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Guide to the Martin Hayes Bickham Papers 1911-1965



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Descriptive Summary

Identifier	ICU.SPCL.BICKHAM
Title	Bickham, Martin Hayes. Papers
Date	1911-1965
Size	3.5 linear feet (5 boxes)
Repository	Special Collections Research Center University of Chicago Library 1100 East 57th Street Chicago, Illinois 60637 U.S.A.

Abstract Martin Hayes Bickham, sociologist (University of Chicago, A.M. 1919, Ph.D. 1922). The Martin Hayes Bickham Papers consist of materials from coursework in the Sociology Department and Divinity School (1912-1922), correspondence relating to his appointment as secretary of the University of Chicago Christian Association (1911), materials related to his dissertation research (1922), correspondence with Amos Alonzo Stagg (1950s-1960s), and 1938-1939 correspondence related to his dissertation research. The collection also contains photographs and memorabilia from Bickham's work with the Y.M.C.A. during the First World War in France.

Information on Use

Access

No restrictions.

Citation

When quoting material from this collection, the preferred citation is: Bickham, Martin Hayes. Papers, [Box #, Folder #], Special Collections Research Center, University of Chicago Library

Biographical Note

Martin Hayes Bickham was born on October 7, 1880 in Churchtown, Pennsylvania. He received his A.B. from the University of Pennsylvania in 1908. He was a student in the Sociology Department at the University of Chicago from 1912-1922 and received his A.M. in 1919 and his Ph.D. in 1922. His A.M. thesis was titled "The Relations of Sociology and Religion from 1865 to 1915." His Ph.D. thesis, under the direction of Albion Small, was titled "The Scientific Antecedents of the Sociology of Auguste Comte."

Prior to commencing his academic work at the University of Chicago, Bickham was appointed as secretary of the University of Chicago Christian Association in 1911. During World War I, he

served with the Y.M.C.A in Paris. He was also an assistant coach for Amos Alonzo Stagg at the University of Chicago for several years beginning in 1911.

Following his graduation with a Ph.D. in sociology in 1922, Bickham went on to become a practicing sociologist, conducting studies in such subjects as racism, poverty, and social life on American college campuses. He became an influential figure in urban social affairs, especially matters relating to equal opportunity, open housing and civil liberties in the Chicago area.

Martin Hayes Bickham died in Evanston, IL in 1976.

Scope Note

The Martin Hayes Bickham Papers contain 3.5 linear feet of material and cover the period from 1911 to 1965. They consist of materials from coursework in the Sociology Department and Divinity School (1912-1922), correspondence relating to his appointment as secretary of the University of Chicago Christian Association (1911), materials related to his dissertation research (1922), and correspondence with Amos Alonzo Stagg (1950s-1960s). The collection also includes 1938-1939 correspondence with the American Sociological Society and “Friends of Comte and his Work,” which refers to his dissertation research on Comte. Finally, the collection contains materials from the First World War in France—maps, tourist guide books, and other memorabilia, as well as photo postcards photographs, printed photographs, and negatives. Some of these photographic materials relate to the work of Y.M.C.A. in France after the War.

The professional papers of Martin Hayes Bickham are located at the University of Illinois Circle Campus Library. The Bickham Family Papers ca. 1760 through the 1950s comprise a separate manuscript collection in the University of Chicago Library.

The collection has been divided into four series: 1. University of Chicago Course Materials, 2. Correspondence and Papers (arranged chronologically), 3. Photographic Images, and 4. First World War Memorabilia.

Related Resources

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

<http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/spcl/select.html>

Bickham Family. Papers

Albion W. Small. Papers

C. LeRoy Baldrige. Papers

Amos Alonzo Stagg. Papers

Subject Headings

- Bickham, Martin Hayes
- Small, Albion Woodbury, 1854-1926
- Stagg, Amos Alonzo, 1862-1965
- University of Chicago. Dept. of Sociology
- University of Chicago. Divinity School
- University of Chicago -- Societies, etc.
- World War, 1914-1918
- Photographs

INVENTORY

Series I: University of Chicago Course Materials

Box 1

Folder 1

Record of coursework for Master's and Ph.D. in Sociology

Box 1

Folder 2

Bedford, Scott E. W., "History of Sociology," Autumn, 1912

Box 1

Folder 3

Coulter, J. M., "Botany 5," Winter, 1920

Box 1

Folder 4

Faris, Ellsworth, "Social Attitudes," Spring, 1920

Box 1

Folder 5

Foster, George B., "History of Science and Religion," 1916

Box 1

Folder 6

Foster, George B., Seminar, n.d.

