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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Joint Committee on Materials for Research Records

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**Creator:** Joint Committee on Materials for Research

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

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**Summary:** Joint Committee of the American Council of Learned Societies and the Social Science Research Council established in November 1929 for the purpose of fostering the acquisition, identification, and preservation of source materials. Correspondence, minutes and agenda of meetings, and papers relating to the committee's surveys of materials for research. Includes information on library and archives projects, permanence of paper stock, union catalogs, offset reproductions, microreproductions, other duplicating techniques, sound reproduction, and copyright.

## 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

Binkley, Robert C. (Robert Cedric), 1897-1940--Correspondence.

Buck, Solon J. (Solon Justus), 1884-1962--Correspondence.

Crane, Robert Treat, 1880- --Correspondence.

Kuhlman, A. F. (Augustus Frederick), 1889-1986--Correspondence.

Leland, Waldo Gifford, 1879-1966--Correspondence.

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

MacLeish, Archibald, 1892-1982--Correspondence.

Martin, Thomas Powderly, 1887-1963--Correspondence.

Quinn, Arthur Hobson, 1875-1960--Correspondence.

Scammell, J. M. (Joseph Marius), 1888- --Correspondence.

Schellenberg, T. R. (Theodore R.), 1903-1970--Correspondence.

Shotwell, James T., 1874-1965--Correspondence.

Tate, Vernon Dale, 1909-1989--Correspondence.

### Organizations

American Council of Learned Societies.

Joint Committee on Materials for Research.

Social Science Research Council (U.S.)

### Subjects

Archival resources.

Archival surveys.

Archives.

Copying processes.

Copyright.

Humanities--Archival resources.

Humanities--Research.

Libraries.

Library surveys.

Microphotography.

Offset printing.

Paper--Preservation.  
Photomechanical processes.  
Social sciences--Archival resources.  
Social sciences--Research.  
Sound--Recording and reproducing.  
Union catalogs.

## **Provenance**

The records of the Joint Committee for Materials on Research were given to the Library of Congress by the American Council of Learned Societies and the Social Science Research Council in 1949.

## **Processing History**

The records of the Joint Committee for Materials on Research were listed in 1985. The finding aid was revised in 2014.

## **Copyright Status**

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Joint Committee for Materials on Research is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

## **Access and Restrictions**

The records of Joint Committee for Materials on Research 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, Joint Committee for Materials on Research Records, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## **Scope and Content Note**

The records of the Joint Committee on Materials Research span the years 1925-1940. They reflect the activities of an organization formed jointly in 1929 by the American Council of Learned Societies and the Social Science Research Council to promote the acquisition, identification, and preservation of materials for research in the social sciences and humanities. Robert C. Binkley was appointed secretary of the committee in 1930, and served as chair from 1932 until his death in 1940. T. R. Schellenberg became executive secretary of the committee and together they spearheaded the large-scale microfilm publication in 1934 of the records of the hearings of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration and National Recovery Administration. Included in the collection is information on library and archives projects, permanence of paper stock, union catalogs, offset reproductions, microreproductions, other duplicating techniques, sound reproduction, and copyright. The records consist of correspondence, memoranda, reports, minutes and agenda of meetings, inventories, printed matter, technical information, and miscellaneous matter.

Correspondents in addition to Binkley and Schellenberg include Solon J. Buck, Robert Treat Crane, A. F. Kuhlman, Waldo Gifford Leland, Harry Miller Lydenberg, Thomas Powderly Martin, Archibald MacLeish, Arthur Hobson Quinn, J. M. Scammell, James T. Shotwell, and Vernon Dale Tate.

## **Arrangement of the Papers**

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