

Guide to the Reece Marshall Newport Papers

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: MS 373

CREATOR: Newport, Reece Marshall, d. 1957

TITLE: Reece Marshall Newport papers

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LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The papers contain two manuscripts. The first, "Plan for Raising Funds for Polish Relief", describes Newport's efforts to raise money for the Polish Relief Fund in 1940. The second, "The Saga of Pelorus Jack", is an unpublished fictional biography of a dolphin who reputedly escorted ships through Frenchmen's Strait in New Zealand in the 1880s and 1890s. Included is an incomplete manuscript, notes on dolphins and historical events related to the story, and correspondence, mostly with Carl C. Cutter

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

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Edward Randall, 1959.

Conditions Governing Access

The entire collection is available on microfilm. Patrons must use HM 273 instead of the originals.

The materials are open for research.

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Biographical / Historical

Reece Marshall Newport, d 1957. Yale Class of 1901.

President of R.M. Newport & Company, Inc., real estate, mortgage loans and insurance, 404 Pioneer Building, St. Paul, Minnesota. Residence, 833 Grand Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota.

He did not return to college for Senior Year because of financial difficulties and began working as a clerk in the auditor's office of the Northern Pacific Railway until June 1, 1901. Then he began working as a clerk in his father's office in charge of real estate, insurance, and mortgage loans, 1901-1912; after his father's death in 1912 the company was incorporated under the name R.M. Newport & Co.; its specialty was railroad and trackage property, general city real estate, mortgage loans, and insurance.

The company's speciality is railroad and trackage property, and in addition thereto we do a general city real estate, mortgage loan, and insurance business at St. Paul.

He was a Republican and has been a member of the Seventh Ward Republican Committee, vice-chairman of the City and the Council Republican Organisation, and has been on the Republican City Campaign Committee for several years.

His connection with various organisations follows: member of St. Paul Athletic, Loyal Legion, Yale, and Alpha Delta Phi Clubs of New York; Town and Country Club, house committee; St. Paul German, chairman of the executive committee; one of the founders and a governor of the University Club; lieutenant, captain and director of the Minnesota Boat Club; secretary and treasurer of the Yale Alumni Association of the Northwest; president of the Aero Club of Minnesota.

He was unmarried.

Scope and Contents

The Reece M. Newport papers contains two manuscripts by Reece Marshall Newport. The first describes Newport's two-fold plan to raise money for the Polish Relief Fund in 1940 by reprinting the historical novel *Thaddeus of Warsaw* by Jane Porter with a new foreword by Jan Paderewski and endorsements by other dignitaries, and by making a film of the life of General Thaddeus Kosciuszko based on the novel.

The second manuscript, entitled "The saga of Pelorus Jack," is a fictional biography of the famous dolphin that reputedly escorted ships through Frenchmen's Strait in New Zealand in the 1880's and 1890's. Included in the papers are the incomplete manuscript, a small amount of correspondence concerning it (1941 - 1949),

mostly with Carl C. Cutter of the Mystic, Connecticut, Marine Museum and also notes by Newport on dolphins, New Zealand, Polynesia, oceanography, historical events bearing on the story and other related topics.

The papers were given to Yale University by Edward Randall in 1959.

Collection Contents

"Plan for Raising Funds for Polish Relief"		
b. 1, f. 1reel 1U	Draft	[1940?]
b. 1, f. 2reel 1U	Copy	1940
"The Saga of Pelorus Jack"		
b. 1, f. 3reel 1U	Correspondence	1941-1949
b. 1, f. 4 - 11reel 1U	Manuscript	undated
b. 1, f. 12 - 15reel 1U	Notes	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.

Subjects

Dolphins

Geographic Names

Frenchmen's Strait (N.Z.)

Names

Cutter, Carl C.

Newport, Reece Marshall, d. 1957

Newport, Reece Marshall, d. 1957 (Plan for raising funds for Polish relief)

Newport, Reece Marshall, d. 1957 (Saga of Pelorus Jack)

Corporate Body

Polish Victims' Relief Fund