Box 1

Folder 7

Henderson, Charles R., Course 53, July-Aug., 1912

Box 1

Folder 8

Keubler, William E., "Social Psychology," Winter, 1920

Box 1

Folder 9

King, Henry C., "Ethics of Jesus," July, 1912

Box 1

Folder 10

Mathews, Shailer, "Bible," Jan., 1913

Box 1

Folder 11

Mathews, Shailer, "Church and Society," Autumn, 1920

Box 1

Folder 12

Mathews, Shailer, "Sunday Morning Bible," Winter, 1913; MHB term papers

Box 1

Folder 13

Mathews, Shailer, "Social and Ethical Teaching of Jesus," Winter, 1913

Box 1

Folder 14

Mead, George H., "Advanced Social Psychology," Winter, 1921.

Box 1

Folder 15

"Modern Industry," notes for course

Box 2

Folder 1

Schevill, Ferdinand, "History of Civilization," Autumn, 1920

Box 2

Folder 2

Small, Albion W., "Conflict of Classes," Spring, 1915

Box 2

Folder 3

Small, Albion W., "Elements of Sociology," Autumn, 1914

Box 2

Folder 4

Small, Albion W., "History of Sociology 1800-1865," Winter, 1917

Box 2

Folder 5

Small, Albion W., "History of Sociology 1865 to present," Winter, 1915

Box 2

Folder 6

Small, Albion W., "Introduction to Sociology," n.d.

Box 2

Folder 7

Small, Albion W., Seminar, 1915-1916, 1919-1920

Box 2

Folder 8

Thomas, William I., "Social Origins," Spring, 1914

Series II: Correspondence and Papers

Box 2

Folder 9

University of Chicago Christian Association, 1911

- Charles W. Gilkey to MHB, June 5
- MHB to Gilkey, June 6
- E.C. Carter to MHB, June 7

- Gilkey to MHB, L. Wilbur Messer to MHB, June 11
- Telegram, Messer (by Goodspeed) to MHB, June 13
- John M. Coulter to MHB, June 14
- Wm. J. Parker to MHB, June 14
- F. A. Crosby to MHB, June 15
- MHB to Parker, June 15
- MHB to Coulter, June 15
- Goodspeed to MHB, June 28, encl. "Outline for YMCA work at the University of Chicago," "The Young Men's Christian Association of the University of Chicago, Mid-Year Bulletin, January 1911"
- C. H. B. Goodspeed to MHB, June 13
- MHB to Goodspeed, June 14
- MHB to Coulter, June 28
- MHB to Goodspeed, June 28
- Coulter to MHB, June 30
- Goodspeed to MHB (with note from Gilkey appended), June 30
- Carter to MHB, July 1
- Messer to MHB, July 1
- MHB to Messer, July 3
- MHB to Goodspeed, n.d.
- MHB to Gilkey, July 3
- MHB to Coulter, July 5
- "Delegates to the Kansas City Volunteer Convention," December 31, 1913 to January 4, 1914.

Box 2

Folder 10

- Dissertation research, 1921
- "Syllabus of Proposed Dissertation," n.d.
 - Small to MHB, n.d.
 - Small to MHB, May 31
 - Small to MHB, June 16
 - Faris to MHB, July 15
 - Small to MHB, July 27
 - Curriculum vitae, MHB
 - Tuition receipts
 - Small to MHB, Dec 29, 1921
 - Small to MHB, n.d.
 - Small to MHB, n.d.
 - Small to MHB, n.d.
 - Small to MHB, n.d.
 - "Statement of the Problem"
 - U of C press, thesis abstracts order form, 1924

Box 2

Folder 11

American Sociological Society, Comtean Centenary, 1938-1939

- MHB to Frank H. Hankins, Pres. American Sociological Society, Dec. 14, 1938, encl. MHB dissertation abstract
- H. A. Phelps to MHB, Dec 15, 1938
- Hankins to MHB, Dec 16, 1938
- MHB to Hankins, Dec 21, 1938
- Hankins to MHB, Dec 23, 1938
- MHB to Judith Waller, National Broadcasting Co., Dec 27, 1938
- MHB to Hankins, Dec 27, 1938
- MHB to Allen Miller, University Broadcasting Co., Dec 29, 1938
- "Program of the Twenty-third Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Society," Detroit, Dec 28-30, 1938
- "Historians hear why Americans think as they do," Chicago Daily Tribune, Dec 29, 1938
- Earle Eubank to MHB, Jan 18, 1939
- MHB to Eubank, Jan 21, 1939
- Grace Curran, National Broadcasting Company, to MHB, April 3, 1939

