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ALONZO BARTON HEPBURN

(1846 - 1922)

The papers of A. Barton Hepburn, lawyer, bank president, Comptroller of the Currency, member of the Federal Reserve Advisory Council, were given to Columbia University by the Hepburn family and placed in the library of the Columbia Graduate School of Business. About 1950 the books were added to the library's regular collection. Documents were listed and a list is available. A residual collection containing two letter press books and assorted folders remains intact, and may be transferred to the Special Collections Department.

The papers are available for research, but mostly uncatalogued.

Linear feet of shelf space occupied:

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See memo from Miss Burnett on this collection, 12/10/54

## Biographical Note

1846, July 24            Born, Colton, New York

1871                    A.B., Middlebury College

1873, Dec. 10        Married Hattie A. Fisher

                         Practiced law at Colton, New York

1875-80                Member, New York Assembly

1880-83                Superintendent of Banking, State of New York

1887, July 14        Married Emily L. Heaton (2nd wife)

1888-92                U.S. Bank Examiner for New York

1892-93                Comptroller of the Currency

1893-97                President, Third National Bank of New York

1897-1911            Vice President for 2 years, then President,  
Chase National Bank, New York City

1911-22                Chairman of Board of Directors, Chairman of  
Advisory Board, Chase National Bank, New York

1919-20                Member, Federal Advisory Council, New York  
Federal Reserve District

1922, Jan. 25        Died

Author of:            History of Coinage and Currency in the United  
States. 1903.  
Artificial Waterways and Commercial Development. 1909.  
A History of Currency in the United States. 1915.

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

## Description of Series

Books - catalogued and added to regular collection of Library of Graduate School of Business, Columbia

Pamphlets - mostly New York State documents connected with Mr. Hepburn's activities on various committees

Small metal trunk includes - Letters - 2 vols. (letter press?)  
pasted on thin rice paper, 1000 letters per volume

## Folders:

- (1) Clearing House Committee of New York, containing letters to Wiggin regarding new Federal Reserve Act, to Frew and to Vanderlip
- (2) New York State Securities Commission concerning "Blue Sky" legislation
- (3) A.B.A. Currency Committee, including special meeting of June, 1913