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Guide to the William A. F. Stephenson Papers circa 1905-1986



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Descriptive Summary

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Title	Stephenson, William A. F., Papers
Date	circa 1905-1986
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Abstract	William A. F. Stephenson (1904-1985) University of Chicago graduate who had a long and prominent career in the military, public service, education, politics, and business. The collection documents Stephenson's work in FDR's New Deal, in the Army during WWII where he served under Patton and Bradley, and in Florida's Democratic Party.

Information on Use

Access

The collection is open for research.

Citation

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Biographical Note

William Alexander Forsyth Stephenson was born in Chicago on September 3, 1904. He graduated from the University of Chicago in June, 1927. During his college years, he was a police reporter for the City Press, covering organized crime. After college, Stephenson worked as Assistant Chief to the 1933 Chicago World's Fair director, Faye Cooper Cole. Once the Fair was underway Stephenson returned to the graduate program in Public Administration at the University of Chicago.

The university was heavily involved in the development of New Deal programs, and in 1933 Stephenson was employed as the first Chief of Operations of the newly formed Soil Erosion Service. In 1935 he transferred to the Dept. of the Interior as first Executive Officer of the Housing Division of PWA (Public Works Administration). After holding several positions in the Department of the Interior, Stephenson was sent to Florida to organize and supervise the Florida Power Corporation. While in Florida, he invented a valve that allowed refrigerating systems to function as heating systems.

In 1942, Stephenson enlisted in the US Army. He was commissioned as a Major and assigned to the School of Military Government. Shortly after graduating he was sent to Europe. He worked in the secret Nehou headquarters in Normandy, site of invasion planning, and participated actively during D-Day with the Army's engineering division. Working on the reconstruction of France, he participated in the transfer of the French government from Algiers to Europe as well as in the Liberation of Paris.

In 1945, Stephenson returned to the U.S. and retired from the Army. He continued developing the valve he had invented, and founded the Broquinda Corporation, which focused in building cooling systems for industrial transportation machines. During the 1950s, he was active in the Democratic Party in Florida. He directed Adlai's Stevenson presidential campaign in the state, was elected Chairman of the Democratic Party in Pinellas County, and helped to design state primary legislation.

In 1956, Stephenson ran unsuccessfully for Congress. Later that year, Stephenson designed a plan to address a shortage of male teachers in the public schools by funding graduate programs in education for qualified retired military personnel. He lobbied and gained support from both universities and the military. With the help of Senator Kennedy the program was approved and implemented with outstanding success. In 1963, Stephenson became an Assistant Dean of the Harvard University Graduate School of Education, a position that he held until 1964.

In retirement, Stephenson moved to Bat Cave, North Carolina, where he lived the rest of his life. Stephenson died in a car accident in 1985. He was the father of three daughters.

Scope Note

The Stephenson Papers are divided into seven series.

Series I contains paperwork, notes, correspondence, statistical charts, reviews, and drafts related the military education program designed by Stephenson. The goal of the program was to solve the deficit of qualified high school level teachers by training retired military. The law authorizing the program was presented by John F. Kennedy and approved by Congress in 1956.

Series II documents Stephenson's work on various governmental organizations during FDR's New Deal, including the Soil Erosion Service and the Department of Labor. The series includes correspondence between Stephenson and important New Deal figures, including Claude Pepper and Benjamin Cohen. It also contains all correspondence pertaining different New Deal celebratory reunions.

Series III contains materials related to Stephenson's work with the Democratic Party, including his support for Adlai Stevenson's presidential campaigns, his chairmanship of the Pinellas County Democratic Committee, and his 1956 campaign for Congress. The series also documents his work advocacy of Florida state primary legislation.

Series IV documents Stephenson's Army service and his life and work as a military veteran The series contains WWII military records, maps, photographs, and correspondence, including several accounts of D-Day invasion and the liberation of Paris, in which Stephenson participated. (A map of D-Day invasion strategy may be found in Series VII, Oversize.)

Series V contains materials related to Stephenson's studies at the University of Chicago, including alumni correspondence and files related to his employment as a journalist while enrolled at the University.

Series VI contains Stephenson's personal and business correspondence. It includes postcards, invoices, newspaper clippings and many personal records, as well as files related to the Broquinda Corporation and the Florida Power Corporation.

Related Resources

The following related resources are located in the Department of Special Collections:

http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/scrc/findingaids/topics.php

Subject Headings

- Stephenson, William A. F.
- Pepper, Claude, 1900-1989
- Stevenson, Adlai E. (Adlai Ewing), 1900-1965
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- Democratic Party (Fla.)
- New Deal, 1933-1939
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