Box 2

Folder 12

Society of Friends of Auguste Comte and His Work, 1938-1939

- Nicholas Murray Butler to A. P. Edger, July 21, 1938
- Philip L. Seman, General Director, Jewish People's Institute of Chicago, to MHB, Jan 29, 1939
- MHB to Seman, Feb 3, 1939
- Seman (by Helen Brody) to MHB, Feb 3, 1939
- Seman to MHB, April 3, 1939 with trans. copy letter from Auguste Paul Edger to Seman
- MHB to Seman, May 1, 1939
- Seman to MHB, May 2, 1939
- Seman to MHB, May 3, 1939, with copy letter from Robert E. Scheider to Seman, and trans. copy letter Scheider to Edger
- Edger to MHB, May 15, 1939, with conference program (French)
- F. Fagnot to MHB, May 23, 1939
- Seman (by Brody) to MHB, May 30, 1939, with letter from Edger to Seman
- Brody for Seman to MHB, with letter from Fagnot to Seman, June 1, 1939
- MHB to Cecil H. Desch, June 5, 1939
- MHB to Otto Baier, June 5, 1939
- MHB to Fagnot, June 5, 1939
- MHB to Edger, June 5, 1939
- MHB to Seman, June 5, 1939
- MHB to Robert Ross, June 5, 1939
- Desch to MHB, July 9, 1939
- Baier to MHB, June 15, 1939
- Baier to MHB, July 13, 1939

Box 2

Folder 13

Miscellaneous circulars, societies

- Undated list of names
- Circulars, Union Internationale de Pacifistes Patriotes: Jan 15, 1933, n.d., June 3, 1934, March 8, 1936, Nov 28, 1938
- Circulars, Société des Amis d' Auguste Comte et de Son Oeuvre two undated circulars with envelopes

Box 2

Folder 14

Offprints

- Otto Baier, "In Memoriam-Sydney Style," 23 February 1930
- Frank E. Hartung, "The Sociology of Positivism," *Science and Society* 8(4) Fall 1944
- Frank E. Hartung, "The Social Function of Positivism," *Philosophy of Science* 12(2) April 1945

Box 2

Folder 15

MHB papers and correspondence

- MHB, "The Scientific Antecedents of the Sociology of Auguste Comte," *The University of Chicago Abstracts of Theses, Humanistic Series, Volume 1*
- MHB, "Comte's 'Physique Sociale,' *The Introductory Treatise in the Modern Social Construction Movement*," submitted to Dr. Small, Nov. 1921, 2 typescript copies
- MHB, "A Comtean Centenary; Comte's formulation of his Sociological Concepts," 1922 draft with pasted excerpts of dissertation, with 1965 note
- "A Comtean Centenary," [*American Journal of*] *Sociology*, 1922, based on materials collected by MHB and rewritten by A. W. Small, typescript copy
- Don Martindale to MHB, with MHB dissertation abstract and "Comtean Centenary," April 13, 1965

Box 2

Folder 16

Amos Alonzo Stagg Correspondence and Memorabilia

- Stagg to MHB, Sept 4, 1959
- Stagg to MHB, Jan. 6, 1960
- Stagg to MHB, Aug. 16, 1961
- Stella Stagg to MHB, June 15, 1962
- Paul Stagg, n.d.
- Newspaper articles, Stagg's 97th and 100th birthday
- Clipping, Stagg scholarship fund
- Admission slip, signed by Stagg
- Photo of Stagg

Series III: Photographic Images

Subseries 1: Commercial photo postcards

Box 3

Folder 1

Chateau-Thierry, "Grande Guerre 1914-1918" (14 cards)

Box 3

Folder 2

Gisors (13 cards)

Box 3

Folder 3

Reims (10 cards)

Box 3

Folder 4

Ruins of Soissons after 2nd invasion, (booklet of 24 plus 3 duplicates)

Box 3

Folder 5

Soissons (10 cards)

Box 3

Folder 6

Verdun, "La Guerre 1914-1918," (booklet of 20, some detached)

Box 3

Folder 7

Ypres (11 cards, some in booklet)

Box 3

Folder 8

"Ruins of Ypres" (10 cards)

Box 3

Folder 9

Misc., Paris and Juvigny (2 cards)

Box 3

Folder 10

Brest, sent by MHB to wife and daughters, Aug 18, 1919

Box 3

Folder 11

rec'd by MHB.

