

Finding Aid for the Charles W. Bryan, Jr. Papers

Descriptive Summary

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Creator: Charles W. Bryan, Jr.

Title: Charles W. Bryan, Jr. Papers.

Dates: 1909 – 1966.

Quantity: 2.5 linear feet.

Language: English.

Biographical Note

Charles W. Bryan, Jr. was born January 20, 1890. He attended Washington University from 1908 to 1912, graduating with a degree of Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. While attending the university, Bryan was active in the football and track teams.

After graduation Bryan joined the Patrick Ryan Construction Corporation as a construction engineer on the foundations of the New York Connecting Railroad Bridge at Hell Gate, New York. Later with the U.S. Realty and Improvement Company he was a superintendent on subway construction in New York City. With Fraser, Brace and Company, in the same capacities, he worked on various construction contracts in New York, Quebec and Ontario.

In July 1917 Bryan transferred to the construction forces of the United States Steel Corporation at Kearny, New Jersey, supervising construction of its large shipyard there. He remained the employ of the Federal Shipbuilding Company until the plant was sold to the United States Navy in 1948. In 1936, as vice president of sale and engineering, he was in charge of the contracting activities of that company, which, after Pearl Harbor, delivered over 250 vessels of many types, including landing craft, destroyers, light cruisers, tankers, cargo vessels, special naval auxiliary ships and troop transports. In 1950, he became president of the Pullman Standard Car Manufacturing Company, where he served until his retirement in June 1959.

Bryan was granted Life Membership in the American Society of Civil Engineers in 1959. He also remained an active alumnus of Washington University, where he was elected to the board of directors on October 9, 1952 and became emeritus on June 5, 1964. He died on March 15, 1966.

Scope and Content Notes

This collection details the early personal development and subsequent professional activities of Charles W. Bryan, Jr., a graduate of Washington University's School of Engineering and Board of Trustee member. The collection contains a rich plethora of Washington University memorabilia and scrapbooks relating to Bryan's involvement in shipbuilding during the World Wars, as well as his association with the Pullman Car Company.

The collection is divided into personal development, professional development, and personal and professional development.

Administrative Information

Source of Collection

This material was donated to the University Archives by Mary (Mrs. Charles) Bryan, Jr. in 1972 and 1975.

Accruals

Accruals are interfiled within the collection.

Processing Information

Compiled by Leela Pandey in January 2006. Revised by Sarah Pabarcus in August 2006.

Restrictions

Access Restrictions

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Use Restrictions

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Washington University, Correspondence, Scholarship-related, 1930-1959

Washington University, Photographs

Washington University, Scrapbooks

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Correspondence, Misc., 1929-1965

Membership Certificates, etc., 1925-1966

Photographs, Misc.

Pullman Car Company, Misc. Historical Material

Speeches, 1946-1951

Speeches, 1951-1958

Bound Periodical, "The Carbuilder," 1953

Bound Periodicals, "The Carbuilder," 1955

Bound Periodical, "The Carbuilder," 1956

Bound Periodical, "The Carbuilder," 1957

Bound Periodical, "The Carbuilder," 1958

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Scrapbook, 1939

Scrapbook, 1943

Scrapbook, 1944

Scrapbook, 1947

Scrapbook, 1949

Scrapbook, 1952

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03 11th Annual Game, Washington University vs. University of
Missouri, November 6th, 1909 program

The William Greenleaf Eliot Society of Washington University,
December 15, 1959 naming Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Bryan, Jr. as
Charter Members

The American Standards Association Presents this Certificate to
C.W. Bryan, Jr. Member of its Boards of Directors, Sept. 9, 1952

Photographs Scrapbook, n.d.