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William Yale Research Collection, 1916-69, ca. 1970 - ca. 1986, 2010

### Biographical chronology

Aug. 6, 1887 - Born in Dobbs Ferry, N.Y.

1910 - Awarded Ph.B. degree from Yale University - Sheffield Scientific School

1910 - Employed by Standard Oil Co. of New York

1913 - Sent by SOCONY to Constantinople to explore for oil. Traveled and lived in the Near East throughout WWI, including in Jerusalem continuously from 1915-17.

1917 - Left SOCONY and accepted appointment as special agent in Cairo for U.S. Department of State

1918 - Appointed captain in the U.S. Army through auspices of Department of State. Later named American Military Observer with General Allenby's forces in Palestine

1919 - Named technical advisor to the American section of the International Commission on Mandates in Turkey (King-Crane Commission)

1920 - Returned to the United States

1928 - Named instructor of history at University of New Hampshire

1942 - Appointed Department of State Specialist for the Palestine Area

1945 - Resumed post at University of New Hampshire

1957 - Accepted position teaching history at Boston University

1967 - Retired from Boston University

Feb. 26, 1975 - Died in Derry, New Hampshire

### Provenance Statement

These materials were donated by Ernestine King, descendent of Henry Churchill King , via Janice Terry of Marietta, Ohio, to the University of Illinois Archives in May 2010. Mrs. King acquired the materials in November 1986 from Martha Croft of Ohio State University, who began conducting biographical research on William Yale in ca. 1979. When Ms. Croft began researching, she acquired the research materials of Sandra Babione, who previously had been conducting similar research starting in 1970. The materials contained in this series encompass records collected by both Ms. Babione and Ms. Croft over the life of the research. Accompanying the materials upon their donation the University Archives was a transfer list authored by Mrs. King. This document details the information about the materials as Mrs. King ascertained them, including to whom, Sandra Babione or Martha Croft, Mrs. King attributed the collection / creation of the records. This document is included in the "Provenance, Courtesy of Ernestine King, 2010" folder. With regard to organization, documents on letter sized paper are found in boxes 1 and 2, while documents on legal sized paper can be found in boxes 3 and 4. For legal sized materials that are similar to letter sized materials in this series, please refer to the description of the materials in Box 1 and Box 2 for clarification.

Box 1:

Provenance, courtesy of Ernestine King, 2010

William Yale Biographical

Boston University, Howard Gotlieb Archival Research Center - Guide To William Yale Papers, 2010

Yale University Library, Manuscripts and Archives - Guide to William Yale Papers, 1973

**William Yale research materials of Sandra Babione (10 binders) transferred to Martha**

**Croft** *Note that the binder titles for the letter size binders (1-7 in Box 1) have been maintained as they were designated upon accessioning. The binder titles of the legal size binders (8-10 in box 3) were originally designated 1, 2, and 3. For ease of reference, the legal size binders have been redesignated as 8, 9, and 10 to maintain a sequential numbering system within the series. Each binder has been left as it was subdivided by the researchers using tabbed dividers. These dividers have been maintained in the original position to separate materials that came from different folders in the original holdings at Yale University and Boston University.*

Binder 1 - Wm. Yale Papers, Yale University Library, *World War I, 1917-18* (5 folders)

- 1) Description of Binder 1's contents from Yale Papers, Yale University Library, attributed by E. King to Sandra Babione, ca. 1970-73
- 2) Report: "Palestine-Syria Situation," Spring, 1917; Appointment as Special Agent of U.S. Dept. of State; Travels to Europe, Egypt, Correspondence, Diary, Spring 1917 - Oct. 1917
- 3) Wartime Intelligence Reports, Oct.-Nov. 1917: Report 1 "The Syrian Question;" Report 2 "The Arabia and Hedjaz Situation;" British Policy in the Near East;" and "Syrians and Zionism"
- 4) Wartime Intelligence Reports, Dec. 1917 - Jan. 1918: Report 7 "Notes on Syrian Affairs for week ending Dec. 10;" Report 8 "Arab Notes;" Report 9 "Arab Activities and the Balfour Declaration;" Report 10 "Notes on the Zionist Question;" Report 11 Activities in Turkey re: Syrian Affairs;" and Report 12 "The Syrian Question" including translation of "The Future Government of Mount Lebanon" by Adib Pasha
- 5) Wartime Intelligence Report 13 "British Attitude towards Turkish Propaganda;" Correspondence re: Yale's duties / Charges; and Resumé "Political Situation of the Arab Provinces of the Ottoman Empire," Feb. - Nov. 1918

Binder 2 - Wm. Yale Papers, Yale University Library, *Paris Peace Conference / King-Crane Commission, 1919*(4 folders)

