

Guide to the Wilson Compton Papers

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: MS 1175

CREATOR: Compton, Wilson Martindale, 1890-1967

TITLE: Wilson Martindale Compton papers

DATES: 1924-1961

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 0.5 linear feet

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: Writings and speeches of Wilson M. Compton, relating to lumbering and logging, forest management, and housing construction; includes material prepared for the National Lumber Manufacturers Association.

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b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Biographical / Historical

Wilson Martindale Compton was born in Wooster, Ohio, on October 15, 1890. He attended Wooster College, receiving the degrees of Ph.B. in 1911, M.A. in 1912, and LL.D. in 1935. He also received a Ph.D. from Princeton in 1915. Compton was a fellow at Princeton between 1913 and 1915. He was appointed assistant professor at Dartmouth between 1915 and 1916. Between 1916 and 1918, he was an economist with the Federal Trade Commission. The majority of his working career, however, was spent as secretary and general manager at National Lumber Manufacturers Association, where he worked from 1918 until 1944. Between 1934 and 1941, he was also a professor at George Washington University. After leaving National Lumber, he was president of Washington State University and State Export Station. He was also a member and director of the Council of Financial Aid to Education, Inc., in New York City, between 1953 and 1967. He died on March 7, 1967.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists almost entirely of writings and speeches by Wilson Martindale Compton on the lumber and logging industry, on housing construction, and on forest management. Included are typescripts, some with extensive annotations, mimeographed reports, printed articles, and transcripts of Compton's testimony before various government agencies on unemployment in the lumber industry and similar topics. A number of the reports were prepared for the National Lumber Manufacturers Association, of which Compton was secretary and general manager from 1918 through 1944. Several memoranda and minutes of the National Lumber Manufacturers Association and of the American Forestry Association are interfiled with Compton's writings, which are arranged in chronological order.

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Writings

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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

Conservation of natural resources
Educators
Environmental protection
Forest management
Housing
Logging
Lumbering

Names

Compton, Wilson Martindale, 1890-1967

Corporate Body

National Lumber Manufacturers Association