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HENRY PARKER WILLIS

(1874 - 1937)

The papers of H. Parker Willis, professor of economics, editor, first Secretary to the Federal Reserve Board, economic consultant to the Federal Reserve Board and the U. S. Congress, are in his home in Staten Island. The papers prior to 1920 are stored in four or five boxes in the cellar. The papers since 1920 are in the attic. This collection has been neither sorted nor indexed.

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Information about the papers and permission to use them must be sought from H. Parker Willis' son, Parker Willis, at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, in whom title rests by the terms of his father's will.

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## Biographical Note

- 1874, Aug. 14 Born, Weymouth, Massachusetts
- 1894 A.B., University of Chicago  
1897 Ph.D., University of Chicago
- 1897-98 Assistant, Monetary Commission
- 1898-1905 Washington and Lee University, successively adjunct professor, full professor, Wilson professor of economics and political science
- 1903, Dec. 24 Married Rosa Johnston Brooke (4 children - 1 with FRB of Boston, 1 with FRB of New York)
- 1901-12 Leader writer, New York Evening Post
- 1902-03 Washington correspondent, N. Y. Journal of Commerce
- 1905-13 Washington correspondent, Engineering and Mining Journal
- 1905-06 ) Professor of finance, George Washington Univ.; and  
1907-12 ) Dean, College of Political Sciences, 1910-12
- 1909-10 Editor, U. S. Immigration Commission
- 1911-13 Expert, Ways and Means Committee, House of Representatives
- 1912-13 Expert, Banking and Currency Committee, House of Representatives (drafting Federal Reserve Act)
- 1912-14 Associate editor, N. Y. Journal of Commerce  
1919-31 Editor in chief, N. Y. Journal of Commerce
- 1913-14 Lecturer, Columbia University  
1917- Professor of banking, Columbia University
- 1914-18 Secretary, Federal Reserve Board, Washington  
1918-22 Director of Research, Federal Reserve Board (moved office to New York for this period)
- 1922 Consulting economist, Federal Reserve Board
- 1916-17 President, Philippine National Bank
- 1919 Special commissioner in Australasia for Chase National Bank and Central Union Trust Company

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1926-27 Chairman, Banking Commission of Irish Free State  
 1930-32 Technical adviser to U. S. Senate Banking and  
 Currency Committee (drafting Banking Act of 1933)  
 1932-35 American representative to Le Temps, Paris  
 1937, July 18 Died

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