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President William Ernest Weld Papers

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INTRODUCTION

Biographical Note

President William Ernest Weld graduated from Wooster College, Ohio. He earned a Master's of Arts degree from Princeton and a P.H.D. from Columbia University in the first decade of the 20th century. As President, Weld wished to maintain Wells College as a liberal institution, where beliefs were tolerated and people could build more personal relationships with others. Weld served as the college's eighth president, from 1936 to 1945. President Weld served during World War II, where he engaged in many of the college's war efforts, such as the sale of war bonds and stamps to assist the troops that fought overseas. Weld, being an economized president had to keep the college's budget in balance despite the decreased funds and endowments from other institutions. The college grew towards the end of the war. A new dorm was built, as well as a fine arts building and an infirmary despite a small budget deficit during that time. After the war, President Weld retired at age 65 as Wells College began to experience larger enrollment. Weld recommended to the Board of Trustees at the end of his tenure that curricula needed to be expanded, in addition to increased retirement for staff, and academic scholarships for future students. Weld left a library and a special classroom in MacMillan Hall as gifts to the college.

Related Material

A Case Book for Economics, by William Ernest Weld. Boston, New York [etc.]; Ginn and company [c1927] located in the Wells College Long Library general stacks

DESCRIPTION OF THE PAPERS

Scope and Content Note:

The William Weld papers cover years 1935-1950, including his interaction and communications with other colleges, people of distinction in academia and his personal connections with those that influenced his life and his presidency at Wells College. Also included in the papers are Henry Stebbins' correspondence with President Weld, as Finance member and Board of Trustee. Mr. Stebbins contributed heavily to President

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Weld's administration and direction of Wells College during his presidency and later into the early 1950's.

Organization and Arrangement

The papers are organized in six series: (as follows)

Series Descriptions

Series 1, Correspondence from President William Weld

Series 2, Correspondence to President William Weld

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Series 1: Correspondence from President William Weld

1	1	1935-1940	Correspondence from President Weld to U.S. colleges
1	2	1936-1940	Correspondence from President Weld, New York City
1	3	1936-1940	Correspondence from President Weld to New York State cities
1	4	1936-1940	Correspondence from President Weld, Cornell University and Ithaca College
1	5	1938-1940	Correspondence from President Weld, International Letters

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Series 2: Correspondence to President William Weld			
1	1	1935-1946	Correspondence to President Weld from U.S. colleges
1	2	1936-1940	Correspondence to President Weld from Cornell University and Ithaca College
1	3	1936-1940	Correspondence to President Weld, New York City
1	4	1936-1945	Correspondence to President Weld, New York City
1	5	1936-1950	Correspondence to President Weld from New York State Towns and Cities
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Series 3: Correspondence to Henry Stebbins as Finance member, Board of Trustee			
1	1	1937-1941	Correspondence to Henry Stebbins, Finance member
1	2	1942-1947	Correspondence to Henry Stebbins as Board of Trustee and Finance member
1	3	1948-1952	Correspondence to Henry Stebbins as Board of Trustee under President Greene
1	4	1952	Correspondence to Henry Stebbins, Board of Trustees

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Series 4: Correspondence from Henry Stebbins as Finance member, Board of Trustee			
1	1	1937-1941	Correspondence from Henry Stebbins, Finance member
1	2	1942-1947	Correspondence from Henry Stebbins, Board of Trustee
1	3	1948-1951	Correspondence from Henry Stebbins, Board of Trustee
1	4	1952	Correspondence from Henry Stebbins, Board of Trustee

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Series 5: Additional Correspondence			
1	1	1936-1952	Administrative/Financial Records Correspondence
1	2	1940-1949	Wells College Press Committee Correspondence
1	3	1941-1946	Donor's Annuities Correspondence
1	4	1945-1952	Cayuga Lake Academy Correspondence
1	5	N/A	Miscellaneous Correspondence

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Series 6: Pamphlets			
1	1	1937-1940	Religious/Churches
1	2	1937-1952	Newspaper Articles
1	3	1939-1940	International Articles
1	4	1940	Travel Articles
1	5	1939-1952	College Pamphlets