

# Guide to the Samuel Flagg Bemis Papers

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 74

**CREATOR:** Bemis, Samuel Flagg, 1891-1973

**TITLE:** Samuel Flagg Bemis papers

**DATES:** 1798-1969

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 34.5 linear feet (68 boxes, 1 folio)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The papers consist of correspondence, lecture notes, research materials, manuscripts (both published and unpublished), a complete set of printed works, clippings, photographs and memorabilia. Correspondence, both professional and personal, make up the bulk of the papers.

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b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Samuel F. Bemis, 1966-1973, and of Yale University History Department, 1969. Transfer from Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, 2008.

## Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Biographical / Historical

Samuel Flagg Bemis taught history at Colorado College from 1917-1920, at Whitman College from 1920-1923, and at George Washington University from 1924-1934. He was director of the European mission of the Library of Congress from 1927-1929. Bemis was a professor of history at Yale University from 1935-1973. He was the author of numerous books and articles, and received the Pulitzer Prize in 1926 and 1950.

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## Arrangement

The papers are organized in two series: I General Correspondence, 1918-1969 and II. Organization and Project Files, 1918-1969.

## Collection Contents

### Series I: General Correspondence, 1918-1969

A		
b. 1, f. 1-13	1918-1941	1918-1941
b. 2, f. 14-25	1941-1954	1941-1954
b. 3, f. 26-36	1955-1969	1955-1969
b. 3, f. 37	American Association of University Professors	1930-1932
b. 3, f. 38-39	American Historical Association	1930-1935
b. 3, f. 40	Archives	1930-1932
B		
b. 4, f. 41-52	1917-1937	1917-1937
b. 5, f. 53-62	1937-1945	1937-1945
b. 6, f. 63-71	1946-1955	1946-1955
b. 7, f. 72-80	1956-1969	1956-1969
b. 7, f. 81	Bemis family	1930-1932
b. 7, f. 82	Boggs, S.W.	1949
C		
b. 8, f. 83-92	1918-1942	1918-1942
b. 9, f. 93-103	1942-1954	1942-1954
b. 10, f. 104-114	1955-1969	1955-1969
b. 10, f. 115-118	Carnegie Endowment	1937-1938
D		
b. 11, f. 119-139	1918-1951	1918-1951
b. 12, f. 140-153	1952-1969	1952-1969
E-F		
b. 13, f. 154-169	1918-1941	1918-1941
b. 14, f. 170-181	1941-1952	1941-1952
b. 15, f. 182-195	1953-1969	1953-1969
b. 15, f. 196	Elliot, T.C.	1930-1932
b. 15, f. 197	Ford, Worthington C.	1930-1932

## G

b. 16, f. 198-219	1918-1952	1918-1952
b. 17, f. 220-32	1953-1965	1953-1965
b. 18, f. 233	1966-1969	1966-1969
b. 18, f. 234-235	George Washington University	1927-1929

## H-I-J

b. 19, f. 236-249	1918-1940	1918-1940
b. 20, f. 250-265	1940-1955	1940-1955
b. 21, f. 266-274	1956 English	1956
b. 21, f. 275	Hoover, Herbert	1940-1941

## K-L

b. 22, f. 276-287	1918-1937	1918-1937
b. 23, f. 288-295	1938-1945	1938-1945
b. 24, f. 296-309	1946-1956	1946-1956
b. 25, f. 310-318	1957-1969	1957-1969
b. 25, f. 319-321	Knights of Columbus Historical Commission	1922-1923

## M

b. 26, f. 322-335	1918-1941	1918-1941
b. 27, f. 336-346	1941-1953	1941-1953
b. 28, f. 347-358	1954-1969	1954-1969

