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PAPERS OF A. BARTON HEPBURN

MEMO for PRIVATE PAPERS REGISTER

FROM M. Burnett, December 10, 1954

A collection of the papers of A. Barton Hepburn is on deposit at Columbia University. At present, these are stored in a small metal trunk in the Library of the Graduate School of Business, Room 817, Butler Library. They may later be transferred to the Special Collections Department. Although they are not catalogued or indexed, a record has been made in the Library so that any inquirer wishing to consult the papers may be directed to them.

History of the Papers

(Per interview with Miss Janet Bogardus, librarian of Federal Reserve Bank of New York, December 7, 1954)

A few years ago, the family of A. Barton Hepburn offered his papers to Columbia University and asked that an opinion be given as to whether they contained material enough for a book. Miss Bogardus, at that time librarian of the Columbia Graduate School of Business Library, undertook to go through the papers in the warehouse where they were stored and found them deep in dust and overrun with rats. Much worthless material, such as cancelled checks and banquet and convention programs, was discarded on the spot. The remainder was transferred to Columbia and re-sorted in the library.

Documents and books were checked against the library's collection and duplicates discarded. The rest were catalogued and added to the regular collection. They consisted mostly of N. Y. State public documents connected with Mr. Hepburn's work on various committees. A list of these was made, which runs to about 3 pages and is available in the library's files.

Two letter books and folders of miscellaneous letters and pamphlets were left in a small metal trunk with a collection of uncatalogued material, in Room 817.

Dr. H. Beckhart, of Columbia, was called in to look through the collection and give an opinion as to the value of the material for the purpose of writing a book. He said it had no value at all for this purpose.

Contents of Metal Box

(Per phone conversation with Miss Bishop, Columbia University Graduate School of Business Library, December 9, 1954)

1. Two volumes of letters pasted on thin rice paper. Writing frequently faint. 1000 letters in each volume. Many personal but a few related to business. *Probably letter press volumes 7*
2. Folder containing some letters and documents relating to Clearing House Committee of N. Y. Clearing House Association, e.g.
 - a. One letter to A. H. Wiggins mentions changes made necessary because Federal Reserve Act just passed.
 - b. & c. Letters to Walter K. Frew, Corn Exchange Bank, and Frank A. Vanderlip, National City Bank, transmitting reports.
 - d. Letter from Mr. Patterson, University of Pennsylvania.
3. Folder on New York (State) Securities Commission concerning Blue Sky legislation. Minority report.
4. Folder on A. B. A. Currency Commission.

Pamphlets and reprints, e.g. on special meeting of Committee, June 1913.

Some letters.

Loan banks of German Government.

(No mention of Federal Reserve System).