

Guide to the Arthur Morris Collins Papers

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: MS 147

CREATOR: Collins, Arthur Morris, 1880-1967

TITLE: Arthur Morris Collins papers

DATES: 1889-1924

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 3 linear feet

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: Correspondence, notebooks, examination questions, photographs and memorabilia almost all related to Collins' student years at Yale. Also included are letters from his years at the Hotchkiss School and memorabilia from his European tour in 1902. The notebooks and other papers of his son-in-law, Jeremiah H. Bartholomew, Jr., from his years at Yale College (1920-1924) are also in the papers.

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b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Jeremiah Bartholomew, Jr., 1967.

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Preferred Citation

Arthur Morris Collins Papers (MS 147). Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library.

Biographical / Historical

Arthur Morris Collins was born in Cleveland, Ohio, on November 4, 1880. After attending Hotchkiss School, from which he graduated in 1889, he went on to Yale University and graduated in 1903. In 1906 he married Annette Vailey Whipple.

He entered the investment business in New York, then moved to Hartford, Connecticut, in 1916 to organize and operate the Investment Bureau for several insurance companies. In 1921 he joined Phoenix Mutual, becoming president in 1935, a post he held until 1950. He was also a president of the Mechanics Savings Bank and a director for more than forty years, as well as being a director of the Connecticut Bank and Trust Company and of the National Fire Insurance Company.

Collins was director of the National Industrial Conference Board and the Government Research Institute, a director of the Life Insurance Association of America, and of the Institute of Life Insurance. He founded and managed the Community Chest campaigns, served on the Hartford Hospital finance commission, the advisory commission for the Connecticut Institute for the Blind, and Hartford University's Art School.

Collins died in Hartford on July 23, 1967, at the age of eighty-six.

Scope and Contents

The Arthur Morris Collins papers consist of correspondence and other materials dating from the Yale years of Arthur Morris Collins. Collins, who graduated from Yale in 1903, later changed the spelling of his name and thereafter signed himself Arthur Collens. The Papers were donated to Yale by his son-in-law Jeremiah H. Bartholomew, Jr., a 1924 Yale graduate, in 1967.

The Papers are divided into two series, CORRESPONDENCE and MEMORABILIA. CORRESPONDENCE is arranged chronologically, and consists largely of letters from members of Collins' family to him at Yale dealing with domestic matters. Also included are a selection of letters from school friends and organizations, and assorted official communications from Yale University.

MEMORABILIA is divided into four sections, each arranged chronologically. The first, *Yale University*, contains several notebooks (see folders 3 and 4), examination questions, printed invitations and other souvenirs of social activities, as well as Collins' Hillhouse High School, Hotchkiss School, and Yale diplomas (see Folio). Also incorporated in this section are a number of notebooks and other Yale related papers belonging to Jeremiah H. Bartholomew, Jr.

The second section, *Photographs*, contains twenty-one photographs, including one of Collins. Most are pictures of unidentified Yale students and other friends or possibly family members. Five photographs of New Haven have been transferred to the Yale Picture Collection.

European Tour is made up of schedules, souvenirs, and maps from Collins' trip through England, France, Germany, and Switzerland in 1902.

Finally, *Miscellaneous* contains memorabilia not from Collins' Yale years or his European tour. Included are a number of objects, such as the copper plate used to print his calling cards and a number of cardboard party favors.

Arrangement

Arranged in two series: I. Correspondence. II. Memorabilia.

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Series I: Correspondence, 1893-1909, undated

b. 1, f. 1	1893-1894	1893-1894
b. 1, f. 2	1898 March-October	1898 March-October
b. 1, f. 3	1898 November-December	1898 November-December
b. 1, f. 4	1899 January-March	1899 January-March
b. 1, f. 5	1899 April-November	1899 April-November
b. 1, f. 6	1900 English	1900
b. 1, f. 7	1901 January-April	1901 January-April
b. 1, f. 8	1901 June-November	1901 June-November
b. 1, f. 9	1902 January-May	1902 January-May
b. 1, f. 10	1902 June	1902 June
b. 1, f. 11	1902 July-December	1902 July-December
b. 1, f. 12	1903 January-March	1903 January-March
b. 1, f. 13	1903 May-December	1903 May-December
b. 1, f. 14	1904-1909	1904-1909
b. 1, f. 15	Undated	Undated

Series II: Memorabilia, 1889-1924, undated

Yale University		
b. 2, f. 1	1896-1898	1896-1898
b. 2, f. 2	1898 English	1898
b. 2, f. 3 - 4	[Circa 1898-1903] English	[Circa 1898-1903]
b. 2, f. 5	1899 English	1899
b. 2, f. 6 - 7	1900 English	1900
b. 2, f. 8	1901 English	1901
b. 2, f. 9 - 10	1902 English	1902
b. 3, f. 11 - 13	1903 English	1903
b. 3, f. 14	1904-1909	1904-1909
b. 3, f. 15	Objects	[Circa 1898-1903]
Diplomas See: Series II. Memorabilia, 1889-1924, undated Box 5		1889, 1899, 1903
Notebooks and Papers of Jeremiah H. Bartholomew, Jr.		
b. 3, f. 16	1920-1921	1920-1921
b. 3, f. 17	[Circa 1920-1924] English	[Circa 1920-1924]
b. 3, f. 18	1922-1923	1922-1923
b. 3, f. 19	1923-1924	1923-1924
b. 3, f. 20	1924 English	1924
b. 4, f. 21	Photographs	
European tour		
b. 4, f. 22 - 24	1902 English	1902
b. 4, f. 25	Maps	1902
Miscellaneous		

Miscellaneous (continued)

b. 4, f. 26	1899-1910, undated	1899-1910, undated
Objects		Undated
b. 5	Oversize [diplomas]	1889, 1899, 1903

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

Families

Genres / Formats

Photoprints

Names

Bartholomew, Jeremiah H.

Collins, Arthur Morris, 1880-1967

Corporate Bodies

Yale College (1887-). Class of 1903

Yale College (1887-). Class of 1924

Yale University -- Students