

COMMITTEE ON THE HISTORY OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Register of Papers

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FRANKLIN KNIGHT LANE

(1864 - 1921)

The papers of Franklin K. Lane, newspaper man and Secretary of the Interior under Woodrow Wilson, are on deposit in the Bancroft Library of the University of California at Berkeley. The small collection described herein was found in the home of his friend, Adolph C. Miller and covers the period (1921-1939) of the Franklin K. Lane Memorial Fund. It was turned over to the Committee on the History of the Federal Reserve System by Mrs. Lucy Sprague Mitchell and forwarded to the University of California on January 24, 1955.

Measure of size: 1 cubic foot

Approximate number of items:

The appended survey of these papers was made by the National Records Management Council at the Committee's request.

In addition, the General Library of the University of California reports the possession of another linear foot of material including speeches, articles and miscellany given to the Bancroft Library by Mrs. Lane in 1947, and a small amount of correspondence.

No special restrictions have been placed on this material, nor does a complete inventory exist.

See letter 11/15/55 from George P. Hammond, director The General Library at the University of California for further detail.

Biographical Note

- 1864, July 15 Born, near Charlottetown, P.E.I., Canada
- 1886 Graduated, University of California
- Engaged in newspaper work early in life, part
owner and editor of Tacoma Daily News
- 1889 Admitted to California bar and began law practice
in San Francisco
- 1893, Apr. 11 Married Anne Wintermute (1 son)
- 1897-1902 Corporation counsel, San Francisco
- 1902 Candidate for Governor of California
- 1905-13 Member, Interstate Commerce Commission (chairman
in 1913)
- 1913-20 Secretary of the Interior in cabinet of Woodrow
Wilson
- Vice President, Pan-American Petroleum and
Transport Company
- 1921, May 18 Died

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

N.B. Mr. Lane's appointment as Secretary of the Interior was in part a recognition of Wilson's indebtedness to the California voters. He led a group of Californians, which included Adolph Miller and Ray Gidney, to service in Washington.

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Description of Series

The papers at the University of California include the papers previously described, which were sent to them in 1955 by this Committee, and the following items:

Speeches, articles and miscellany presented by Mrs. Lane to the Bancroft Library in 1947

1 famous letter to Dr. John Finley in 1921, proposing a "Super University."

8 letters to Chester Rowell in the Rowell collection

A small group of miscellaneous Lane papers in Ralph L. Phelps papers