

Guide to the William Bayard Hale Papers

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: MS 814

CREATOR: Hale, William Bayard, 1869-1924

TITLE: William Bayard Hale papers

DATES: 1888-1962

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 4.25 linear feet (8 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: Correspondence, writings, memorabilia, scrapbooks and printed matter chiefly concentrated in the years 1910-1923. The correspondence includes photocopies of thirteen letters from Woodrow Wilson to Hale (1911-1915) discussing various aspects of United States foreign policy. Between 1913 and 1914, Hale travelled in Central America as Woodrow Wilson's special emissary to Mexico and then to Nicaragua. His letters to his wife during this period describe the political upheavals in those countries and his opposition to United States recognition of the Huerta government in Mexico. Also of note are three letters from Sigmund Freud in which Freud discusses the proper use of psychoanalysis in connection with Hale's just published study of Woodrow Wilson. Other important correspondents include William Jennings Bryan, John Burroughs, Thomas Hardy, Oliver Wendell Holmes, William Dean Howells, H. L. Mencken, Theodore Roosevelt and George Bernard Shaw. There is only a small sampling of his writing and one sermon. The largest part of the collection is made up of scrapbooks and printed matter (1914-1923), reflecting Hale's position during World War I as a secret agent of the Germans. Included are pro-German periodicals and pamphlets published before the United States entry into the war and post war pamphlets on the question of German war guilt and the Versailles Treaty.

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- b. box
- f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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Biographical / Historical

William Bayard Hale: ordained in 1893; active in politics and writing; turned to journalism in the early 1900s and divested himself of clerical orders in 1909; worked for *Cosmopolitan*, the *World*; edited the *Philadelphia Public Ledger* for four years; worked for the *Times* and then *World's Work*; author of numerous books, especially on politics and Woodrow Wilson; from 1914-1918 travelled in Central and South America and acted as a German propagandist.

Scope and Contents

The William Bayard Hale Papers, 1888-1939, consist of correspondence, writings, memorabilia, scrapbooks and printed matter written or collected by Hale. The bulk of the material spans the years 1910-1923. Of particular interest are Hale's letters to his wife, which chronicle his career as President Woodrow Wilson's special emissary to Mexico in 1913, and Hale's extensive collection of printed matter relating to World War I.

Series I, PERSONAL PAPERS, begins with Letters of William Bayard Hale to Olga Unger Hale (1910-1921) discussing mainly routine meetings with local and state officials during his stay in Mexico and throughout his travels in Latin America and Europe as a journalist. Hale does, however, write to his wife of the political upheavals in Mexico and Nicaragua in 1913 and 1914 and also of his opposition to United States recognition of the Huerta government in Mexico.

Letters to William Bayard Hale consist of photocopies of letters which William Harlan Hale sold to private collectors in 1971. Included are thirteen letters from Woodrow Wilson to Hale dating from February 10, 1911,

to July 12, 1915. Hale was Wilson's confidant until differences over United States policies early in World War I ended their friendship. In his letter of April 2, 1915, Wilson calls Hale's proposal for a United States embargo on arms shipments to belligerent powers "a suggestion of reprisal, and I should be very loath to see this nation...in retaliation of anything proposed on the other side of the water. I really think we should cultivate a different spirit in the matter. We are detached and we can keep our minds clear of any sort of feeling that might mislead us."

Other letters to Hale include three from Sigmund Freud (1922 Jan), in which Freud discusses his ideas on the proper use of psychoanalysis, with particular reference to Hale's newly published book *The Story of a Style: A Psychoanalytic Study of Wilson*. H.L. Mencken also writes of Hale's book, 1919 Aug 20, "You have invented a new form of criticism... The plain people buried Woodrow. You have erected his imperishable tombstone." Other correspondents of note include William Jennings Bryan, John Burroughs, Thomas Hardy, Oliver Wendell Holmes, William Dean Howells, B.W. Huebsch, Theodore Roosevelt and George Bernard Shaw.

