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Collection Summary

Title: George Thomas Washington Papers

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Creator: Washington, George Thomas

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Summary: Judge, official in the U.S. Office of the Attorney General, and law professor. Correspondence, articles, drafts of a book, personal and office files, legal memoranda, lecture notes, speeches, and memorabilia from Washington's career in government.

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

Acheson, Dean, 1893-1971--Correspondence.

Clark, Tom C. (Tom Campbell), 1899-1977--Correspondence.

Short, Livingston L.--Correspondence.

Stettinius, Edward R., Jr. (Edward Reilly), 1900-1949--Correspondence.

Stevens, Robert S. (Robert Sproule), 1888-1968--Correspondence.

Truman, Harry S., 1884-1972--Correspondence.

Washington, George Thomas.

Washington, George Thomas. Corporate executives' compensation. 1942.

Organizations

United States. Court of Appeals (District of Columbia Circuit)

United States. Department of Justice. Office of the Attorney General.

Subjects

Administrative agencies--United States.

Administrative law--United States.

Coal miners--United States.

Coal mines and mining--United States.

Economic stabilization--United States.

Executives--Salaries, etc.

Immigrants--United States.

Labor--United States.

Law.

Lend-lease operations (1941-1945)

National security--United States.

Nazis.

Price regulation--United States.

Sabotage.

Subversive activities--United States.

War criminals--Germany.

World War, 1939-1945--Economic aspects--Iran.

World War, 1939-1945--Economic aspects--Iraq.

World War, 1939-1945--Economic aspects.

Places

Iran--Commerce--United States.
Iraq--Commerce--United States.
United States--Commerce--Iran.
United States--Commerce--Iraq.

Occupations

Educators.
Judges.
Public officials.

Acquisition Information

The papers of George Thomas Washington, judge, official in the U.S. Office of the Attorney General, and law professor, were given to the Library of Congress by his wife, Helen Goodner Washington, in 1971. Additional material was received in 1996.

Processing History

The collection was processed by Edward F. Bachman in 1972. The finding aid was revised in 2012. Material received in 1996 was processed and the finding aid revised in 2023 by Rachel Telford.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of George Thomas Washington is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of George Thomas Washington 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.

Preferred Citation

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

Biographical Note

Date	Event
1908, June 24	Born, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio
1928	Ph.B., Yale College, New Haven, Conn.
1931	Litt.B., Oxford University, Oxford, England (Rhodes Scholar)
1932	LL.B., Yale Law School, New Haven, Conn.
1932-1938	Attorney, New York, N.Y.
1938-1942	Faculty member, Cornell University Law School, Ithaca, N.Y.
1942	Attorney, Office of Emergency Management

1942-1943	United States economic representative, Baghdad, Iraq
1943-1944	Chief, Lend-lease Mission, Teheran, Iran
1944-1946	Special assistant, U.S. attorney general
1946	Assistant solicitor general
1946-1947	Acting solicitor general
1949-1971	Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit
1953	Married Helen Goodner (died 1978)
1971, Aug. 24	Died, Santa Barbara, Calif

Scope and Content Note

The papers of George Thomas Washington (1908-1971) span the years 1934-1965, with most of the material concentrated in the period 1942-1965, when Washington worked as an official in the United States Lend-lease operations in Iraq and Iran, when he was an attorney with the Justice Department, and during his tenure as a Judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit.

The correspondence is almost entirely of a professional nature. Of particular significance are letters relating to the operations of the American economic missions in Iraq and Iran that Washington supervised during World War II. Letters from his work at the Justice Department discuss policy and other issues. Notable correspondents include Dean Acheson, Tom C. Clark, Livingston L. Short, Edward R. Stettinius, Robert S. Stevens, and Harry S. Truman.

Subject files on the economic mission to Iraq and Iran detail the fiscal operations of the mission. There are also a few memoranda and notes about other aspects of the mission. Files relating to the Justice Department consist almost entirely of departmental and legal memoranda. Included are miscellaneous materials dealing with the trial in 1942 of Nazi saboteurs, the activities of immigrants, foreign citizens, and national security, price controls, the treatment of German war criminals, the duties of the solicitor general, coal miners and their labor conditions, the congressional investigation of subversives, and other matters handled by the Justice Department in the period 1944-1949. Also of note is a report on the foreign service that Washington helped to draft.

The writings deal primarily with the legal matter of the compensation of corporation executives, on which Washington was an authority, and on the administration of the law at the level of the federal government.

The 2023 Addition consists of a partial alphabetical file, maintained during Washington's tenure as a judge, as well as material relating to his work as an official in the United States lend-lease operations in Iraq and Iran, and as an attorney with the Justice Department. Some topics addressed in the subject file, including the trial in 1942 of Nazi saboteurs, the activities of immigrants, foreign citizens, and national security, and price controls are also documented here.

Arrangement of the Collection

This collection is arranged in six series:

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BOX 8	Carr, Norman, "Marriage Hygiene as Prescribed by Physicians"
BOX 8	Clark, Tom C., "A Greeting to the International Bar Association"

Miscellany, 1934-1948

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BOX 8	“A New Forum for Stockholders”
BOX 8	“Problems of Procedure in Stockholders' Derivative Suits”
BOX 8	Houston, R. E. Houston, Jr., “The American Tobacco Case,” a Study in Profit-Sharing”
BOX 8	Huxley, Aldous, “Who Are You?”
BOX 8	<i>Law Report News</i> , 1940, Nov. 26
BOX 8	Supreme Court opinion, <i>Testa v. Katt</i>
BOX 8	Valance, William Roy, “Responsibility of the Lawyer in a Free Society”
BOX 8	Unidentified
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