

Ralph H. Stimson

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Collection Summary

Title: Ralph H. Stimson Papers

Span Dates: 1896-1961

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1925-1930)

ID No.: MSS81865

Creator: Stimson, Ralph H. (Ralph Humphreys), 1898-1986

Extent: 8,400 items; 24 containers; 9.6 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

Repository: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Abstract: State Department research analyst and armaments expert. Correspondence, memoranda, reports, notes, and printed matter relating to Stimson's involvement in the League of Nations opium trafficking conferences (1924-1925), and his research relating to international organizations and the manufacture and international trade of armaments.

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.

Personal Names

Stimson, Ralph H. (Ralph Humphreys), 1898-1986.

Organizations

Opium Conference.

Subjects

Arms transfers.

Drug control--International cooperation.

International agencies.

Military weapons.

Opium trade.

Weapons industry.

Occupations

Armaments experts.

Research analysts.

Administrative Information

Provenance:

The papers of Ralph H. Stimson, State Department research analyst and armaments expert, were given to the Library of Congress in 1992 by his wife, Laura Stimson. A description of the Ralph H. Stimson Papers can be found in *Library of Congress Acquisitions: Manuscript Division, 1992*, pp. 36-37.

Processing History:

The papers of Ralph H. Stimson were arranged and described in 1995. The finding aid was revised in 2008.

Transfers:

Maps have been transferred to the Geography and Map Division where they are identified as part of the Ralph H. Stimson Papers.

Copyright Status:

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Preferred Citation:

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

Biographical Note

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1898, Nov. 28	Born, Columbus, Ohio
1918	Served in United States Army, World War I
1921	B.A., Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio
1924	M.A., Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.
1924-1925	Research assistant, opium section, Secretariat of the League of Nations, Geneva, Switzerland
1931	Ph.D., University of Illinois, Urbana, Ill.
1931-1932	Instructor of political science, University of Illinois, Urbana, Ill.
1932-1934	Instructor of political science, University of Vermont, Burlington, Vt.
1934-1935	Research assistant, United States Senate Special Committee Investigating the Munitions Industry, Washington, D.C., 1934-1936
1935-1936	Research technician, Research Committee on Urbanism, National Resources Committee, Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C.
1936-1937	Honorary fellow, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio
1937-1966	Successive appointments as research analyst and review officer, State Department, Washington, D.C.
1986, July 8	Died, Falls Church, Va.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Ralph H. Stimson (1898-1986) span the years 1896-1961 with the bulk of the items concentrated in the period 1925-1930. The collection is organized into four series: [General Correspondence](#), [Professional File](#), [Research File](#), and [Miscellany](#).

The collection includes correspondence, memoranda, reports, notes, printed matter, and other material relating primarily to Stimson's work for the opium trafficking conferences held by the League of Nations in 1924-1925 and his research on international organizations and the manufacture and international trade of armaments. It contains only a few papers pertaining to Stimson's career at the State Department, his tenure as an instructor of political science at the University of Illinois and the University of Vermont, and to his research for the United States Senate's Special Committee Investigating the Munitions Industry. General correspondence and miscellaneous files containing biographical material, drafts and printed versions of articles and speeches, job and fellowship applications, and classroom notes comprise the remainder of the papers.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged in four series:

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Incoming and outgoing letters between Stimson and his university professors, publishing companies, prospective employers, and others.

Arranged chronologically.

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Arranged alphabetically by name of institution or affiliation and by topic or type therein.

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Research File, 1896-1940

Correspondence, notes, newspaper clippings, graphs, charts, and printed matter relating to Stimson's research interests.

Arranged alphabetically by topic.

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Miscellany, 1919-1961

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