Series I also contains a small amount of Hale's writings, including an early sermon (1895), his address on "The Making of the American Constitution" delivered at Oxford in 1895, arguments against British activities on the seas and the exportation of munitions (1915), and a copy of *The Story of a Style*.

Finally, Series I includes memorabilia and scrapbooks of newspaper clippings of Hale's articles and of articles about Hale. The scrapbooks cover the years 1908-1923 but also contain an article written in 1934 by Hale's son, William Harlan Hale, and an article which appeared in the *New York Times* in 1939, in both of which Hale's secret interview with Kaiser Wilhelm in 1908 is discussed.

Series II, PRINTED MATTER, consists of pamphlets and periodicals collected by Hale relating to World War I. Materials included were published both during and after the war. Found here is a sizable collection of pro-German pamphlets and periodicals published in the United States, including *The American Monthly, Bull, The Fatherland, New Yorker Bezirks-Nachrichten* and *Viereck's*. Of special interest is material documenting the German response to the Allied occupation after the war, particularly the "shame" caused by the presence of black American troops. Also included here are pamphlets dealing with political prisoners, prisoners of war, German war guilt and the Versailles Treaty.

Arrangement

Arranged in two series and one addition: I. Personal Papers. II. Printed Matter.

Collection Contents

Series I: PERSONAL PAPERS, 1888-1923, 1934, 1939

2' 4" (3 boxes)

CORRESPONDENCE consists of letters from William Bayard Hale to his wife Olga Unger Hale, which are arranged chronologically, and letters to Hale which are arranged alphabetically by writer.

WRITINGS OF WILLIAM BAYARD HALE is arranged chronologically.

MEMORABILIA and SCRAPBOOKS

Correspondence

b. 1, f. 1-11	Letters of William Bayard Hale to Olga Unger Hale	1910-1912, 1913 February- Nov, 1914, 1916, 1917, 1919, 1921, undated
	Letters to William Bayard Hale	
b. 1, f. 12	Bryan, William Jennings	1915 June 21
b. 1, f. 12	Burroughs, John	1908 April 14, June 9
b. 1, f. 12	Freud, Sigmund	1922 January 3, January 15, January 20
b. 1, f. 12	Hardy, Thomas	1909 August 16, October 10
b. 1, f. 12	Holmes, Oliver Wendell	1890 July 28
b. 1, f. 12	Howells, William Dean	1900 June 6
b. 1, f. 12	Huebsch, B.W.	1922 November 10
b. 1, f. 12	Mencken, H.L.	1919 August 30, November 18
b. 1, f. 12	Roosevelt, Theodore	1904 February 26, 1908 December 3
b. 1, f. 12	Shaw, George Bernard	1909 February 5
b. 1, f. 12	Wilson, Woodrow (*)	1911 February 10 - 1915 July 12, undated

Writings of William Bayard Hale

b. 1, f. 13	<i>The Eternal Teacher. A Sermon Preached in the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Oxford on the Eleventh Sunday After Trinity.</i> Oxford: University Press	1895
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Writings of William Bayard Hale (continued)

