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Liberal Arts and Sciences
History
Raymond P. Stearns Papers, 1932-1958

I. Correspondence of the Committee on the Carnegie Revolving fund for Publications of the American Historical Associations.

American Council of Learned Societies, 1942-49
Mainly correspondence to and from Donald Goodchild of the Council concerning financial assistance to Fund publications.

Annual Reports, 1942-51
Correspondence about annual reports of the Committee on the Carnegie Revolving Fund for Publications.

Appleton-Century C., 1937-50
Concerning Fund publications.

Beacon Press, 1954-55
Publication of Conrad Wright's The Beginnings of Unitarianism in America.

Biro, Sidney S., 1945-52
Mostly of Stearns, Ray A. Billington and Biro on possible publication of a manuscript by Biro.

Brace, Richard, 1945-46
Stearns, Billington and Brace on rejection of a Brace manuscript.

Columbia University Press, 1943-46
Possible publication costs of Hunter, Steamboats on the Western Rivers.

Cornell University Press, 1951-53
Catherine Sturtevant and Victor Reynolds of the Press, to Stearns on the publication of the Rev. Miles Mark Fisher, Negro Slave Songs in the United States and Catherine Boyd, Tithes and Parishes in Medieval Italy.

Cornell University Press, 1954-56

Expenses - Vouchers, 1942-50

Expenses, 1952-55

Financial Reports, 1944-1951

Financial statements and expenses of the Fund.

Fisher, Miles M., 1950-51

Ray A. Billington, Fisher and Cornell University Press on revision and publication of Fisher's book on slave songs in the United States.

Fisher, Miles M., 1947-48

Rejection by the Fund Committee of Fisher's manuscript on Lott Cary, missionary to Liberia.

Ford, Guy Stanton, 1942-51

General correspondence of Ford, Executive Secretary of the American Historical Association, concerning the Fund Committee and mainly directed to Committee chairmen Sidney R. Packard and Ray A. Billington.

Forms - Thesis, Absence Examination and New Course Proposal

General Correspondence, 1942-51

Routine correspondence of the Fund Committee, mostly that of Stearns and committee chairmen Sidney R. Packard and Ray A. Billington. Included is some critical commentary by the above named on manuscripts submitted for possible publication.

General Correspondence, 1952

Stearns as chairmen of the Fund Committee. Correspondence on committee matters including mainly references to and evaluations of numerous manuscripts submitted. Notable correspondents include Ray A. Billington, Oscar Handlin, Paul W. Gates and Fletcher M. Green.

General Correspondence, 1953

General Correspondence, 1954

History - Carnegie Committee, Data

Appears to be data collected by Stearns for a history of Fund activities. Includes notes from annual reports and data on costs and royalties of publications. Also includes letter of Stearns to Boyd C. Shafer (1/14/55) on background and financial affairs of the Committee in relation to the need for additional funds.

Hicks, John D., 1942

Hicks and Sidney R. Packard on fund Committee affairs and transition from the chairmanship of Hicks to that of Packard.

Hoyt, Robert S., 1950

Inquiries directed to Ray A. Billington from various hopefuls with manuscripts they wanted published.

Inquiries, 1955-58

Directed to Stearns as chairman, includes replies from Stearns and some opinions on manuscripts. It is indicated in the correspondence that the funds for the Carnegie Revolving Fund ran out by 1956. The name was changed to the American Historical Association Revolving Fund Committee with Stearns still chairman, but sufficient funds for publication were still not available by 1958.

Kraus, Michael, 1948-49

Kraus, Ray A. Billington and Cornell University Press on publication of Kraus' The Atlantic Civilization: Eighteenth-Century Origins.

Letters from Committee, 1942-51

Chairmen's correspondence on routine matters and committee membership.

Letter to Committee, 1942-51

Largely communications from Fund chairmen to committee members on business of the Committee and policies.

Manuscripts Considered (4 folders), 1947-48, 1948-49, 1949-50 and 1950-51

Correspondence concerning manuscripts submitted to the Fund committee. Included are letters to and from the authors, communications of committed members with one another, comments of committee members on the various manuscripts and letters of rejection to the authors.

Packard, Sidney S., 1945

Packard and Ray A. Billington on Billington's assumption of Fund Committee chairmanship. Also included in the correspondence are references to personal and family matters of the two men.

Shafer, Boyd C., 1953-58

Largely correspondence of Shafer (Executive Secretary of the AHA) and Stearns on administrative matters especially the unsuccessful attempts to replenish the funds of the committee. Also included is Stearns' request (10/30/58) to be replaced as chairmen.

II. Publications

"Agricultural Adaptation in England, 1775-1900" (1932).

"Hugh Peter and His Biographers" (1934).

"The Course of Capt. Edmund Halley in the Year 1700" (1936).

"Joseph Kellogg's Observations on Senex's Map of North America, 1710" (1936).

"The Library" (1938).

"Assessing the New England Mind"(1941).

"The Scientific Spirit in England in Early Modern Times, c. 1600" (1943).

"Colonial Fellows of the Royal Society of London, 1661-1788" (1946).

"College History and Its 'New Approaches'"(1955).

A copy of The Strenuous Puritan, Hugh Peter (Urbana, 1954) is in Record Series 38/1/0/15, University Press Books.

Complete bibliography of published items, compiled by Stearns (July, 1967).

Vita -- Raymond Phineas Stearns

Born:

Canton, Illinois, January 11, 1904.

Formal Training:

Graduated, local public schools and Illinois College, 1927. Faculty Honors, Final Honors, Departmental (History) Honors; Junior member, Phi Beta Kappa; member Sigma Pi Literary Society and served as critic, Treasurer, Secretary, and President.

