

# Guide to the Alfred Whitney Griswold Personal Papers

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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 255

**CREATOR:** Griswold, Alfred Whitney, 1906-1963

**TITLE:** Alfred Whitney Griswold personal papers

**DATES:** 1914–1990

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 28.5 linear feet

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The papers consist of student material from Hotchkiss and Yale College, including clippings of Griswold's column in the Yale Daily News and other publications; copies of articles and books; notes from courses at Yale Graduate School; lecture notes on political science and history; and student papers. Also included is correspondence of Alfred Whitney Griswold with family and friends, letters of congratulation on being elected president of Yale, and letters of condolences to Mrs. Griswold. Honorary degree hoods, memorabilia, calendars and date books, clippings and editorials upon his death, and a catalogue of the books in his library are also among the papers.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Mrs. A. Whitney Griswold, 1964, 1991, and 1996.

## Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Biographical / Historical

Alfred Whitney Griswold was born in Morristown, New Jersey on October 27, 1906. He received a B.A. degree from Yale in 1929 and a Ph.D. in 1933. Griswold held various academic positions in history and government and international relations at Yale from 1933-1950. In 1950 he became president of Yale, an office he held until his death on April 19, 1963.

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## Scope and Contents

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## Arrangement

Arranged in two series and three additions: I. Correspondence. II. Writings and other papers.

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## Collection Contents

### Series I. Correspondence

#### General

|                |                                    |  |
|----------------|------------------------------------|--|
| b. 1, f. 1-14  | 1914-1938                          | 1914-1938                                |
| b. 2, f. 15-24 | 1939-1943                          | 1939-1943                                |
| b. 3, f. 25-33 | 1944-1949                          | 1944-1949                                |
| b. 4, f. 34-43 | 1950-1956 November                 | 1950-1956<br>November                    |
| b. 5, f. 44-55 | 1956 December-1961 February 23     | 1956 December-<br>1961 February 23       |
| b. 6, f. 56-68 | 1961 February 24-1963 Jul, undated | 1961 February<br>24-1963 Jul,<br>undated |

#### Congratulations

|                |       |
|----------------|-------|
| b. 7, f. 69-81 | A - H |
| b. 8, f. 82-94 | H - S |
| b. 9, f. 95-99 | S - Z |

#### Condolences

|                   |       |
|-------------------|-------|
| b. 9, f. 100-108  | A - F |
| b. 10, f. 109-120 | F - R |
| b. 11, f. 121-127 | R - Z |

**Series II. Writings and other papers**

|          |   |                 |
|----------|---|-----------------|
| b. 12    | Trip files  | 1950–1963       |
| b. 12    | Calendars   | 1950–1963       |
| b. 12    | Account books   | 1943–1947       |
| b. 12    | Engagement books  | 1939–1943; 1951 |
| b. 13    | Army Specialized Training Courses: World War II               |                 |
| b. 14–15 | Catalog cards: personal library                               |                 |
| b. 16    | Manuscripts and essays Speeches                               | 1932–1936       |
| b. 17–19 | <i>Farming and Democracy</i>                                  |                 |
| b. 20    | Notes: History 36, Government 37, Int. Relations 103 and 1166 |                 |
| b. 21    | Notes: Government 37, Int. Relations 103 and 1166             |                 |
| b. 22    | Notes: History 36, American Studies                           |                 |
| b. 23    | Notes: History 20a and 36b, American Studies 151              |                 |
|          | Student papers  |                 |
| b. 24    | <i>Yale Record</i>  | 1928–1929       |
| b. 24    | <i>Hotchkiss Literary Magazine</i>                            | 1922–1924       |
| b. 24    | English literature papers.                                    | 1925–1933       |
|          | <i>American Gospel of Success</i> : typed manuscript          |                 |
| b. 25    | Periodicals   |                 |
| b. 25    | Magazines   |                 |
| b. 25    | Manuscripts   |                 |
| b. 26    | Published material  |                 |
| b. 27–28 | <i>The Far Eastern Policy of the United States</i>            |                 |
| b. 29    | Photographs   |                 |
| b. 30    | <i>An American History</i> : annotated copy                   |                 |
| b. 31–35 | Memorabilia   |                 |
| b. 36    | Miscellanea   |                 |
| b. 37    | Diaries   | 1950–1962       |
| b. 37    | Ph.D. manuscript  |                 |
| b. 37    | Writings  |                 |

b. 38          Oversize

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b. 38          Diploma, University of Pennsylvania

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**Accession 1991-M-089. Additional material***.75 linear feet (2 boxes)*

