

Finding Aid for the Benjamin McAlester Anderson Papers

Descriptive Summary

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Creator: Benjamin McAlester Anderson.

Title: Benjamin McAlester Anderson Papers.

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Quantity: 1.0 linear feet.

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Biographical Note

Benjamin McAlester Anderson, Jr. (May 1, 1886 - January 19, 1949) was born in Columbia, Missouri, the second of four children and only son of Benjamin McLean Anderson, a businessman and politician, and Mary Frances (Bowling) Anderson. He married Margaret Louise Crenshaw in 1909 and they had four children.

Anderson entered the University of Missouri in Columbia in 1902 and was awarded the A.B. degree in 1906. He was appointed professor of political economy and sociology at Missouri Valley College in Marshall in 1906 and was named as the head of the department of history and political economy at the State Normal School at Springfield the following year.

He went on to earn his A.M. degree in 1910 from the University of Illinois and his Ph.D. in economics from Columbia University in 1911. The prestigious Hart, Schaffner & Marx prize in economics was awarded to him in 1910 for part of his dissertation that was subsequently published in 1911 as *Social Value: A Study in Economic Theory, Critical and Constructive*.

Anderson served on the faculty of Columbia University for two years and then at Harvard for five. In 1917 he published a devastating critique of Irving Fisher's quantity theory of money, *The Value of Money*. In 1918 he joined the National Bank of Commerce in New York City. His book, *Effects of the War on Money, Credit, and Banking in France and the U.S.*, was published in 1919. Chase National Bank hired Anderson in 1920 as economist and editor of the influential *Chase Economic Bulletin*. In 1939 he became professor of economics at the University of California at Los Angeles and was named the Connell professor of banking in 1946. He died of a heart attack in 1949 in Santa Monica, California just prior to the publication of his magnum opus, *Economics and the Public Welfare: A Financial and Economic History of the United States, 1914-1946*.

(Biographical information courtesy of Mark Thornton O.P. Alford Resident Scholar, Ludwig von Mises Institute, Biography of Benjamin Anderson (1886-1949), <http://mises.org/about/3226> accessed 7/29/2011)

Scope and Content Notes

The collection consists of publications written and/or edited by Benjamin McAlester Anderson and a publication about him.

Arrangement

This collection is divided by format and then arranged by alphabetically by title.

Administrative Information

Source of Collection

This material was donated to University Archives by Mark Johnstone (Anderson's great nephew) in November 2008.

Accruals

There are no accruals.

Processing Information

Compiled by Archives staff in 2009.

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Vol. VII, No. 1, February 18, 1927

Vol. VII, No. 2, April 8, 1927

Vol. VII, No. 4, October 29, 1927

Vol. VIII, No. 4, October 31, 1928

Vol. IX, No. 2, February 13, 1929

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Vol. IX, No. 4, July 20, 1929

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Vol. X, No. 1, March 14, 1930

Vol. X, No. 2, May 8, 1930

Vol. X, No. 3, September 29, 1930

Vol. XI, No. 1, March 16, 1931

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Vol. XII, No. 1, April 25, 1932

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Vol. XII, No. 4, November 17, 1932

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Vol. XIII, No. 1, May 6, 1933

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Vol. XIV, No. 1, May 1, 1934

Vol. XVI, No. 1, April 18, 1936

Vol. XVII, No. 1, January 26, 1937

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“The Economic Bulletin”

Vol. III, No.1, April 14, 1941

Vol. III, No.2, December 16, 1941
Vol. IV, No. 1, May 11, 1943
Vol. V, No. 1, May 27, 1947

“Inflation, the Rate of Interest and the Management of the Public Debt”
Address by Benjamin M. Anderson before The California Bankers
Association, May 27, 1947

“In Memoriam: Benjamin McA. Anderson, 1886-1949” University of
California, 1949

“The Present and Future Development of Public Utility Finance” Address
by Harry M. Addinsell, President of Chase Harris Forbes Corporation,
before the Forum in Investment Banking offered by the Graduate School
of Business Administration of New York University..., December 15, 1932

“Report of the Foreign Creditors’ Standstill Committee” Berlin, January 23,
1932

“The Way Out of the Crisis” Address by Dr. Benjamin M. Anderson, Jr.,
address before the Chamber of Commerce of Kansas City, May 18, 1942

Books

Economics and the Public Welfare Benjamin McAlester Anderson NY: D.
Van Nostrand Company, Inc., 1949.
 (“Estelle Anderson Lipscomb” written on the inside of the cover. Estelle
Lipscomb was Benj. McA. Anderson’s sister. Enclosed is a letter to “Dear
Sir” from D. W.R. Minrath, Vice President of D. Van Nostrand Company,
Inc. introducing the book.)

Financing American Prosperity: A Symposium of Economists Paul T.
Homan and Fritz Machlup, editors (Contributors: Benjamin M. Anderson,
John Maurice Clark, Howard S. Ellis, Alvin H. Hansen, Sumner H. Slichter,
John H. Williams) NY: The Twentieth Century Fund, 1945
 (“Estelle Lipscomb” and “Mac” written on flyleaf. Estelle Lipscomb was
Benj. McA. Anderson’s sister. Anderson was known to his family as
“Mac.”)

Social Value: A Study in Economic Theory Critical and Constructive B.M.
Anderson, Jr. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Company, 1911
 (Inscribed in ink by Benj. McA. Anderson to his sister Estelle. Marginalia
 notes by John T. Johnstone, Jr., the author’s nephew. Reference on title

page to "Gram" is Margaret Johnston, another of Benj. Anderson's sisters, and mother of John T. Johnstone.)

The Value of Money Benjamin M. Anderson, Jr. NY: Richard R. Smith, 1936.

("Ben M. Anderson" written on flyleaf in pencil was the author's father, a state senator and judge in Columbia, Missouri)