- Tokyo, F. Torell to MHB in Illinois, Feb 25, 1919
- Dijon, E. B. Lane to MHB in Illinois, March 8, 1919
- Paris, Flora Delahoyle to MHB at YMCA in Paris, n.d.
- Chateau de Peyriu, May H. Emerson and Ethel C. Mackey to MHB, Aug. 7, 1919

Subseries 2: Postcards (non-commercial, mainly from MHB negatives)

Box 3

Folder 12

"M.H. Bickham, Regional Director, YMCA Paris Region at the grave of Arthur Vandaveer Savage at Mezy-sur-Marne, Memorial Day 1919" [negative, Folder 44]

Box 3

Folder 13

"M. H. Bickham...Mezy-sure-Marne" [negative, Folder 45]

Box 3

Folder 14

"The Grave of Arthur Vandaveer Savage, member of the National Committee of Council, Student Department, YMCA, USA, decorated on Memorial Day, 1919..." [negative, Folder 45]

Box 3

Folder 15

"Memorial Day services 1919 at Ploisy near Soissons..." (2 photos) [negative, Folder 46]

Box 3

Folder 16

"Memorial Day services 1919 at the American Cemetery, Seringes near Fere-en-Tardenois" [negative, Folder 44]

Box 3

Folder 17

"Scene on the banks of the Marne at Mezy near Chateau Thierry where Arthur Vandevveer Savage and a platoon of Americans prevented the crossing of the Germans, July 15, 1918" [negative, Folder 47]

Box 3

Folder 18

"Car of M. H. Bickham, Regional Director, Paris Region of YMCA in the center of Fismes..." (2 photos) [negatives, Folders 48, 49]

Box 3

Folder 19

"Front of the Cathedral at Reims showing the effect of German fire. Car of M. H. Bickham standing in front" [negative, Folder 50]

Box 3

Folder 20

Remains of the church of St. John des Vignes at Soissons (3 photos) [negatives, Folder 51, 52]

Box 3

Folder 21

"Jewish graves, at [Borry?] near St. Orientin"

- "American cemetery just outside of [Peronne?]"
- "American cemetery at Belleau Woods" [negative, Folder 53]
- "Old church at Long Pont near Soissons...where 2nd Division drove through July 18, 1918"

Box 3

Folder 22

"5/5/19, MHB on Hinderburg Line near Laffaux..." [negative, Folder 54]

- "5/5/19, Photograph of French cemetery at Loffaux..." [negative, Folder 55]
- "On the ridges above Soissons, MHB looking onto valley" [negative, Folder 56]
- "On the ridge above Soissons" [negative, Folder 57]
- "5/5/19, village church in [Fere-en-Tarder Nois?] after the bombardment..." [negative, Folder 58]

Subseries 3: YMCA copies of prints

Box 3

Folder 23

"Ethel S. Mackey, Mary H. Emerson, Marjorie Clinton, picking apple blossoms to decorate a [?] on Mother's Day, May 1919"

- "Ethel S. Mackey-soprano; Mary Hopkins Emerson-accompanist, Marjorie Clinton-reader, Dr. S. M. McGill-speaker [?] in Soissons"

Box 3

Folder 24

Two women boxing

- Group photograph
- Inside tent
- "YMCA Camp Joinville, [Maise?] 1919: one of our tents"
- Red Cross postcard, "YMCA Brussels..."

Box 3

Folder 25

"Student-Secretaries Summer School, Lake Geneva, Wis., 1919"

- "Students Life Work Meeting Lake Geneva, Wis., 1919"

Subseries 4: Photographic prints (5" x 7" except noted)

Box 3

Folder 26

Parade going by YMCA, 2 photos

Box 3

Folder 27

"Gimetiére 'Americain' suresnes"

- Chateau-Thierry
- Two men on German tank

Box 3

Folder 28

Reims, 9 photos (1 is an aerial view)

Box 3

Folder 29

German officers looking at map

- Monument, Aix Morts pour la Patre

Box 3

Folder 30

1-4, "Party of sailors at the Champs des Mars under the Eiffel Tower ready to leave on a sightseeing trip around Paris, Aug 1919," Ernest Wardavoir, photographer.

