

Percival Flack Brundage Papers

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Collection Summary

Title: Percival Flack Brundage Papers

Span Dates: 1918-1979

ID No.: MSS59493

Creator: Brundage, Percival Flack, 1882-1979

Extent: 13,000 items; 37 containers; 14.8 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

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

Abstract: Accountant, consultant, and director of the Bureau of the Budget. Family and general correspondence, financial and legal records, speeches and writings, subject files, clippings, printed matter, and other papers relating to Brundage's public and professional activities.

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

Brock, William Emerson, 1930-

Brundage, Avery.

Brundage, Percival Flack, 1892-1979.

Burgess, W. Randolph (Warren Randolph), 1889-1978.

Burns, Arthur F. (Arthur Frank), 1904-1987.

Bush, George, 1924-

Case, Clifford P. (Clifford Philip), 1904-1982.

Fish, Hamilton, 1888-1991.

Heiskell, Andrew, 1915-

May, George Oliver, 1875-1961.

Morton, Thruston B. (Thruston Ballard), 1907-1982.

Reagan, Ronald.

Stans, Maurice H., 1908-1998.

Streit, Clarence K. (Clarence Kirshman), 1896-1986.

Szász, Tibor, 1948-

Organizations

Atlantic Council of the United States.

Federal Union (U.S.)

Price, Waterhouse & Co.

Project Hope.

Trilateral Commission.

United States. Bureau of the Budget.

Subjects

Accounting.

Economics.

Occupations

Public officials.

Administrative Information

Provenance:

The papers of Percival Flack Brundage, accountant, consultant, and director of the Bureau of the Budget, were given to the Library of Congress as a bequest of Brundage in 1980-1981.

Processing History:

The papers of Percival Flack Brundage were arranged and described in 1983. The finding aid was revised in 2009.

Transfers:

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Copyright Status:

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Access and Restrictions:

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Preferred Citation:

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

Biographical Note

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1892, Apr. 2	Born, Amsterdam, N.Y.
1914	A.B., cum laude, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.
1916	Joined Price, Waterhouse & Co.
1918	Married Amittai Ostrander
1930-1954	Partner, Price, Waterhouse & Co.
1940-1954	Director, Federal Union, Inc.
1942-1954	Director, National Bureau of Economic Research (president, 1954)
1944-1952	Director, Montclair Savings Bank, Montclair, N.J.

1952-1954	Chairman, New York State Chamber of Commerce, Executive Committee
1954-1956	Deputy director, Bureau of the Budget
1956-1958	Director, Bureau of the Budget
1959-1979	Treasurer, People to People Health Foundation (Project Hope)
1964	Published <i>U.S. Budget and Fiscal Problems</i> . University Park: Pennsylvania State University
1970	Published <i>Bureau of the Budget</i> . New York: Praeger Publishers
1979, July 16	Died, Ridgewood, N.J.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Percival Flack Brundage (1892-1979), director of the Bureau of the Budget, consultant to the United States government on financial affairs, and partner with Price, Waterhouse & Company span the years 1918 to 1979. The collection consists of correspondence, announcements, financial statements, legal papers, and speeches and writings. The earliest item, dated 1918, concerns Brundage's appointment as a civilian with the Army Quartermaster Corps in New York. The remainder of the material is dated from 1934 to 1979 and relates to Brundage's activities as a member of national and international charitable, political, religious, and social organizations. The papers are organized into the following series: [Correspondence](#); [Subject File](#); [Speech, Article, and Book File](#); and [Miscellany](#).

The [Correspondence](#) file is divided into two sections, family and general. Letters to and from Brundage's son Robert, his daughter Lois, and their families, as well as other relatives, make up the family correspondence. The general correspondence consists of letters from Brundage's political associates and personal friends, and covers the period 1954-1978. The section includes letters to and from Julian Baird, William Emerson Brock, W. Randolph Burgess, Arthur F. Burns, George Bush (1924-), Clifford P. Case, Hamilton Fish, Andrew Heiskell, George Oliver May, Thruston B. Morton, Ronald Reagan, Clarence K. Streit, and various members of the Trilateral Commission.

The [Subject File](#) constitutes the bulk of the collection and indicates the nature and extent of Brundage's many public and professional associations, including the Atlantic Council of the United States; the Federal Union; Price, Waterhouse & Company; and the People to People Health Foundation (Project Hope). His concern for United States economic policy and the condition of the budget after his retirement from government service is documented in the files concerning Dwight D. Eisenhower, Gerald R. Ford, Lyndon B. Johnson, Richard M. Nixon, and the White House. From 1959 until his death, Brundage spent the winters at his home in Pompano Beach, Florida, in the Hillsboro community, and was very active in the Hillsboro Association. The Florida files contain correspondence, financial statements, minutes, and architects' drawings on the development of this community. Other individuals represented in the [Subject File](#) include Avery Brundage, Maurice H. Stans, and pianist Tibor Szász.

The [Speech, Article, and Book File](#) contains typescripts of Brundage's speeches from 1943 to 1951, notes and drafts of his book *Bureau of the Budget*, as well as correspondence between Brundage and his publisher. The speeches relate to Brundage's experience as a member of the accounting profession and are centered around opportunities, developments, and problems in the field.

The Miscellany dates from 1918 to 1978 and includes announcements, autographs, clippings, invitations, printed matter, receipts, and speeches and writings by persons other than Brundage. Among the autographs are those of Everett McKinley Dirksen, John Foster Dulles, Strom Thurmond, and Elliot L. Richardson.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged in four series:

- Correspondence, 1954-1979
- Subject File, 1934-1978
- Speech, Article, and Book File, 1943-1970
- Miscellany, 1918-1978

Description of Series

<i>Container</i>	<i>Series</i>
BOX 1-8	<u>Correspondence, 1954-1979</u> Family and general correspondence. Arranged under family and general headings and therein alphabetically.
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Subject File, 1934-1978

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Miscellany, 1918-1978

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Arranged alphabetically by type of material.

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