

Guide to the Otto T. Bannard Papers

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SUMMARY: Correspondence, certificates, photographs, and news clippings relating to Otto T. Bannard's world travels and to his activities as a member of the Yale University Corporation. The most substantive letters are the copies of those written by Bannard to Thomas W. Farnam and other friends between 1921 and 1926 while he was traveling in South America, the Far East, India and Europe. The incoming correspondence is made up chiefly of letters of congratulation on Bannard's fundraising activities for Yale and on his appointment as school commissioner of New York. Also included is correspondence on a portrait of Robert J. Cook for Yale University, together with a photograph of Cook and of Bannard.

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f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of A. C. Downing, 1942, and Carl A. Lohmann, 1948.

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Biographical / Historical

Otto Tremont Bannard was born in Brooklyn, New York, on April 28, 1854. He graduated from Yale University in 1876, with the degree of B.A. In 1878, he received an LL.B. from Columbia University and in 1924, he received an LL.D. from Colgate University. In the decade after his graduation from Columbia, Bannard remained in New York City while practicing law. He was director, trustee, or president of numerous banking and insurance companies and ran for mayor of New York City in 1909. Bannard died in 1929.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of papers pertaining to Otto Tremont Bannard, in particular to his world travels and his activities as member of the Yale University Corporation. Included are correspondence, certificates, photographs, and newspaper clippings.

Bannard's outgoing correspondence consists of typed copies of letters written to Thomas W. Farnam and other friends while Bannard was traveling in South America, the Far East, India, and Europe, between 1921 and 1926. His letters discuss local economic conditions and politics and customs, and his own social activities while traveling. There are also a number of letters written from the United States; these contain comments on Yale Corporation business as well as other matters. Bannard's incoming correspondence consists largely of letters of thanks and congratulations from a variety of friends and associates, but also included are letters from the Yale Corporation thanking Bannard for his work as national chairman of the endowment campaign, and letters of appointment as school commissioner in New York City. A few of the letters also deal with a portrait of Robert Johnstone Cook for Yale University. Photographs of Cook and the portrait are included in this collection.

Other materials in the collection include a genealogy of the Bannard family compiled by Bannard, newspaper clippings about him, and two resolutions on the occasion of his death. A copy of the prayer

offered at Bannard's funeral by Henry Sloane Coffin is included with the letters to Thomas W. Farnam, which are contained in a bound volume.

The volume of letters to Thomas W. Farnam were donated to Yale University by Carl A. Lohmann in 1948; the other papers were donated in 1942 by A. C. Downing.

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Correspondence

Outgoing

b. 1, f. 1	Letters to unidentified correspondents	1921, 1923
b. 1, f. 2	Letters to Thomas W. Farnam	1923-1928

Incoming

b. 1, f. 3	Brannell, Clark W.	1909 November 3
b. 1, f. 4	Charity Organization Society	1928 January 25
b. 1, f. 5	Cutten, George P.	1924 March 27
b. 1, f. 6	Depew, Chauncey M.	1926 May 6
b. 1, f. 7	Niemeyer, John H.	1924 September 9
b. 1, f. 8	Root, Elihu	1909 November 3
b. 1, f. 9	Schiff, Jacob H.	1909 November 3
b. 1, f. 10	Seymour, George Dudley	1924 August 21, September 23
b. 1, f. 11	Taft, William Howard	1927 September 16
b. 1, f. 12	Yale University	1928 February 11, 28
b. 1, f. 13	Letters of appointment as Commissioner of Common Schools, New York City	1897
b. 1, f. 14	"History of the Family Surnamed... Bannard" English	1914
Resolutions on the death of Otto T. Bannard		
b. 1, f. 15	Metropolitan Life Insurance Company	1929 January 29
b. 1, f. 16	Yale Club of New York City	[1929?]
b. 1, f. 17	Photographs of Robert Johnstone Cook	1871, [1912?]
b. 1, f. 18	Newspaper clippings	1909, undated

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.

Geographic Names

Asia

Europe -- Description and travel

Occupations

Bankers

Names

Bannard, Otto Tremont, 1854-1929

Cook, Robert Johnston, 1849-1922

Farnam, Thomas Wells, 1877-1943

Corporate Bodies

Yale Corporation

Yale University -- Officials and employees