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Collection Summary

Title: James Louis Robertson Papers
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ID No.: MSS56416
Creator: Robertson, James Louis, 1907-1994
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Extent: 8.3 linear feet
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Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
LC Catalog record: https://lccn.loc.gov/mm82056416
Summary: Chief clerk of the U.S. Senate Post Office, special agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, reserve naval officer, deputy comptroller, and member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. Correspondence, diaries, speeches, writings, subject files, genealogical material, newspaper clippings, and other papers relating primarily to Robertson's service as a member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

People
Robertson family.
Robertson, Andrew J., 1845-1918. Andrew J. Robertson diaries. 1869-1901.
Robertson, James Louis, 1907-1994.
Robertson, James Louis, 1907-1994. What generation gap??? A dialogue on America. 1970.

Organizations
Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (U.S.)
United States. Federal Banking Commission.
United States. Federal Open Market Committee.

Subjects
Monetary policy--United States.

Places
United States--Economic policy--20th century.

Occupations
FBI agents.
Naval officers.
Public officials.

Provenance

The papers of James Louis Robertson, chief clerk of the U.S. Senate Post Office, special agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, reserve naval officer, deputy comptroller, and member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, were given to the Library of Congress by Robertson between 1975 and 1983.

Processing History

The Robertson Papers were housed and listed circa 1985. The finding aid was revised in 2012.

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Copyright Status

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Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Date	Event
1907, Oct. 31	Born, Broken Bow, Nebr.
1925-1927	A.B., Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa
1927-1931	LL.B., George Washington University, Washington, D.C.
1928	Married Julia Jensen
1928-1931	Chief clerk, U. S. Senate Post Office
1931	Admitted to D. C. Court of Appeals
1932-1933	Special agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation
1933-1942	Published *What Generation Gap??? A Dialog on America*
1942-1943	Assistant chief counsel
1944-1952	Deputy comptroller
1952	Member, Board of Governors of Federal Reserve Board
1966-1973	Vice chairman, Board of Governors of Federal Reserve Board
1969	Vice chairman, Board of Advisers of Industrial College of the Armed Forces
1973	Joined law firm of Bierbauer & Rockefeller
1994, Feb. 23	Died, Bethesda, Md.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of James Louis Robertson (1907-1994) span the years 1869-1982, with the bulk of the material concentrated in the period 1928-1982. The collection consists of correspondence, diaries, speeches, writings, subject files, genealogical material, newspaper clippings, and other papers relating primarily to Robertson's service as a member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. Included is material pertaining to the U.S. Federal Banking Commission and the U.S. Federal Open Market Committee, diaries of Robertson's father, Andrew J. Robertson, and a draft of Robertson's book,

What Generation Gap??? A Dialogue on America (1970). The collection is organized into seven series: Diaries, Personal Correspondence, Subject File, Speeches and Writings File, Organizational File, Miscellany, and Addition.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged in seven series:

- Diaries, 1869-1971
- Personal Correspondence, 1932-1973
- Subject File, 1957-1973
- Speeches and Writings File, 1957-1975
- Organizational File, 1961-1977
- Miscellany, 1933-1975
- Additional Material, 1878-1982