b. 1, f. 13	<i>The Making of the American Constitution.</i> Oxford: University Press	[1895]
b. 1, f. 13	<i>Address of Rev. W. Bayard Hale, L.L.D., of Middleboro, Mass., Before the Graduates of St. John's College, Annapolis, Md. June 17, 1896.</i> Annapolis English	1896
b. 1, f. 14	"An American View," <i>Germany's Just Cause.</i> New York: The Fatherland English	Circa 1914
b. 1, f. 14	"The Real Issue at Washington," <i>The Case Against Armed Merchantmen</i> [New York press reprint] English	Circa 1914
b. 1, f. 14	"William Bayard Hale Answers the Tribune," <i>The Vital Issue</i> , No.II, No. 10 English	1915 March 6
b. 1, f. 15	<i>American Rights and British Pretensions on the Seas.</i> New York: Robert M. McBride & Co. English	1915
b. 1, f. 16	<i>The Exportation of Arms and Munitions of War. Should the Government Allow It or Forbid It?</i> The Organization of American Women for Strict Neutrality	1915
b. 1, f. 16	<i>Mr. Bayard Hale's Despatches from the West Front to the New York American, and the International News Service. September 1916.</i> Berlin: Deutscher Verlag English	Circa 1916
b. 1, f. 16	"Free Speech or Bolshevism?" <i>Viereck's The American Monthly.</i> Vol. X, No. 5 English	1919 July
b. 2, f. 17	<i>The Story of a Style.</i> New York: B.W. Huebsch	1920
<u>Memorabilia</u>		
b. 2, f. 18	Aall-Kristiania, Herman Harris. "William Bayard Hale and Woodrow Wilson," <i>Deutsche Rundschau.</i> Jahrgang 48, 1	1921 October
b. 2, f. 19	Photograph album of William Bayard Hale and family	Circa 1912
b. 2, f. 20	Maps, passport, photographs	1909, 1916, 1919, undated
b. 2, f. 21	Re: Theodore Roosevelt	1910 June 7
b. 2, f. 22	Miscellaneous	undated
<u>Scrapbooks</u>		
b. 3, f. 23	Scrapbook of stories, articles and addresses kept by Minnie Hale	1888-1896
b. 3, f. 24-25	Scrapbook re: William Bayard Hale	1908-1923, 1914-1919, 1934, 1939

Series II: PRINTED MATTER, 1914-1923*1.75 linear feet (4 boxes)*

WARTIME and POSTWAR are both arranged alphabetically by country of publication and, following this, alphabetically by topic. Within each category material is arranged chronologically.

Wartime

b. 4, f. 26-27	British pamphlets	1914
b. 4, f. 28	British pamphlets	1915, 1916, 1918
b. 4, f. 29	French pamphlets	1915, 1916
b. 4, f. 30	German pamphlets - German language	Circa 1914, 1916
	German pamphlets - German language - Pictorial works	
b. 4, f. 32	<i>Der Grosse Krieg in Bildern</i> . Nos. 21-25. Berlin: Georg Stilke English	1916-1917
b. 4, f. 32	German pamphlets - English language	1914, circa 1914, 1915
b. 4, f. 33	U.S. pamphlets	1914, circa 1914
b. 5, f. 34-36	U.S. pamphlets	1915, circa 1915, 1916, circa 1916, 1917, circa 1917, 1918
b. 5, f. 37	U.S. pamphlets: political	1918, 1919, undated
b. 5, f. 38	Anti-war pamphlets	1914-1918, undated
b. 5, f. 39	Pamphlets re: political prisoners	1918, 1919, circa 1919
b. 5, f. 40	Pamphlets re: prisoners of war	1917, 1918, 1922, undated
b. 5, f. 41	Pro-German pamphlets	1914, circa 1914, 1915, undated
	Pro-German periodicals	
b. 5, f. 42	<i>Bull.</i> Vol. 2, No. 8 English	1917 October
b. 6, f. 43	<i>The Fatherland</i> . Vol. IV, Nos. 19-22, Vol. 7, No. 4 See also: box 6, folder 43	1916 June 14 – July 5, 1917 August 29
b. 6, f. 44	<i>New Yorker Bezirks-Nachrichten</i> . II Jahrgang, No. 12 English	1915 April

Wartime > Pro-German periodicals (continued)

