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GEORGE FREDERICK WARREN

(1874 - 1938)

The papers of George F. Warren, professor of agricultural economics and farm management at Cornell University, economic adviser on gold to President Franklin D. Roosevelt, are in the Mann Library of Cornell University, Ithaca, New York. They are included in the Collection of Regional and University Archives there.

Linear feet of shelf space occupied: 11

The collection is fairly complete, arranged for the most part in chronological order. There is no guide to the papers. Microfilming of portions of the collection can be done.

## Biographical Note

1874, Feb. 16	Born, Harvard, Nebraska
1897	B.Sc., Univ. of Nebraska
1903	B.S.A., Cornell Univ.
1904	M.S.A., Cornell Univ.
1905	Ph.D., Cornell Univ.
1905-06	Horticulturist, New Jersey Expt. Station
1906, June 21	Married Mary Whitson; 6 children
1906-38	Teaching at Cornell University
	1906-07 Assistant professor of agronomy
	1907-09 Assistant professor of farm crops
	1911-20 Professor of farm crops and farm management
	1920-38 Professor agricultural economics and farm management
1938, May 24	Died

Author of:

Elements of Agriculture. 1909.  
Laboratory Exercises in Farm Management. 1910.  
An Agricultural Survey, Townships of Ithaca, Dryden, Danby, and Lansing, Tompkins County, New York. 1911.  
Farm Management. 1913.

Co-author of:

Dairy Farming. 1916.  
The Agricultural Situation. 1924.  
Inter-Relationships of Supply and Price. 1928.  
The Physical Volume of Production in the United States. 1932.  
Wholesale Prices for 213 Years, 1720-1932. 1932.  
Prices. 1933.  
Gold and Prices. 1935.

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

Description of Series

"WARREN, (GEORGE), 1874-1938. Papers, 1900-1938; 11 ft. Economist, professor. Include newspaper clippings, notes, committee reports, and other materials relating to the Land Grant College Association (1927), the policies of the New York State College of Agriculture (1910-1912, 1919), International Conference on Agricultural Economics (1929, 1933, 1936), the United States Food Administration, the New York State Food Supply Commission, the Committee for the Nation to Rebuild Prices and Purchasing Power, the Tariff Commission (1921, 1929, 1933, 1936), Professor Warren's activities as economic adviser to President F. D. Roosevelt; also a report on Russian agriculture by A.B. Lewis (1936) and a report on various farms in New York State by M. C. Burritt (1907). (21/10/77)"

From "Report of the Curator and  
Archivist" Cornell University,  
1950-54.

".... There is no guide to the Warren Papers. They are arranged chronologically for the most part, with some subject matter cutting across a perfect chronological arrangement.

Unfortunately the Warren Papers do not lend themselves to an easily defined and limited category that would cover his activities as economic adviser to President Roosevelt. ....

The Warren Papers include very little correspondence between Warren and others who were interested in governmental fiscal policies in the 1930's. Nor do they include any material that would present, such as a diary would, the "inside story" of Warren's relationship to the Roosevelt Administration's fiscal policy.

The Papers do contain copies of articles and speeches (mimeographed for the most part) that set forth Warren's views on currency and other economic matters. The Papers also include articles, speeches, open letters, editorials, and other such material relating to economic problems in the 1930's and which was sent to Warren as an individual concerned with such problems. For example, the Committee for the Nation to Rebuild Prices and Purchasing Power (J. H. Rand, Chairman) sent its reports and recommendations to Warren.

Warren also kept a newspaper clipping file and a diary. The latter, however, is only an account of Warren's activities from July 1936 through 1937. The diary is simply a perfunctory record of Warren's public activities (speeches, for example) and not a detailed narrative of his non-public activities (unreported governmental economic talks for example).

The newspaper clippings cover the years 1933 through 1937 and are quite extensive. They include reports on Warren's activities, editorials on Warren's recommendations, and comments on the economic problems of the 1930's generally. "

From, letter of 4/27/56, from Phil E.  
Snyder, Asst. Archivist, Cornell  
University.