- 1) Description of Binder 2's contents from Yale Papers, Yale University Library, attributed by E. King to Sandra Babione, ca. 1970-73
- 2) "Notes on a Conversations with Emir Faisal;" Special Report "Syria;" "The Apparent Situation in Syria," by A. H. Lybyer; Letter to W. L. Westerman; and "Reports-in-Detail: Position of Syrian Questions," 1919
- 3) Buckler to Yale, Memorandum of Suggestion for cooperation between Zionists and Palestine; "Recommendations in Regard to Settlements in the Ottoman Empire;"

Anglo-French Declaration on Syria; "Preserving the open door to the oil fields of the world;" List of Arab Personalities in Mesopotamia; and Draft of Article on Syria written on request of W. Steed [Henry Wickham Steed?], 1918-19

- 4) Table of Contents and Summary of King-Crane Report; "Report Upon Syria by American Section of the International Committee on Mandates in Turkey;" "Report on Syria" by G. Montgomery; "Section II - Report Upon Mesopotamia;" and "Section III - Report Upon the non-Arabic Speaking Portions of the Former Ottoman Empire," 1919

Binder 3 - Wm. Yale Papers, Yale University Library and Boston University, *King-Crane Commission and Near East Relations, 1918-62* (4 folders)

- 1) Description of Binder 3's contents from Yale Papers at Yale Univ. and Boston Univ., attributed by E. King to Sandra Babione, ca. 1970-73
- 2) "Report on Just and Practical Boundaries for Subdivision of the Turkish Empire," by W.L. Westerman et al., ca. 1918-19; Letter from T. E. Lawrence to Wm. Yale, 1929; "Ambassador Morgenthau's 'Special Mission' of 1917," by Wm. Yale; and Jamal Husseini correspondence, 1962
- 3) "Report on the Desires of the Syrians," by E. H. Byrne, 1918
- 4) Wm. Yale memoranda re: Military intelligence in the Near East, circa 1917-19; Wm. Yale correspondence with his father, 1919; Correspondence with Dept. of State re: Yale's charge; Reports re: Syrian wishes

Binder 4 - Wm. Yale Papers, *Reference / General Subject Files, 1920-65* (4 folders)

- 1) Research correspondence of Martha Croft with staff at Boston University, 1980; Wm. Yale Obituary, 1975; photocopies of Yale correspondence re: Israel / Palestine relations historically, 1964-65; copy of *The Link*, published by Americans for Middle East Understanding, Sept. 1973
- 2) "Islam vs. Christianity," 1922 with Yale's reflective commentary, 1966; Correspondence re: Yale joining Reserve Corps of Intelligence Department, 1924; "Palestine, a World Problem," 1929; "Naval Cooperation vs. Naval Competition," 1930; "A Basis for Arriving at Desirable Terms of Cooperation between Arabs and Jews," 1931; Yale's reappointment to Reserve Corps of Intel. Dept., 1934; "T. E. Lawrence: Scholar, Soldier, Statesman, Diplomat," by Wm. Yale, ca. 1935-36
- 3) Yale's work at University of New Hampshire, 1937-38; "The Problem of Syrian Nationalism as it Appeared to the American Peace Commission at Paris in 1919," 1939; "Facing Realities in Palestine," 1929; "The Palestinian Problem;" "The Judgment of Solomon?;" Catalogs of Yale's work; Curriculum Vitae; Family Correspondence, 1965; Family History, 1965
- 4) Correspondence: Yale to N & H Bentwich, 1965, Yale and Harry N. Howard, 1963-65, Yale to Hasan, 1963; Articles re: Near East Affairs, 1941, 1957-58; Finding aid for Yale Papers at Yale University

Binder 5 - Wm. Yale Papers, *World War II, 1940-43* (2 folders)

- 1) Correspondence, reports, memoranda, lectures, and draft of articles re: War in the Pacific, Near East affairs, nature of War in the Near East, and Zionism, 1940-42
- 2) Reports, correspondence, drafts of articles, and memoranda from Yale's tenure as

Department of State Advisor on Near East matters, 1943

Binder 6 - Wm. Yale Papers, *World War II and Postwar Years, 1944-49* (Materials from Harvard Library) (3 folders)

- 1) Correspondence, memoranda, reports, speeches, and articles, from Yale's tenure as Department of State Advisor on Near East Affairs re: Palestine, 1944
- 2) Correspondence, memoranda, and reports from Yale's tenure with Department of State re: Palestine and Yale's request to resign from DoS service, 1945
- 3) Correspondence, memoranda, and reports re: Palestine including reports to Department of State, 1946-48

Binder 7 - Wm Yale Papers, *General Subject File, 1950- , and Hocking-Yale Project, 1964-66* (2 folders)

- 1) Correspondence, reports, and drafts of articles re: Near East Affairs including Palestine, Suez, and Iran, 1951-57, 1964; Transcript of speech re: Suez Crisis, ca. 1956
- 2) Hocking-Yale Project: correspondence, drafts of statements regarding the joint effort by William Ernest Hocking and William Yale to ameliorate the Israel-Arab conflict and assist those affected by it, 1964-66

*See Box 3 for Binder 8-10, legal size materials*

### **William Yale research materials obtained by Martha Croft**

Wm. Yale Papers, Boston University, Boxes 10, 15-19, 1919, 1927-66

re: Palestine, Israel, Yale's work, Yale's writings,. Includes photocopy request form of M. Croft.

