

# Guide to the William Sloane Coffin, Sr. Correspondence

MS 1997



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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 1997

**CREATOR:** Coffin, William Sloane, 1879-1933

**TITLE:** William Sloane Coffin, Sr. correspondence

**DATES:** 1895-1920

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 0.5 linear feet (1 box)

**LANGUAGE:** The papers are in English.

**SUMMARY:** Correspondence written by William Sloane Coffin, Sr., primarily to his parents while a student at Yale. Several letters postdate his college years.

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

b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Edmund Coffin, 2014.

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## **Biographical / Historical**

William Sloane Coffin, Sr. (1879-1933) was a graduate of the Yale College Class of 1900. He later worked as an executive in his family's business, the W. & J. Sloane Company, and was president of the Metropolitan Museum of Art. He is the father of noted Christian minister and peace activist, William Sloane Coffin, Jr.

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## **Scope and Contents**

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## **Arrangement**

The papers are chronologically.

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## Collection Contents

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b. 1, f. 1-10	Correspondence	1895-1920, undated
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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.

### **Names**

Coffin, William Sloane, 1879-1933

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