

COMMITTEE ON THE HISTORY OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Register of Papers

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LEON FRASER

(1889 - 1945)

The papers of Mr. Leon Fraser, lawyer, bank president, Class A director of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, member of the Federal Advisory Council, and general counsel for the Dawes and Young Plans, are mostly in the possession of his son James, who is now sorting and classifying them.

Three file folders of papers were sent to this Committee in March, 1954, by Mr. James M. Nicely of the First National Bank of New York.

Other papers may be in the Bank for International Settlements.

Biographical Note

1889, Nov. 27	Born, Boston, Massachusetts
1910	B.A., Columbia University
1913	Reporter, New York World
1914	Admitted to New York bar
1915	Ph.D., Columbia University
1917	Major Judge Advocate, U. S. Army
1920	Associate Counsel and Assistant Director, Bureau of War Risk Insurance
1922	Married Margaret M. Maury (1 son)
1922-24	Practiced international law in Paris
1924-27	Legal adviser to American delegation, London Prime Ministers' Conference and General Counsel, Dawes Plan
1929	Counsel for Young Plan
1933	Member Preparatory Committee for London Monetary and Economic Conference
1930-33	Vice President and Director, Bank for International Settlements
1933-35	Chairman and President, Bank for International Settlements
1935-45	Vice President, then (1937) President, First National Bank of New York
1941-43	Class A Director, Federal Reserve Bank of New York
1945, Apr. 8	Died

See Who Was Who in America, 1943-50, vol. II, Marquis

Description of Series

The three file folders of papers which have been given this Committee are dated 1943-45. They concern international currency and monetary matters, and seem chiefly to center around the Bretton Woods Conference and the White and Keynes Plans. A listing will be prepared.

Mr. James Fraser has promised to send this Committee further information about those of his father's papers which are in his possession.