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Collection Summary

Title: Wilbur J. Carr Papers

Span Dates: 1892-1942

ID No.: MSS15164

Creator: Carr, Wilbur J. (Wilbur John), 1870-1942

Extent: 5,000 items ; 28 containers plus 3 oversize ; 13.2 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

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

Summary: Department of State official and diplomat. Correspondence, diaries, speeches, biographical material, articles, scrapbooks, photographs, and other papers chiefly concerning the operations and personnel policies of the Department of State during Carr's service from 1902 to 1939.

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

Carr, Wilbur J. (Wilbur John), 1870-1942.

Organizations

United States. Department of State.

Subjects

Diplomatic and consular service, American--Czechoslovakia.

Places

Czechoslovakia--Foreign relations--United States.

United States--Foreign relations--Czechoslovakia.

Occupations

Diplomats.

Public officials.

Administrative Information

Provenance

The papers of Wilbur J. Carr, Department of State official and diplomat, were given to the Library of Congress by Mrs. Wilbur J. Carr in 1960.

Processing History

The papers of Wilbur J. Carr were arranged and described in 1960. The finding aid was revised in 2008.

Copyright Status

Copyright in the unpublished writings of Wilbur J. Carr in these papers and in other collections of papers in the custody of the Library of Congress has been dedicated to the public.

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Wilbur J. Carr 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, Wilbur J. Carr Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

Wilbur J. Carr was born in Ohio in 1870 and entered the State Department as a clerk in 1892. He became chief of the Consular Bureau in 1902, chief clerk in 1907, and served as director of the Consular Service from 1909 to 1924. Carr served as assistant secretary of state from 1924 to 1937. His last assignment was as ambassador to Czechoslovakia from 1937 until the German occupation in 1939 when he retired from the State Department. Carr died in 1942.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Wilbur John Carr (1870-1942) span the years 1892-1942 and consist of correspondence, diaries, speeches, biographical material, articles, scrapbooks, photographs, and other papers chiefly concerning the operations and personnel policies of the Department of State during his tenure with that organization from 1902 to 1939. Topics also include Carr's service as minister to Czechoslovakia in 1937 as well as his personal and social life.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged into diaries, correspondence, miscellany, and oversize. Diaries and correspondence are arranged chronologically.

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BOX 17	Speeches, articles, and memoranda
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