

Joseph Barnes Papers

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Collection Summary

Title: Joseph Barnes Papers

Span Dates: 1930-1952

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1940-1952)

ID No.: MSS39370

Creator: Barnes, Joseph, 1907-1970

Extent: 5,000 items; 14 containers; 6 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

Repository: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Abstract: Newspaper editor and author. Primarily material relating to Barnes' biography of Wendell L. Willkie entitled *Willkie: The Events He Was Part Of, the Ideas He Fought For*. New York: Simon and Schuster, 1952.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

People

Barnes, Joseph, 1907-1970.

Barnes, Joseph, 1907-1970. Willkie: the events he was part of, the ideas he fought for. 1952.

Bergal, George--Correspondence.

Corwin, Norman, 1910- --Correspondence.

Crum, Bartley Cavanaugh, 1900-1959--Correspondence.

Fitz Gibbon, William--Correspondence.

Jones, J. L. (John Lemuel), 1907- --Correspondence.

Van Doren, Irita Taylor, 1891-1966--Correspondence.

Willkie, Wendell L. (Wendell Lewis), 1892-1944.

Occupations

Authors.

Administrative Information

Provenance

The papers of Joseph Barnes, newspaper editor and author, were given to the Library of Congress by his widow, Elizabeth Brown Barnes, in 1970.

Processing History

The papers of Joseph Barnes were arranged and described in 1977. The finding aid was revised in 2009.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Joseph Barnes is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Joseph Barnes are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Joseph Barnes Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1907, July 21	Born, Montclair, N.J.
1927	B.A., Harvard College, Cambridge, Mass.
1928-1931	With Chase National Bank and the Equitable Trust Co., New York, N.Y.
1931-1934	On staff, Institute of Pacific Relations in Russia, Manchuria, Japan, and China
1935-1939	Reporter, <i>New York Herald Tribune</i> , New York, N.Y.
1936	Married Elizabeth G. Brown
1940-1941	Foreign news editor, <i>New York Herald Tribune</i> , New York, N.Y.
1941-1944	Deputy director of overseas branch, Office of War Information
1942	Accompanied Wendell L. Willkie on trip to Russia and China
1944-1948	Foreign news editor, <i>New York Herald Tribune</i> , New York, N.Y.
1948-1949	Editor, <i>New York Star</i> , New York, N.Y.
1950-1970	Senior editor, Simon and Schuster, New York, N.Y.
1952	Published <i>Willkie: The Events He Was Part of, the Ideas He Fought For</i> . New York: Simon and Schuster
1970, Feb. 28	Died, New York, N.Y.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Joseph Barnes (1907-1970) relate entirely to the career of Wendell L. Willkie (1892-1944) and are dated 1930-1952, with the bulk concentrated in the years 1940-1952. The greater part consists of the typescript of Barnes's biography, *Willkie: The Events He Was Part Of, the Ideas He Fought For* (1952), and the background material that he amassed while preparing the book, including his notes and printed matter. The only [correspondence](#) in the papers consists of letters addressed to Irita Taylor Van Doren, all of which concern Willkie. The writers of the letters are George Bergal, Norman Corwin, Bartley Cavanaugh Crum, William Fitz Gibbon, and J. L. Jones.

There is a file of Willkie [speeches and articles](#) for the years 1930 through 1944; some are in holograph or typescript form but most are printed. Drafts of Willkie's speech accepting the 1940 Republican Party nomination for president are included in this group. There is also a collection of [printed matter](#), mainly in the form of newspaper clippings, relating to Willkie.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged in three series:

- Correspondence, 1944-1946
- Book, Speech, and Article File, 1930-1952
- Printed Matter, 1940-1944

Description of Series

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