b. 6, f. 45	<i>Viereck's</i> . Vol. VI, Nos. 10-13, 15, 17-19, 21, Vol. VII, No. 1, 2, 6 See also: box 6, folder 45	1917 April 11 - December 26
<u>Postwar</u>		
b. 6, f. 46	British pamphlets	[1919]
b. 6, f. 47	British periodicals: <i>Foreign Affairs</i> , Vol. II	1921 April
b. 6, f. 48	German pamphlets	Circa 1921, 1922, 1923
German periodicals:		
b. 6, f. 49	<i>Schweizerische Monatshefte für Politik und Kultur</i> . 1. Jahrgang, heft 6, 9	1921 Sep, 1921 December
b. 6, f. 49	von Siebert, B. "Einkreisung?" <i>Süddeutsche Monatshefte</i>	1922 January
b. 6, f. 49	Stehle, Bruno. "Frankreichs Kriegsvor-bereitung in der Jugend," <i>Süddeutsche Monatshefte</i>	1922 March
b. 6, f. 50-51	U.S. pamphlets	1919, 1921, circa 1922
b. 6, f. 52	U.S. pamphlets: pro-German	1922
b. 7, f. 53	U.S. pamphlets: political	1919, 1920
b. 7, f. 54	U.S. periodicals: <i>Liberator</i> , Vol. 4, No. 3	1919, 1920
b. 7, f. 55	U.S. periodicals - Pro-German: <i>The American Monthly</i> . Vol. XIV, Nos. 3-5, Vol. XV, Nos. 5, 7	1922 May - 1923 September
Pamphlets and other documents concerning:		
b. 7, f. 56	German response to Allied occupation	1922, undated
b. 7, f. 57	German documents on the causes of World War I	1918
b. 7, f. 58-59	German war guilt	1920-1923
Investigation of the causes of the war:		
b. 7, f. 60	Aall, Herman Harris. <i>The Neutral Investigation of the Causes of Wars</i> . Kristiania	1923
b. 7, f. 60	<i>Bulletin of the Central Commission for Neutral Investigation of the Causes of the World War</i> . Nos. 1, 2/3 English	1922 September - 1923 December - January
b. 7, f. 61	Versailles Treaty	1919, 1921, 1923

Additional material
Accession 2010-M-009

Includes letters to President Woodrow Wilson and William Jennings Bryan, as well as correspondence not listed in series I of original accession. The proclamation bestowed on W.B. Hale is written in Spanish with an English translation.

Correspondence		
b. 1, f. 1-3	1907-1912, undated	
b. 1, f. 4	1915-1918	
b. 1, f. 5	1921-1962	
b. 1, f. 6	Letters to President Woodrow Wilson	1915
b. 1, f. 7	Letters to William Jennings Bryan	1915
b. 1, f. 8	Newspaper clipping	Undated
b. 1, f. 9	Summaries of letters and documents owned by Hale	1904-1932
b. 1, f. 10	Proclamation bestowed on W.B.Hale by the President of the United States of Venezuela for outstanding service	1912

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.

Preferred Titles

Treaty of Versailles (1919 June 28)

Roosevelt, Theodore, 1858-1919
Shaw, Bernard, 1856-1950
Wilson, Woodrow, 1856-1924
Zelaya, José Santos, 1853-1919

Subjects

Journalism
Journalists
Propaganda, American
Propaganda, German
World War, 1914-1918 -- Prisoners and prisons
World War, 1914-1918 -- Propaganda

Geographic Names

Costa Rica -- Description and travel
El Salvador -- Description and travel
Guatemala -- Description and travel
Latin America
Mexico -- Description and travel
Mexico -- Foreign relations -- United States
Mexico -- History -- 1910-1946
Mexico -- Politics and government -- 1910-1946
Nicaragua -- Description and travel
Nicaragua -- History -- 1909-1937
Panama Canal (Panama)
Puerto Rico -- Description and travel
United States -- Foreign relations -- Mexico
Venezuela -- Description and travel

Names

Bryan, William Jennings, 1860-1925
Burroughs, John, 1837-1921
Carranza, Venustiano, 1859-1920
Chamorro, Emiliano, 1871-
Freud, Sigmund, 1856-1939
Hale, Olga Unger
Hale, William Bayard, 1869-1924
Hale, William Harlan, 1910-1974
Hardy, Thomas, 1840-1928
Holmes, Oliver Wendell, Jr., 1841-1935
Howells, William Dean, 1837-1920
Huebsch, B. W. (Benjamin W.), 1876-1964
Huerta, Victoriano, 1845-1916
Madero, Francisco I., 1873-1913
Mencken, H. L. (Henry Louis), 1880-1956