

Frederic William Wile Scrapbooks

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Collection Summary

Title: Frederic William Wile Scrapbooks

Span Dates: 1898-1941

ID No.: MSS45674

Creator: Wile, Frederic William, 1873-1941

Extent: 250 items; 1 container; .2 linear feet; 5 microfilm reels

Language: Collection material in English

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

Abstract: Journalist, foreign correspondent, and radio commentator. Scrapbooks chiefly containing clippings of news stories, dispatches, and columns written during Wile's career in journalism.

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.

People

Cook, Frederick Albert, 1865-1940.

Wile, Frederic William, 1873-1941.

Organizations

Conference for the Reduction and Limitation of Armaments (1932-1934 : Geneva, Switzerland)

London Naval Conference.

United States. Army. American Expeditionary Forces.

Subjects

Disarmament.

World War, 1914-1918--Germany.

World War, 1914-1918--Military intelligence.

Places

Arctic regions--Discovery and exploration.

North Pole--Discovery and exploration.

Occupations

Foreign correspondents.

Journalists.

Radio journalists.

Administrative Information

Provenance

The scrapbooks of Frederic William Wile, journalist, foreign correspondent, and radio commentator, were transferred to the Library of Congress from the Army War College in 1947. Wile's bookplate indicates that the volumes were a gift to the college in 1941.

Processing History

The scrapbooks of Frederic William Wile were microfilmed in 1986. Except for a small file of correspondence and miscellaneous original items removed from the volumes after filming, the scrapbooks were not retained after the completion of the microfilm edition. The finding aid was revised in 2009.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Frederic William Wile is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The Wile Scrapbooks 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.

Microfilm

A microfilm edition of these scrapbooks is available on five reels. Consult reference staff in the Manuscript Division concerning availability for purchase or interlibrary loan.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container or reel number, Frederic William Wile Scrapbooks, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1873, Nov. 30	Born, La Porte, Ind.
1886-1890	Educated, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Ind.
1898-1900	Reporter, <i>Chicago Record</i>
1900-1901	Correspondent in London, England, for <i>Chicago Record</i> and <i>Chicago Daily News</i>
1901	Married Ada Shakman (died 1962)
1902-1914	Correspondent in Berlin, Germany, for various newspapers, including <i>New York Times</i>
1914-1917	Edited column entitled "Germany Day by Day," <i>London Daily Mail</i>
1917-1918	Specialist in German affairs, Intelligence Section, Headquarters, American Expeditionary Force
1919-1941	Reporter and independent newsman, Washington, D.C.
1923-1928	Political analyst, National Broadcasting Co.
1923-1941	Editorial writer, <i>Washington Evening Star</i>
1929-1938	Commentator, Columbia Broadcasting Co.
1941, Apr. 7	Died, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The scrapbooks of Frederic William Wile (1873-1941) span the years 1898-1941 and chiefly contain clippings of news stories, dispatches, and columns written during Wile's career in journalism. Except for a few items that were retained after the scrapbooks were microfilmed in 1986, the collection exists only on microfilm. Subjects include Wile's service as an intelligence specialist on German affairs with the American Expeditionary Forces during World War I, the London Naval Conference (1930), and the Conference for the Reduction and Limitation of Armaments, Geneva, Switzerland (1932-1934). Also included is a telegram of 1909 from Frederick Albert Cook regarding his alleged discovery of the North Pole. Although the scrapbooks contain some letters, calling cards, handbills, and memorabilia, the bulk of the material consists of clippings of Wile's columns, stories, and editorials. The scrapbooks are particularly useful for identifying his unsigned editorials.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged in two series:

- [Scrapbooks, 1898-1941](#)
- [Manuscript Material Removed from Scrapbooks after Microfilming, 1899-1925](#)

Description of Series

<i>Container</i>	<i>Series</i>
SCRAPBOOK 1-42 REEL 1-5	<u>Scrapbooks, 1898-1941</u> Scrapbooks chiefly containing clippings of news stories, dispatches, and columns by Wile. The scrapbooks exist only on microfilm and were filmed sequentially as numbered by the creator. Volumes 2, 8-9, 13-14, 16, and 26 of the scrapbooks were never received by the Library and are not on the film.
BOX 1	<u>Manuscript Material Removed From Scrapbooks After Microfilming, 1899-1925</u> Originals of correspondence and miscellaneous items removed from the collection after filming. Arranged and described according to type of material.

