

# Preliminary Guide to the Walter Johnson Robb Papers

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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 740

**CREATOR:** Robb, Walter Johnson, 1880-

**TITLE:** Walter Johnson Robb papers

**DATES:** 1919-1969

**BULK DATES:** 1940-1946

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 4 linear feet (4 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Correspondence, writings, clippings, photographs, financial papers and memorabilia documenting Robb's career in the Philippines as a correspondent and, during World War II, as a lecturer for the Office of War Information (O.W.I.). The writings include manuscripts of articles by Robb on the Philippines, texts of his broadcasts for the O.W.I., and poetry. Among his correspondents are Henry Andreas, Raymond L. Buell, Percy Hill, Sergio Osmeña, Chick Parsons, and Will Rogers, Jr.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Walter Robb, 1969.

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### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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### Preferred Citation

Walter Johnson Robb Papers. Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library.

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## Biographical / Historical

Walter J. Robb: author; educated in schools in Kansas and Oklahoma; teacher, country schools in Oklahoma, 1896-1907; teacher, Philippine civil service, 1907-1918; newspaper work and foreign news correspondent, Manila, 1918-1941; public lecturer on war in Pacific, 1942-1943; assistant field correspondent, Foreign Broadcast Intelligence Service, San Francisco, 1943-1944; writer, O.W.I., overseas branch, San Francisco, Philippine Division, 1945-1946.

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## Scope and Contents

This unprocessed collection of Walter Johnson Robb Papers pertains primarily to the Philippine Islands. It includes personal correspondence with Henry Andreas, Raymond L. Buell, Percy Hill, Sergio Osmeña, Chick Parsons, and Will Rogers, Jr., as well as other residents of the Philippines and family members, and business correspondence with publishers, editors of newspapers and journals, government offices, and other organizations. Mixed in with the correspondence are financial papers such as bank statements, cancelled checks, receipts, brokers' reports, deeds of sale, and promissory notes.

Also in the collection are newspaper clippings by Robb and others about the Philippines, Viet Nam and Asia; typescripts and manuscripts of articles by Robb about the Philippines, as well as some printed matter by others; poetry by Robb; and the texts of Robb's radio broadcasts to the Philippines during 1945-1946. There are, in addition, miscellaneous business papers, notes and printed matter concerning A.T. & T. and other topics, items such as calling cards, invitations and so forth, and a selection of photographs, mostly of people and places in the Philippines.

These papers were the gift of Walter Johnson Robb to Yale University in 1969.

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## Collection Contents

b. 1	Correspondence and financial papers	1923-1947
b. 2	Correspondence and financial papers	1948-1969, undated
	Newspaper clippings and other printed matter	
b. 2	Re: the Philippines	1903-1946
b. 2	Re: Viet Nam	1965-1968
b. 3	Manuscripts	1930-1941, undated
b. 3	Poetry and other writings	1936-1941, undated
b. 3	Papers re: A.T. & T.	1951
b. 3	Miscellaneous business papers, notes, printed matter, etc.	1919-1946, undated
b. 4	Radio broadcasts	1945-1946
b. 4	Photographs and drawings	1916, [ca. 1940-1946]
b. 4	<i>Synopsis of Lectures, Office of War Information. Far East Training Course</i>	1944

## **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**

Americans -- Philippines  
Journalism  
Journalists  
World War, 1939-1945 -- Philippines

### **Geographic Names**

Asia  
Philippines -- Description and travel

### **Names**

Andreas, Henry  
Buell, Raymond Leslie, 1896-1946  
Hill, Percy A., -1937  
Osmeña, Sergio, 1878-1961  
Parsons, Charles A.  
Robb, Walter Johnson, 1880-  
Rogers, Will, 1912-2008

### **Corporate Body**

United States. Office of War Information