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SUMMARY: The papers consist of correspondence relating to Dunham's research and writing as a professor of history and chairman of the department at Yale University and his political activity as a consultant to the Central Intelligence Agency. Correspondents include Joseph T. Curtis, Lewis Perry Curtis, K. Harvard Drake, Wallace Notestein, George Wilson Pierson, Frederick Bernays Weiner, and Louis Booker Wright.

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Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of William H. Dunham, Jr., 1974.

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Preferred Citation

William Huse Dunham, Jr., Papers. Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library.

Biographical / Historical

William Huse Dunham received his B.A. from Yale in 1923, and his Ph.D. in 1929. He was an instructor in history at Yale from 1925-1930, an assistant professor from 1930-1940, an associate professor from 1940-1946, a professor from 1946-1948, the George Burton Adams Professor of History from 1948-1970, and the George Burton Adams Professor of History Emeritus from 1970 onward.

Scope and Contents

These papers consist of portions of personal and professional correspondence selected by William H. Dunham, Jr., and given to Yale University in 1974. Included are letters exchanged with American and European scholars, Yale faculty and administrators (especially those connected with the History Department), professional societies, publishers and editors of Dunham's writings, federal and state political figures, the C.I.A. (for which Dunham worked as a consultant in the 1950s), and friends and acquaintances. Among the papers are also newspaper clippings, printed matter, photographs, and financial papers. Subjects of discussion include Dunham's research and writing, other professional activities, particularly in connection with his position as professor and department chairman at Yale, and his political and social activities. Correspondents with whom there is a substantial amount of correspondence include Joseph T. Curtis, Lewis P. Curtis, K. Howard Drake, Wallace Notestein, George Pierson, Frederick Bernays Wiener, and Louis Booker Wright. There is also a file of letters of recommendation written for students and faculty members between 1956 and 1961.

The correspondence has been roughly sorted alphabetically by author, but is otherwise completely unprocessed.

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b. 3, f. 27	Undergraduates	1956-1961
b. 4, f. 28	Graduate students	1959-1960
b. 4, f. 29	Faculty	1958-1961
b. 4, f. 30	Miscellaneous	1963-1965
b. 4, f. 31	Acknowledgments of letters of recommendation	1964-1967

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.

Geographic Names

United States -- Politics and government

Subjects

Educators
Historians

Names

Curtis, Lewis Perry, 1900-1976
Curtiss, Joseph T., 1901-1992
Drake, K. Harvard
Dunham, William Huse, 1901-1982
Notestein, Wallace, 1878-1969
Pierson, George Wilson, 1904-1993
Weiner, Frederick Bernays
Wright, Louis B. (Louis Booker), 1899-1984

Corporate Bodies

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