Addition inventory by Carol King 1991 Jun

Received from: Mary M. Griswold, 1991 Apr 26

## Correspondence

|                |   |                       |
|----------------|---|-----------------------|
| b. 1, f. 1-6   | Griswold, A. Whitney to Mary Morgan Brooks  | 1927-1930,<br>undated |
| b. 1, f. 7-10  | Brooks, Mary Morgan to A. Whitney Griswold  | 1928-1931,<br>undated |
| b. 2, f. 11-13 | Griswold, Mary Morgan (Brooks) to A. Whitney Griswold                               | 1931-1947             |
| b. 2, f. 14    | Griswold, A. Whitney to Mary Morgan (Brooks) Griswold                               | 1952                  |
| b. 2, f. 15    | Griswold, Alfred Whitney to A. Whitney and Mary Griswold                            | 1956                  |
| b. 2, f. 16    | Correspondence from others to A. Whitney Griswold and Mary Morgan (Brooks) Griswold | 1928-1940,<br>undated |
| b. 2, f. 17    | Griswold, A. Whitney to Harold Ely and Elsie (Whitney) Griswold (parents)           | 1938-1940,<br>undated |
| b. 2, f. 18    | Griswold, Elsie (Whitney) to A. Whitney Griswold                                    | 1935-1941,<br>undated |
| b. 2, f. 19    | Griswold, Harold Ely to A. Whitney Griswold   | 1935-1949,<br>undated |
| b. 2, f. 20    | Whitney, Alfred R. to A. Whitney Griswold   | 1941-1942             |
| b. 2, f. 21    | Whitney, H. Leroy to A. Whitney Griswold  | 1951                  |
| b. 2, f. 22    | Griswold, Elsie (Whitney) to Mary Morgan (Brooks) Griswold                          | 1941, undated         |
| b. 2, f. 23    | Clippings   | 1940, undated         |



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| Correspondence  |  |                                   |
|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| b. 1, f. 1  | Griswold, A. Whitney   | 1940, 1948–1963                   |
| b. 1, f. 2  | Griswold, Mary (Brooks)  | 1950–1951, 1959–1963              |
| <i>Alfred Whitney Griswold - In Memoriam</i>            |  |                                   |
| b. 1, f. 3-7  | Thank you notes  | 1964–1965, undated                |
| b. 1, f. 8  | Correspondence, preparations of volume   | 1963–1964,                        |
| b. 1, f. 9  | Articles about A. Whitney Griswold   | 1951–1961, undated                |
| b. 1, f. 10   | Awards   | 1954, 1959, 1963                  |
| b. 1, f. 11   | Book reviews   | 1959                              |
| b. 1, f. 12   | Business cards   | undated                           |
| b. 1, f. 13   | <i>Business Week</i> article with accompanying photographs                         | 1954 May                          |
| b. 1, f. 14   | Funeral arrangements   | 1963                              |
| b. 1, f. 15   | Griswold, A. Whitney: forty-seventh birthday party at the W. Johnstons             | 1953 October 29                   |
| b. 1, f. 16   | Hillhouse Avenue, interior decor of: photographs                                   | 1950–1963                         |
| History 36, "Political Philosophy in the United States" |  |                                   |
| b. 2, f. 17   | Assignments  | 1948<br>September–1949<br>January |
| b. 2, f. 18   | Introduction   | undated                           |
| b. 2, f. 19   | <i>House and Garden</i> photo spread with text of summer home at Martha's Vineyard | 1959 August                       |
| b. 2, f. 20   | Lohmann, Carl A.: lines in honor of 25 years as Secretary of Yale                  | 1951 February                     |
| b. 2, f. 21   | Loose notes  | 1950, 1954                        |
| b. 2, f. 22   | Newspaper clippings  | 1944, 1950–1963, undated          |
| b. 2, f. 23   | Photographs  | 1950–1963                         |
| b. 2, f. 24   | Printed material   | 1950–1955, 1961, 1963             |

|             |  |                          |
|-------------|--|--------------------------|
| b. 2, f. 25 | Programs and invitations   | 1950–1964                |
| b. 2, f. 26 | Speeches   | 1950, 1957–1962, undated |
| b. 2, f. 27 | Travel notes   | [1950–1953?]             |
| b. 2, f. 28 | Watkins, Franklin: copies of portrait of A. Whitney Griswold               | 1946, 1960               |
| b. 2, f. 29 | "Women's Affairs," guest program sponsored by the German Foreign Office    | 1958 April 15            |
| b. 2, f. 30 | Writings by A. Whitney Griswold  | 1943, 1954, 1960         |
| b. 2, f. 31 | Yale University Corporation entertaining: guest list                       | 1953–1964                |
| b. 2, f. 32 | Yale University Presidency, announcement of: clippings, photographs        | 1949, 1950               |
|             | Writings   |                          |
| b. 3, f. 32 | Ph.D. thesis: carbon   | 1933                     |
| b. 3, f. 32 | Thesis copyright   | 1963                     |
| b. 3, f. 32 | <i>The Far Eastern Policy of the United States</i>                         | 1938                     |
| b. 3, f. 32 | <i>Farming and Democracy</i>   | 1948                     |
| b. 3, f. 32 | <i>Essays on Education</i>   | 1954                     |
| b. 3, f. 32 | <i>In the University Tradition</i>   | 1957                     |
| b. 3, f. 32 | <i>Liberal Education and the Democratic Ideal</i>                          | 1959                     |
|             | Scrapbooks   |                          |
| b. 4, f. 32 | <i>Farming and Democracy</i> : correspondence, reviews                     | 1948                     |
| b. 4, f. 32 | <i>Farming and Democracy</i> : satirical version, compiler unknown         | [1948]                   |
| b. 4, f. 32 | Obituaries and memoria (duplicate of scrapbook in box 26 of 1964 material) | 1963                     |

## **Accession 1996-M-105. Additional material**

b. 1, f. 1-3

Autobiography of Mary Brooks Griswold [typescript of chapters 3, 4, and 5]

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## **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.

### **Subjects**

College presidents  
Historians  
History -- Study and teaching

### **Names**

Griswold, Alfred Whitney, 1906-1963

### **Corporate Bodies**

Yale University -- Officials and employees  
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