National Archives Microfilm (1 folder - Inventory, 11 microfilm reels)

Inventories of select reels: Microcopy 367- "Records of the Department of State Relating to World War I and Its Termination, 1914-29;" Microcopy 353 - "Records of the Department of State Relating to Internal Affairs of Turkey, 1910-29;" Microcopy 820 - "General Records of the American Commission to Negotiate Peace, 1918-31"

Rolls from Microcopy 353 (2) - Rolls 65 and 66

Rolls from Microcopy 367 (4) - Rolls 142, 381, 382, and 445

Rolls from Microcopy 820 (4) - Rolls 410, 411, 544, and 545

Roll from National Archives Record Group 59 (1), General Records of the Department of State, Information Series C, No. 52, Turkey, No. 10, "History of the Chester Project."

### Box 2:

### **William Yale research materials obtained by Martha Croft (continued)**

Wm. Yale Papers - Memorandum and study - "Palestine: Form of Government," 1944

Wm. Yale Papers - World War II and Post-War Materials

U.S. Government memorandum re: Palestine, 1944; Correspondence re: Yale's writings, tenure at University of New Hampshire, and academic work, 1952-55; Correspondence Doxsee to Venn re: Yale's Life, 1974

Wm. Yale Papers, Boston University - Yale correspondence with W. E. Hocking, ca. Nov. 1965, W. L. Westermann, Jun. 4, 1937, Garé LeCompte, Sep. 24, 1964, and Ms. Laverly  
*See boxes 3 and 4 for similar materials in legal size format.*

**Martha Croft's Notes** (notes on Binders do not make a distinction of letter size 1, 2, or 3 from box one of this series vs. legal size 1, 2, or 3, which are referred to as 8, 9, and 10 in box 3 of this series).

Bibliographies and Research Correspondence, 1979-83

Bibliographies, finding aid, article reprints, and notes taken in Madison, NH, ca. 1979-80s

Notes re: Binder 1, Yale Papers, ca. 1979-80s (2 folders)

Notes re: Binder 2, Yale Papers, ca. 1979-80s (2 folders)

Notes re: Binder 3, Yale Papers, ca. 1979-80s

Notes re: Binder 4, Yale Papers, ca. 1979-80s

Notes re: Binder 5, Yale Papers, ca. 1979-80s (2 folders)

Notes re: Binder 6, Yale Papers, ca. 1979-80s (2 folders)

Notes re: Binder 7, Yale Papers, ca. 1979-80s (2 folders)

Notes on Wm. Yale Papers from Boston University, Boxes 15-19, circa 1979-86

includes Yale correspondence re: "The Near East," 1949 and Yale to Richardson re: Middle East Affairs, 1952

Notes on Prof. Yosef Gorni Lecture - "Was the Jewish-Arab Conflict Inevitable, an Historical View," Apr. 27, 1981

### **Martha Croft's Supplementary Research Material**

Articles, 1980-81

including *Chronicle of Higher Education* Letters to the Editor, May 18, 1981; *Palestine Human Rights Bulletin*, Jan., 1980; "Bold Men are Still Enticed by our World's Frontiers," *Smithsonian*, Oct., 1980

Bain, Kenneth Ray, Book: "The March to Zion: United State Policy and the Founding of Israel," 1980

Farkas, Abraham Krakauer, Dissertation: "Prophetic Consciousness in the Socio-Political Thought of William E. Hocking: A Response to the Revolt Against Formalism," chapters 3, 4, and conclusion, 1976

Flapan, Simha, Book: "Zionism and the Palestinians," 1979

Frank, Douglas William, Dissertation: "William Ernest Hocking and 20<sup>th</sup> Century International tensions, 1914-16," including excerpts and notes of Martha Croft, ca. 1979

Lilenthal, Alfred M., Book: "What Price Israel," 1953

Trice, Robert H., Dissertation: "Domestic Political Interests and American Policy in the Middle East: Pro-Israel, Pro-Arab, and Corporate Non-Governmental Actors and the Making of American Foreign Policy," 1974 (2 folders)

