

COMMITTEE ON THE HISTORY OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Register of Papers

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ANDREW W. MELLON

(1855 - 1937)

The papers of Andrew Mellon, industrialist, banker, art patron, Secretary of the Treasury and ex-officio Chairman of the Federal Reserve Board (1921-32), Ambassador to Great Britain, are stored in a Pittsburgh warehouse, in the Treasury and in the National Archives. These papers are the subject of sorting and study by persons connected with the family.

Their present conclusion is that the papers which concern Mr. Mellon's service with the Federal Reserve Board are in Washington, either incorporated in the files of the Board, or in the Treasury files, or in those Treasury files which have been incorporated in the National Archives. It is anticipated that the Mellon papers will eventually go to the Library of Congress. (See letter from A. W. Schmidt dated 6/1/55 for more detailed information.)

Permission to consult must be sought in appropriate quarters (National Archives, Federal Reserve Board, etc.), depending on which group of papers is to be consulted. The Pittsburgh papers may be approached through Dr. A. W. Schmidt, A. W. Mellon Educational and Charitable Trust, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Biographical Note

- 1855, Mar. 24 Born, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- Educated at Western University of Pennsylvania (now Univ. of Pittsburgh), Class of 1873
- 1900 Married Nora McMullen (2 children) ?
- Developed coal, coke and iron industries, also aluminum
- President Mellon National Bank until 1921
- 1921-32 Secretary of the Treasury under Harding, Coolidge, Hoover, and ex-officio Chairman of Federal Reserve Board
- 1932-33 U.S. Ambassador to Great Britain
- 1937, Aug. 26 Died
- Gave his art collection to the U.S. as foundation of the National Gallery. Also gave the gallery (?).

See: Who Was Who in America, 1897-1942, vol. I, Marquis

Description of Series

Pittsburgh Deposit:

In the Security Storage Company, Pittsburgh. Now being sorted and classified. Preliminary study indicates that these papers include chiefly:

- (1) Large number of volumes of newspaper clippings
- (2) Files relating to Mr. Mellon's personal, philanthropic and business affairs; e.g., material concerning the construction of the National Gallery of Art, original material and exhibits of industries and companies used in the 1934-35 tax trials, etc.

WASHINGTON MATERIAL:

Federal Reserve Board files: Mellon material incorporated under subject headings

National Archives: Mellon material sent there by the Treasury with other early material

Treasury: Complete search of Treasury files for Mellon material is still to be made