Description of Series

Container	Series
BOX 1	**Diaries, 1969-1971** Typed copies of letters by Andrew J. Robertson and accounts of trips. Arranged chronologically.
BOX 2-5	**Personal Correspondence, 1932-1973** Letters sent and received. Arranged chronologically.
BOX 6-29	**Subject File, 1957-1973** Correspondence. Arranged alphabetically by subject.
BOX 30-46	**Speeches and Writings File, 1957-1975** Typescript of *What Generation Gap??? A Dialog on America* and mimeographed copies of speeches and articles. Arranged alphabetically. Correspondence relating to speeches is chronologically arranged.
BOX 47-58	**Organizational File, 1961-1977** Correspondence. Arranged chronologically.
BOX 59-60	**Miscellany, 1933-1975** Awards, biographical sketch, family genealogy, newspaper clippings. Organized by type of material.
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	Arranged chronologically.
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BOX 2-5	**Personal Correspondence, 1932-1973**
	Letters sent and received.
	Arranged chronologically.
BOX 2	Alphabetical
BOX 2	A-G
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	Arranged alphabetically by subject.
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BOX 6	Balance of payments
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BOX 7	(2 folders)
BOX 7	Bank holding companies
BOX 7	Branches
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BOX 10	Congressional hearings
	(2 folders)
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BOX 11	Controls, wage and price
BOX 11	Cosmos Club, Washington, D.C.
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BOX 12	Discount rates
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BOX 12	Douglas Subcommittee of Joint Committee on the Economic Report
BOX 12	Employment possibilities
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BOX 12	Fan mail
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BOX 12	Federal Reserve, composition of board
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BOX 16	Government’s foreign lending
BOX 16	Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa
BOX 16	Guide to conduct
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BOX 24	Monetarism
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BOX 26	Operation of money system in America
BOX 26	Operation's subsidiaries
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BOX 26	Problem bank
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BOX 28	Repurchase agreements
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BOX 28	Subordinated notes
BOX 28	Treasury Assets Planning Committee
BOX 29	Truth in lending
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BOX 29	Wagner questionnaire
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BOX 30-46	**Speeches and Writings File, 1957-1975**
	Typescript of *What Generation Gap??? A Dialog on America* and mimeographed copies of speeches and articles.
	Arranged alphabetically. Correspondence relating to speeches is chronologically arranged.
BOX 30	American Bar Association
	(11 folders)
BOX 31	(1 folder)
BOX 31	American Institute of Banking
BOX 31	Aircraft conference
BOX 31	American Management Association
	(2 folders)
BOX 31	Anniversary of Federal Reserve Board (fourtieth)
BOX 31	Annual Convention of U. S. Savings and Loan (sixty-fifth)

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BOX 31	Annual Monetary Conference (fourth)
BOX 31	Arden House
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BOX 31	Auditors Conference
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BOX 31	Bankers Association for Foreign Trade
BOX 31	Bankers Club of Chicago, Chicago, Ill.
BOX 31	Bankers Law Institute
BOX 31	Business International
BOX 32	California Bankers Association
BOX 32	Chairman's Conference
BOX 32	Chicago Federal Reserve Bank Seminar
BOX 32	Concord National Bank
BOX 32	Conference on Management Information
BOX 32	Controllers Institute
BOX 32	Crotonville, N. Y.
BOX 32	Council for L. A. Dinner
BOX 32	Culpeper, Va., dedication
BOX 32	Dallas Observance of Law Day
BOX 32	Deputy Comptroller of the Currency
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BOX 37	Iowa Bankers Association
BOX 37	Joint Meeting of Directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago and Its Detroit Branch
BOX 37	Kansas Bankers Association
BOX 37	Law Review
BOX 37	Los Angeles Bankers Association, Los Angeles, Calif.
BOX 37	Massachusetts Bankers Association
BOX 37	McDowell Luncheon Group
BOX 37	Miami University Savings Institutions Forum, Miami, Ohio
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BOX 38	Nashville Branch Board, Nashville, Tenn.
BOX 38	National Association of Bank-Women
BOX 38	National Association of Bank Auditors and Comptrollers (3 folders)
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BOX 38	National Export Expansion Council
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BOX 40	Statement before the Antitrust Subcommittee of the Judiciary of the House of Representatives
BOX 40	Statement before the Committee on Banking and Currency of the House of Representatives (7 folders)
BOX 40	Statement before the Committee on Banking and Currency of the U. S. Senate
BOX 40	Statement before the Legal and Monetary Affairs Subcommittee of the House of Representatives (2 folders)
BOX 40	Statement before the Subcommittee on Commerce and Finance of the House of Representatives
BOX 40	Statement before the Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs of the House Banking and Currency Committee

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	Arranged chronologically.
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BOX 61	Robertson, Andrew 1878-1919
BOX 61	Robertson, Dixon, 1936
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BOX 61	Robertson, Etta (?), undated
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BOX 61	Robertson, Fred Y., 1936, 1948-1973 (2 folders)
BOX 61	Robertson, Jake (?) 1923
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