Chapters 1-3

Chapters 4-6, Appendices, Bibliography

Middle East Film Festival Announcement, 1979; Extract of speech by Pres. Yitzhak Ben Zvi commemorating Fifth Independence Celebration of Israel, Apr. 19, 1953

Box 3:

**William Yale research materials of Sandra Babione transferred to Martha Croft** (See note under listing for Box 1 for further information)

Binder 8 - Wm. Yale Papers, Yale University Library, *World War I, Nov. 1917 - May 1918* (3 folders)

- 1) Wartime Intelligence Reports, Nov. 1917-Mar. 1918: Report 5 "Recent Developments in the Palestine Situation;" Report 6 "France and Syria;" Report 14 "The Syrian Question: Views of a Certain Group of Non-Annexationists;" Report 15 "Notes on the Turkish and Pan-Turkish Ideal;" Report 16 "Syria and the Syrians: A Sketch;" Report 17 "The Growing Dissent among the Arabs"
- 2) Wartime Intelligence Reports, Mar.-Apr., 1918: Report 18 "Discontent Among the Arabs;" Report 19 "Zionism and the Arab Movement;" Report 20 "The Zionist Commission;" Report 21 "Military Operations in Eastern Palestine;" Report 22 "Zionist Commission and Syrians in Egypt"
- 3) Wartime Intelligence Reports, Apr.-May, 1918: Report 23 "Views and Opinions of the Syrian Moslems in Egypt;" Report 24 "Zionism and Palestine;" Report 26 "The Reasons for Syrian Opposition to French"

Binder 9 - Wm. Yale Papers, Yale University Library, *World War I, 1918-19* (3 folders)

- 1) Wartime Intelligence Reports, May-Jun., 1918: Report 27 "The Question of Syria and Mt. Lebanon," including "Statute for the Administration of Lebanon," dated Jun., 1861; Report 28 "Syrian Propaganda Relative to the U.S.;" Report 29 "The Syrian Mission in Palestine;" Report 30 "The Article on the Druzes by Selim Izzedin Bey," including Article by S.I. Bey dated May, 1915; Report 31 "Notes on the French and the British in Palestine"
- 2) Wartime Intelligence Reports, Jun.-Nov., 1918: Report 32 "Summary of the Operations of the Cherifan Forces during the Past Four Months," including addendum "The Wahabites;" Report 33 "Arab Empire Propaganda;" Report 34 "The Meeting of Dr. Weizmann and Emir Faisal," including copy of letter of Sd. Suleiman Nassif to Editor of *Al Kawab*; Report 61 "Recent Political Events among Arabs;" "The Situation in Palestine;" Report 112 "Political Situation in Syria," including proclamations
- 3) Wartime Intelligence Reports, Nov. 1918-Apr. 1919: Report 128 "The Battle of Tul Keram and Military Operations in Palestine and Syria, Sep. 15 - Oct. 26," including "Official Report of General Allenby on the final military operations in Palestine and Syria, which ended in the capture of Aleppo, October 26, 1918;" Report 163 "The Question of Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Jerusalem;" Report 173 "Facts in Connection with the Syrian Question which have recently been

learned;" Report 174, "Great Britain, France, and the Near East;" Report 174 "The Near East and the Western World;" Report 175 "An Arab Empire;" Report 176 "Present Situation in Palestine and Syria;" "Report of American Commission to Negotiate Peace re: Statement appearing in Egyptian Press purporting to have been made by President Wilson"

Binder 10 - Wm. Yale Papers, Yale University Library, *World War I, Feb.-Dec. 1919, Newspaper Articles 1941-69*

- 1) Memos and reports, Feb.-Dec., 1919: Memo re: French and British in Turkey; Memo on Syria: Memo re: Emir Faisal's communication to Lloyd George; Memo - Lloyd George to Polk re: Occupation of Syria; W. H. Buckler to Yale and Memo - "The Policy of the U.S. relative to the treaty with Turkey;" "Report on Syria, Palestine, and Mr. Lebanon for the American Commissioners;" Notes on meeting between Allenby and Emir Faisal; Peace Conference Documentation re: Syria; Newspaper Articles written by Wm. Yale, 1941-69

**William Yale research materials obtained by Martha Croft**

*See boxes 1 and 2 for similar materials in letter size format*

William Yale Papers, Boston University / University of New Hampshire, handwritten manuscript  
- It Takes So Long, ca. 1938  
Chapters 1913-15

Box 4:

**William Yale research materials obtained by Martha Croft (continued)**

William Yale Papers, Boston University / University of New Hampshire, handwritten manuscript  
- It Takes So Long, ca. 1938 (continued)  
Chapters 1915-18  
Chapters 1917-18  
Chapters *Prelude, Jerusalem, Damascus*, including M. Croft's notes on BU holdings, ca. 1980