

## COMMITTEE ON THE HISTORY OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Register of Papers

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(1865 - 1951)

The papers of Charles Dawes, lawyer, banker, Brigadier General (1918), Comptroller of the Currency, Director of the Budget, Vice President of the U.S., head of the Reparations Commission that produced the Dawes Plan after World War I, are deposited in two places. The library of Marietta College, Marietta, Ohio, has "a good deal of Dawes material," but no correspondence concerning his political or banking activities. The Deering Library at Northwestern University has a miscellaneous collection dating from 1889 to 1933.

Linear feet of shelf space occupied:

Approximate number of items:

Neither collection is adequately catalogued; the Deering Library has a 27 page outline list, unprinted, of which a photostatic copy can be obtained.

The collection is open to work by qualified students.

The papers have been studied, in part at least, by Dr. John Pixton, economist, author of a graduate thesis on "The Early Career of Charles Dawes," and now engaged in writing a longer biography.

See internal memorandum, 7/27/54, interview with Dr. Pixton about papers

## Biographical Note

1865, Aug. 27	Born, Marietta, Ohio
1884	A.B., Marietta College, Ohio
1886	LL.B., Cincinnati Law School, Ohio
1886	Admitted to bar, state of Nebraska
1887	A.M., Marietta College
1887-94	Practice of law in Nebraska
1889, Jan. 24	Married Caro D. Blymyer (4 children, 1 now deceased)
1896	Active in campaign of McKinley
1897-1901	Comptroller of the Currency
1902-31	Successively President, Chairman of the Board, Honorary Chairman of the Board, Central Trust Co., Chicago, Ill.
1921	First Director of the Bureau of the Budget
1923	President, Commission to investigate possibilities of German payment of reparations following World War I, which resulted in the Dawes Plan
1925-29	Vice President of the United States
1929-32	Ambassador to Great Britain
1932	Awarded Nobel Peace Prize for 1925 jointly with Sir Austen Chamberlain
1951	Died
Author of:	<u>The Banking System of the United States.</u> 1892. <u>Essays and Speeches.</u> 1915. <u>A Journal of the Great War.</u> 1921. <u>The First Year of the Budget of the U.S.</u> 1923. <u>Notes as Vice President.</u> 1935. <u>How Long Prosperity.</u> 1937. <u>A Journal of Reparations.</u> 1939. <u>Journal as Ambassador to Great Britain.</u> 1939. <u>A Journal of the McKinley Years (1893-1913).</u> 1950.

See Who's Who in America, 1952/53, vol. 27, Marquis

## Description of Series

Joseph S. Komidar, Chief of Reference and Special Services at the Deering Library, Northwestern University, says,

"No statement describing the contents of the Collection exists, but there is an outline which indicates the arrangement of the collection. On the basis of this outline I can say that there are diaries, journals, letter press books, letter files, scrapbooks, business books, invoice books, clippings, invitations, reports, memos, and books from the Dawes library. Within these categories, the arrangement is almost entirely chronological, with the earliest date represented being 1889, and the latest date 1933. The substantive categories are so few as to be negligible and so general as to be practically valueless as far as indicating specific content is concerned."

For additional information, see complete correspondence on Dawes papers in the relevant correspondence folder.