and unidentified and undated material. No arrangement.
BOX 99	Miscellany
BOX 99	Newspaper articles, clippings, and unidentified and undated material (4 folders)
BOX CL 1	<b>Classified, 1947</b> Correspondence. Arranged and described according to the series, container, and folder from which the items were removed.
BOX CL 1	General File

**Classified, 1947**

<b>Container</b>	<b>Contents</b>
BOX CL 1	1947
BOX CL 1	General correspondence (Container 54)
BOX CL 1	Embassy papers (Container 54)
BOX CL 1	Addition
BOX CL 1	Correspondence
BOX CL 1	Embassy papers, 1947 (Container 95)