Container List

Microfilm shelf no. 19,347

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SCRAPBOOK 1 REEL 1	1898-1899
SCRAPBOOK 2	Not in collection and not on microfilm
SCRAPBOOK 3 REEL 1	1904-1905
SCRAPBOOK 4 REEL 1	Jan. 22, 1908-Jan. 4, 1912, Berlin, Germany
SCRAPBOOK 5 REEL 1	Apr. 1, 1912-Mar. 31, 1913, Berlin, Germany
SCRAPBOOK 6 REEL 1	Apr. 1, 1913-June 1, 1914, Berlin, Germany
SCRAPBOOK 7 REEL 1	Aug. 4, 1914-Oct. 1, 1915, London, England
SCRAPBOOK 8	Not in collection and not on microfilm
SCRAPBOOK 9	Not in collection and not on microfilm
SCRAPBOOK 10 REEL 2	Aug. 1, 1916-Aug. 1, 1917, London, England
SCRAPBOOK 11 REEL 2	Aug. 5, 1916-Nov. 1, 1918, London, England
SCRAPBOOK 12 REEL 2	Aug. 4, 1917-Sept. 1, 1918, London, England
SCRAPBOOK 13	Not in collection and not on microfilm
SCRAPBOOK 14	Not in collection and not on microfilm
SCRAPBOOK 15 REEL 2	Aug.-Sept. 1920
SCRAPBOOK 16	Not in collection and not on microfilm
SCRAPBOOK 17 REEL 2	<i>Christian Science Monitor</i> , Aug. 1, 1923-June 1, 1924
SCRAPBOOK 18 REEL 2	<i>Washington Evening Star</i> , Nov. 1, 1923-June 1, 1924
SCRAPBOOK 19 REEL 2	<i>Washington Evening Star</i> , June 2, 1924-Feb. 1, 1925
SCRAPBOOK 20 REEL 2	<i>Washington Evening Star</i> , Jan. 27-Oct. 31, 1925
SCRAPBOOK 21 REEL 3	<i>Washington Evening Star</i> , Nov. 1, 1925-Aug. 30, 1926

Scrapbooks, 1898-1941

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SCRAPBOOK 22 REEL 3	June-Dec. 1924
SCRAPBOOK 23 REEL 3	<i>Washington Evening Star</i> , Mar. 17, 1925-Feb. 8, 1926
SCRAPBOOK 24 REEL 3	1926
SCRAPBOOK 25 REEL 3	<i>Washington Evening Star</i> , Sept. 1, 1916-July 1, 1927
SCRAPBOOK 26	Not in collection and not on microfilm
SCRAPBOOK 27 REEL 3	<i>Washington Evening Star</i> , July 1, 1927-Apr. 20, 1928
SCRAPBOOK 28 REEL 3	<i>Washington Evening Star</i> , May 18-Nov. 29, 1928
SCRAPBOOK 29 REEL 3	<i>Washington Evening Star</i> , Dec. 5, 1928-May 18, 1929
SCRAPBOOK 30 REEL 3	<i>Washington Evening Star</i> , Dec. 2, 1929-June 22, 1930
SCRAPBOOK 31 REEL 3	<i>Washington Evening Star</i> , June 23-Dec. 13, 1930
SCRAPBOOK 32 REEL 4	<i>Washington Evening Star</i> , Jan.-July 29, 1931
SCRAPBOOK 33 REEL 4	<i>Washington Evening Star</i> , July 26, 1931-Aug. 31, 1932
SCRAPBOOK 34 REEL 4	<i>Washington Evening Star</i> , Sept. 2, 1932-Mar. 4, 1934
SCRAPBOOK 35 REEL 4	<i>Washington Evening Star</i> , Mar. 16, 1934-Jan. 3, 1936
SCRAPBOOK 36 REEL 4	<i>Washington Evening Star</i> , Jan. 6, 1936-Nov. 19, 1937
SCRAPBOOK 37 REEL 4	<i>Washington Evening Star</i> , Nov. 22, 1937-July 19, 1939
SCRAPBOOK 38 REEL 4	Sept. 1937-Nov. 1938
SCRAPBOOK 39 REEL 4	<i>Washington Evening Star</i> , Sept. 6, 1939-Dec. 31, 1940
SCRAPBOOK 40 REEL 5	Nov. 23, 1938-Apr. 4, 1940
SCRAPBOOK 41 REEL 5	Apr. 10, 1940-Mar. 15, 1941
SCRAPBOOK 42 REEL 5	<i>Washington Evening Star</i> , Jan.-Mar. 1941
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BOX 1	Correspondence, 1899-1920
BOX 1	Miscellany

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BOX 1	Articles, 1909-1925
BOX 1	Cards, 1904
BOX 1	Clippings, 1909
BOX 1	Invitations, 1904
BOX 1	Memorabilia, undated
BOX 1	Photographs, undated
BOX 1	Programs, 1904-1918
BOX 1	Travels, undated