

COMMITTEE ON THE HISTORY OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

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Carter Glass Papers

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A collection of the papers of the late Carter Glass, Congressman and then Senator from Virginia, one-time Secretary of the Treasury and Chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, was deposited in the Alderman Library at the University of Virginia in March of 1948 by Mr. Carter Glass Jr. The papers were a gift, restricted only by the stipulation that publication of any of them is subject to approval by members of the family for 10 years from date of gift.

Linear feet of shelf space occupied: 138

The papers are in the charge of Dr. Francis L. Berkeley, Curator of Manuscripts at the Alderman Library. Permission to use them in research must be sought from the Senator's son, Mr. Carter Glass Jr., 420 Madison Street, Lynchburg, Virginia.

A list of work contemplated, in progress or completed, which involves research in the Glass papers, is appended.

Arrangement

The Glass papers fall into two main divisions, bound letter-press copies of correspondence and unbound papers.

I. The bound volumes of letter-press copies of correspondence, each said to contain 500 - 600 items, cover the years 1919 to 1920 when Mr. Glass was Secretary of the Treasury and ex-officio Chairman of the Federal Reserve Board.

They are dated as follows -

Vol. 1: 18 Dec. 1918 - 24 Jan. 1919

Vol. 2: 22 Jan. 1919 - 13 March 1919

Vol. 3: 12 Mar. 1919 - 2 May 1919

Vol. 4: 2 May 1919 - 23 June 1919

Vol. 5: 24 June 1919 - 29 Aug. 1919

Vol. 6: 29 Aug. 1919 - 15 Dec. 1919

Vol. 7: 15 Dec. 1919 - 3 Feb. 1920

II. Unbound papers covering the period 1913 to 1946 in the various categories (personal correspondence, official correspondence including letters from constituents, bills from merchants, invitations to speak, Congressional legislation projected or passed, notes, memoranda, speeches, etc. have been "rough-sorted" according to year and general subject and placed in 423 cardboard boxes, approximately 13"x9"x4". The number of items in each box varies from one-half dozen to several hundred. The sorting was presumably done before the library received the collection; and the library feels bound to preserve this arrangement, though it has been weakened by the action of a biographer in isolating correspondence with men of public importance and placing this in boxes with little relation to chronological or subject arrangement.

### Inventory

Working with funds supplied by the Committee on the History of the Federal Reserve System, the boxes of unbound papers were examined in 1954 by a team of three graduate students (Messrs. William Edel, Samuel Cardwell and Miss Anne Thomas) under the direction of Dr. Elbert A. Kincaid, recently Associate Director of the School of Business Administration, University of Virginia and for many years economic adviser of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond. This group prepared a selective inventory of 614 pages, so arranged to provide at least one page to each box. The inventory aims at completeness only for items concerned with Federal Reserve matters.

In its present mimeographed and loose-leaf state, the inventory is a valuable aid to scholars interested in those activities of Mr. Glass which had to do with the Federal Reserve System. An index, which would make it even more useful, may later be provided. A copy of the inventory is on deposit at the University of Virginia. One may also be consulted at the headquarters of the Committee on the History of the Federal Reserve System, 33 Liberty Street, New York 45, N. Y.

Prefatory Note

The Carter Glass papers put on deposit in the Alderman Library of the University of Virginia in March, 1948 fall into two main divisions, bound letter-press copies of correspondence and boxes of unbound papers.

The bound volumes of letter-press copies of correspondence cover the years 1919 to 1920 when Mr. Glass was Secretary of the Treasury and ex-officio Chairman of the Federal Reserve Board. (His dates of service were December, 1918 to February, 1920). These volumes are located with the boxed but unbound papers. They are dated as follows -

1. 18 Dec. 1918 - 24 Jan. 1919
2. 22 Jan. 1919 - 13 March 1919
3. 12 Mar. 1919 - 2 May 1919
4. 2 May 1919 - 23 June 1919
5. 24 June 1919 - 29 Aug. 1919
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The selective inventory herein presented concerns itself only with the unbound papers.