M.A., Harvard University, 1931; Ph.D., Harvard, 1934. Postdoctoral student, London University, 1934-35; Leiden University, 1935.

Professional Career:

Public school teacher, Fulton County (Illinois) public schools, 1922-23; Winchester (Illinois) Community High School, 1927-29; Assistant, Department of history, Harvard University, 1930-34, Radcliffe College, 1931-34; Instructor, Massachusetts State College (now University), Amherst, Mass., Summer, 1931; Professor and Head of History Department, Lake Forest College, 1936-37; Assistant Professor of History, University of Illinois, 1937-42; Associate Professor, 1942-48; Professor, 1948----

At the University of Illinois, I have served:

--as elected member of the Executive Committee of the Department of History, 1956-60, 1963----;
 --as Major Advisor, 1948-58; Graduate Advisor, 1958-64;
 --as Acting Chairman of the Department, Summer, 1963;
 --on the Committee of the division of Social Science, 1944-50 (Chairman, 1946-50); University Press Committee, 1944-50; Assistant Dean, 1941-42; Executive Committee of the Graduate College, 1950-54; University Research Board, 1954-60; the Knudson committee to organize All-University Honors Programs, 1956-59; Honors Council of the College of Liberal Arts, 1961---; Committee on Teaching of the Social Studies, 1956-58; Allerton House Committee on Teaching of the Social Studies in Illinois, 1954-58; Charter Member, University of Illinois Branch, The History of Science Society, 1951; President, 1952-53; Program and Publications Committees, 1952---; and numerous ad hoc committees in the University.

Professional Services Outside the University: Member, Carnegie Revolving Fund, the American Historical Association, 1939-50, Chairman, 1944-50; Chairman of the Program committee, American Historical Association, 1947; Member of the Council, Institute of Early American History and Culture (Williamsburg, Virginia), 1947-53, Secretary, 1952-53; Member of the Board of Editors, William and Mary Quarterly, 1948-51; Board of Editors, The Historian

(Phi Alpha Theta Historical Fraternity publication), 1955-61; Member of the Council, History of Science Society, 1954-58; committee to Select Sarton Prize Essay, History of Science Society, 1950-56, Chairman, 1954-56.

Professional Societies, Honors, etc.: Graduate Fellow, Harvard Club of Chicago, 1929-30; Post-Doctoral Fellow, Social Science Research Council, 1934-36; Frank s. Brewer Prize, American Society of Church History, 1940; Leaves of Absence, University of Illinois, 1967-68/1949-50, 1959; Fulbright Lecturer, University of Ghent, Belgium, 1959; Medal of the University of Ghent, 1959; Honorary Member, Pennsylvania Historical Society; Member, American Historical Society; History of Science Society; American Society of Church History; Phi Alpha Theta; American Antiquarian Society; Corresponding Member, colonial Society of Massachusetts; Massachusetts Historical Society. NSF Grant, 1967-68, for study abroad on "Science in the American Colonies, 1970-1770."

Publications (in chronological order of appearance):

Congregationalism in the Dutch Netherlands (Frank S. Brewer Prize American Society of Church History; Studies in Church History, IV, Chicago, 1940. [with L. B. Dunbar, F. A. Shannon, and R. C. Werner] Syllabus of American History for Army Specialized Training Program (AST-133-First Term) with Supplementary Readings, Champaign, Illinois, 1943. Ibid., (AST-133-Second Term), Champaign Illinois, 1943. Ibid., (AST-133c-Third Term), Champaign, Illinois, 1943. Syllabus of American History for Navy College Training Program (V-12-First Term), with Supplementary Readings, Champaign, Illinois, 1943. Ibid., (V-12-H-2-Second Term), Champaign, Illinois, 1943. Pageant of Europe, New York; Harcourt, Brace & Co., 1947. [with Edwin W. Pahlow] Man's Great Adventure, Boston: New Revised Edition, Ginn & Co., 1949. James Petiver, Promoter of Natural Science, Worcester: American Antiquarian Society, 1953. The Strenuous Puritan: Hugh Peter, 1598-1660, Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 1954. [with Chester G. Starr, C. E. Nowell, Bryce Lyon, and T. S. Hamerow] A History of the World, 2 vols., Chicago: Rand, McNally and Co., 1960. [with George Frederick Frichk], Mark Catesby: The Colonial Audubon, Pageant of Europe, Revised edition, New York: Harcourt, Brace and world, Inc., 1961. Pageant of Europe, Rev. E., New York: Harcourt, Brace and World Inc., 1963 (Paperback). ed., Martin Lister's "Journey to Paris in the Year 1698," with Annotations, A Life to Lister, and a Bibliography of his Works, Urbana, 1967.

In addition, I have published about fifty-five articles and sketches and sixty-five book reviews in such journals as The American Historical Review, The Journal of Modern History, The Mississippi Valley Historical Review, The William and Mary Quarterly, The New England Quarterly, Isis, Osiris, Notes and Records of the Royal Society (London, England), Devon and Cornwall Notes and Queries, Church History, and elsewhere.

Foreign Travel: "Grand Tour" of Europe, 1928.
England, 1932.

England, Holland, Belgium, France, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Czechoslovakia,
1934-36.

England, Holland, France, Germany, Switzerland, 1950.

Belgium, Holland, France, England, 1959.

Family: Married (1) Mary Elizabeth Scott (deceased); two children: Professor Peter N. Stearns, Department of History, University of Chicago; Sarah Elizabeth Stearns Sullivan, Instructor in Music, Wheaton College, Norton, Mass. (2) Dr. Josephine Bunch (formerly Instructor in History, University of Illinois); three children; Susan Margaret, 15; Catherine Matilda, 12; Martha Helen, 10.