

# Guide to the Clifford Whittingham Beers Papers

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 612

**CREATOR:** Beers, Clifford Whittingham, 1876-1943

**TITLE:** Clifford Whittingham Beers papers

**DATES:** 1878-1966

**BULK DATES:** 1878-1958

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 5 linear feet

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Consists of typescript, holograph and mimeograph drafts and notes for *A Mind That Found Itself* by Clifford W. Beers, Yale graduate, author, founder of the Mental Hygiene Movement, and reformer in the field of mental health. Also included are printed materials, pamphlets, and clippings relating to Beers and his work in addition to photographs of Beers and his wife, the former Clara Louise Jepson.

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b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Clara Louise Jepson Beers.

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### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Biographical / Historical

In 1908 founded the Connecticut Society for Mental Hygiene; in 1909 founded National Committee for Mental Hygiene; in 1928 founded American Foundation for Mental Hygiene; founded in 1930 International Committee for Mental Hygiene; founded in 1931 International Foundation for Mental Hygiene.

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## Scope and Contents

The Clifford W. Beers papers consist primarily of eleven different drafts of his manuscript for *A Mind that Found Itself*. Included in this are typed copies of dictation, holograph manuscripts in pencil, drafts with numerous annotations, elisions, corrections, additions, and readers' copies with their comments and criticisms. The manuscripts were received already numbered and in some order; no attempt has been made at more detailed collation. However, the order may be somewhat arbitrary and further research may reveal some corrections to be made in this connection.

The rest of the papers consist of printed materials, pamphlets, clippings, and articles by or about Clifford W. Beers. There are also some photographs of him and his wife. Biographical information may be found in Box 7, folder 47, "Obituaries."

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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**

Medicine  
Mental health

### **Names**

Beers, Clara Louise Jepson, 1874-1966  
Beers, Clifford Whittingham, 1876-1943 (Mind that found itself)

### **Corporate Body**

National Committee for Mental Health