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Register of Papers

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Date: 3/14/56SEYMOUR PARKER GILBERT

(1892 - 1938)

The papers of S. Parker Gilbert, lawyer, financier, Treasury official under Andrew Mellon, Agent General for Reparations, are widely scattered. Official papers of his Treasury service are presumably in the Treasury files. Official papers of his service as Agent General for Reparations were, when the Reparations Commission closed its work, transferred to the Bank for International Settlements and the National Archives of the French government. Other business papers are to be found in the files of Cravath, Henderson (or its successor firm) and of J. P. Morgan. Correspondence with the Federal Reserve Board and with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York is in those respective files.

Private papers left when Mr. Gilbert died were mostly destroyed by his widow, now Mrs. Harold Stanley, but she is said to have kept a selected collection.

Because Mr. Gilbert was a distinguished alumnus of Rutgers University at New Brunswick, New Jersey, the library of that institution has an extensive collection of clippings about him which might be useful for research on public details of his career. A biographic sketch written for the Dictionary of American Biography by Dr. E. E. Agger of Rutgers may be expanded into a book if plans now under discussion are accepted by the family.

See "The Execution of the Experts' Plan" (Reports of the Agent General for Reparation Payments), vol. I, pp. 236-38. Berlin: 1930.

Biographical Note

1892, Oct. 13	Born, Bloomfield, New Jersey, son of Seymour Parker and Carrie Jennings (Cooper) Gilbert
1912	A.B., Rutgers University
1913-15	Editor, Harvard Law Review
1915	LL.B. cum laude, Harvard
1916	A.M., Rutgers University
1915-18	Practiced law with Cravath and Henderson, N.Y.
1918-20	Counsel in War Loan Staff, office of Secretary of the Treasury
1920-21	Assistant Secretary of the Treasury in charge of fiscal matters
1921-23	Under Secretary of the Treasury
1923-24	Returned to law practice with Cravath, Henderson & de Gersdorff
1924, Oct. 8	Married Louise Ross Todd (3 children)
1924-30	Agent General for Reparation Payments in Germany
1931-38	Partner, J. P. Morgan and Co.
1938, Feb. 23	Died in New York

See: Who's Who in America, 1936-37, vol. XIX.
Reports of the Agent General for Reparations (published 1925-30
in 9 vols. in Berlin by Office of Reparation Payments)
Dictionary of American Biography.
The Cravath Firm and its Predecessors, 1819-1948, vol. II.