## N-O

b. 29, f. 359-376	1918-1947	1918-1947
b. 30, f. 377-394	1948-1969	1948-1969

## P-Q

b. 31, f. 395-413	1918-1955	1918-1955
b. 32, f. 414-427	1956-1969	1956-1969

## R

b. 33, f. 428-446	1922-1955	1922-1955
b. 34, f. 447-456	1956-1969	1956-1969

## S

## S (continued)

b. 35, f. 457-468	1918-1940	1918-1940
b. 36, f. 469-476	1940-1949	1940-1949
b. 37, f. 477-486	1950-1959	1950-1959
b. 38, f. 487-490	1960-1965	1960-1965
b. 38, f. 491	Smith, George H.E.	1942-1960
b. 38, f. 492	Spain	1924
b. 38, f. 493	State Department, U.S.	1940-1941
b. 38, f. 494	Students' letters	1930-1934
T-U-V		
b. 39, f. 495-515	1918-1950	1918-1950
b. 40, f. 516-529	1951-1969	1951-1969
W-Z		
b. 41, f. 530-542	1918-1943	1918-1943
b. 42, f. 543-557	1944-1959	1944-1959
b. 43, f. 558-563	1960-1969	1960-1969
b. 43, f. 564	War papers	1942-1943
b. 43, f. 565-566	Yale University	1940-1941

**Series II: Organization and Project Files, 1918-1969**

b. 44, f. 567-580	Adams Papers	1942-1956
b. 44, f. 581-584	Air War College	1939-1956
	Alfred A. Knopf	
b. 45, f. 585-596	1940-1955	1940-1955
b. 46, f. 597-608	1956-1969	1956-1969
	American Historical Association	
b. 46, f. 609-617	1951-1960 November	1951-1960 November
b. 47, f. 618-632	1960 December-1968	1960 December-1968
b. 48, f. 633-641	Authors Guild	1951-1966
b. 49, f. 642	Autobiography	Undated
b. 50, f. 643-645	Benjamin Franklin Papers	1954-1960
b. 50, f. 646-649	Clark University	1951-1967
b. 51, f. 650-655	Colonial Williamsburg	1959-1965
b. 52, f. 656-657	Command and Staff College	1960-1964
b. 52, f. 658-664	Cuba and Foreign Policy	1959-1963
b. 69	<i>Diplomatic History of the United States</i> : maps, charts, and other oversized material English	Undated
b. 69	Mounted certificate to Bemis in recognition of his study and cultivation of history from the Academia de la Historia, Havana, Cuba	1945 February 15
	Ferrell, Robert H.	
b. 53, f. 665-676	(A - W) English	1959-1965
b. 54, f. 677-685	1956-1963 March	1956-1963 March
b. 55, f. 686-693	1963 April-1965	1963 April-1965
	Henry Holt and Company	
b. 56, f. 697-705	1937-1944	1937-1944
b. 57, f. 706-715	1945-1954	1945-1954
b. 58, f. 716-725	1955-1968	1955-1968
b. 59, f. 726-728	Indiana University Press	1956-1968



b. 59, f. 729-736	<i>John Quincy Adams...</i> English	1945-1965
b. 60, f. 737-739	Library of Congress	1927-1929
b. 60, f. 739A	"Nationalization and Conservation," typescript, correspondence, and photographs	circa 1950-1960
b. 60, f. 740	Photographs	1950s
b. 61, f. 741-752	Truman Library	1957-1968
b. 62, f. 753-759	United States Army	1954-1962
b. 63, f. 760-769	United States Dept. of State, Mixed Claims Commission	1909-1935
b. 64, f. 770-776	United States Navy, Navy History Advisory Commission	1955-1969
b. 64, f. 777-782	United States Navy, Naval War College	1933-1962
b. 65, f. 783-784	United States Navy, Naval War College	1961
b. 65, f. 785	United States Navy, Naval War College. "Submarine Warfare in the Strategy of American Defense and Diplomacy"  A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at <a href="mailto:mssa.assist@yale.edu">mssa.assist@yale.edu</a> to request access to the digital copy.	1951 December 15
b. 65, f. 786	United States Navy, Naval War College	1961
b. 66, f. 787-790	Woodrow Wilson Papers	1959-1967
b. 67, f. 791-802	Yale University, A - Z	Undated
b. 68, f. 803-811	Yale University Department of History	1934-1963

## **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**

Armed Forces  
Historians

### **Geographic Names**

Latin America

### **Genres / Formats**

Lecture notes  
Photoprints

### **Names**

Bemis, Samuel Flagg, 1891-1973

### **Corporate Bodies**

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