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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

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| 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,<br>Chase National Bank, New York City            |
| 1911-22       | Chairman of Board of Directors, Chairman of<br>Advisory Board, Chase National Bank, New York |
| 1919-20       | Member, Federal Advisory Council, New York<br>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