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CHESTER CHARLES DAVIS

The working correspondence and memoranda of Mr. Chester Davis, member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System from 1936 to 1941, President of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis from 1941 to 1951, are incorporated in the files of the Board and the Bank. His private papers are still in his possession.

In addition, he dictated his memoirs to the Oral History Research Project, Columbia University, New York. One copy of these memoirs is in his possession. Two copies are in the Special Collections Department, Butler Library, Columbia University. Permission to consult them will be granted to qualified students.

Papers devoted entirely to agricultural matters covering the period 1925-28 are deposited in the Western Historical Manuscripts Collection in the University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri. This group consists of 1042 folders, containing perhaps 8,000 to 10,000 items of correspondence, records, etc. and is organized and available for scholarly research. It contains no material on the Federal Reserve System.

See internal memorandum, interview with Mr. Davis, dated Berkeley, Apr. 5, 1955

Biographical Note

1887, Nov. 17	Born, near Linden, Dallas County, Iowa
1911	A.B., Grinnell College, Iowa
1911-21	Newspaper work in South Dakota and Montana
1913, Aug. 14	Married Helen Smith (2 children)
1921-25	Commissioner of Agriculture and Labor, Montana
1925-33	Agricultural director and consultant for farm groups
1933-36	U.S. Department of Agriculture and Director A.A.A.
1935	LL.D., Grinnell College (this honorary degree followed by four others at various colleges)
1933-36	Member, Board of Directors, Commodity Credit Corp.
1934-36	Member, Board of Trustees, Export-Import Bank
1936-41	Member, Board of Governors of Federal Reserve System
1941-51	President, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis
1951	Associate Director, Ford Foundation
1955	Regents Professor of Economics at University of California and numerous other posts

See Who's Who in America, 1954/55, vol. 28, Marquis