Box 3

Folder 31

"Grave of Quentin Roosevelt," Spring 1919, 5" x 7" [negatives, Folder 59-60]

Box 3

Folder 32

"Remains of church at Missy-au-Bois near Soissons," 2 prints, 5" x 7" [negatives, Folder 61]

Box 3

Folder 33

Memorial Day services 1919 at Ploisy near Soissons, 1919, 5 prints, 5" x 7" [negatives, Folder 62-63]

Box 3

Folder 34

3 1/2" x 3 1/2," except unlabeled

- "Missy aux Bois G.R.S. men marching into Ploisy cemetery"
- "Dr. S. M. McGill leading Memorial Day Services, Ploisy cemetery..."
- "Soissons YMCA"
- "Refugees"
- "G.R.S. men at [Fisuies], Ethel S. Mackey, Mary H. Emerson"
- "4 [trowels?] in action, G.R.S. at [Fere-eu-Tardenois]"
- "G.R.S. men at Torcy, Ethel S. Mackey, Mary H. Emerson"
- unlabeled (5" x 4")

Box 3**Folder 35**

"Prison de la Roquette, during an Entertainment" (3 prints, 5" x 4")

Box 3**Folder 36**

9 prints, 3" x 4 3/4"

- "Hindenberg line"
- "Ft. Pomfelle"
- "Heart of Fismes"
- "Belleau Wood Cemetery"
- "Cathedral at Soissons"
- "Soissons, Miss Bain and Mrs. Hill"
- "'Y' at Soissons"
- "'Y' at Soissons,"
- "'Y' at Rheins"

Box 3**Folder 37**

6 prints, 3 1/2" x 2 1/2"

- "1. Gen Paul B. Malone, speaker; 2. Miss Helen King, regional Women's work Director"
- "Memorial Day Party, 1919"
- "At Brest"
- 3 photos taken by E. B. Lane given to MHB

Box 3**Folder 38**

"Cemetery at Sorilly...", 3" x 4"

- "Grave no. 177, Edward K. Hyman of Churchtown PA," 3" x 4"

Box 3**Folder 39**

20 prints, 23/4" x 11/4" [negatives, Folder 43]

Box 3**Folder 40**

Roosevelt's grave, 2 prints, 21/4" x 21/2 " [negatives, Folder 59-60]

Box 3**Folder 41**

Church at Missy-au-Bois, 3 prints, 21/4" x 21/2 " [negatives, Folders 61]

Box 3

Folder 42

6 prints, 2 1/4" x 5" strips [negatives, Folders 65-70]

Subseries 5: Negatives

Box 3

Folder 43

21 negatives [some printed, Folder 39]

Subseries 6: Glass negatives

Box 3

Folder 44

Printed as postcards in collection, [Folder 12, 16]

Box 3

Folder 45

Printed as postcards in collection, [Folder 13, 14]

Box 3

Folder 46

Printed as postcards in collection, [Folder 15]

Box 3

Folder 47

Printed as postcards in collection, [Folder 17]

Box 3

Folder 48-49

Printed as postcards in collection, [Folder 18]

Box 3

Folder 50

Printed as postcards in collection, [Folder 19]

Box 3

Folder 51-52

Printed as postcards in collection, [Folder 20]

Box 3

Folder 53

Printed as postcards in collection, [Folder 21]

Box 3

Folder 54-58

Printed as postcards in collection, [Folder 22]

Box 3

Folder 59-60

Printed as photos in collection, [Folder 31, 40]

Box 3

Folder 61

Printed as photos in collection, [Folder 32, 41]

Box 3

Folder 62-64

Printed as photos in collection, [Folder 33]

Box 3

Folder 65-70

Printed as photos in collection, [Folder 42]

- Folders 71-74: Not printed in collection

Series IV: First World War Memorabilia

Box 4

Folder 1

Bookmarks (3), Berger-Levrault, Éditeurs

- Booklet, "Alsace and Lorraine Desire to Remain French," 1918, in French and English, 32 pp

Box 4

Folder 2

"Map of the Western Theatre of War," National Geographic Society, folded

- Map, "Western Front at a Glance," American Expeditionary Forces, Young Men's Christian Association, booklet, 28 pp
- Notes, inserted into "Western Front" map

Box 4

Folder 3

Map, "The Western Theater of the European War," B. Barrecchia, 1919

Box 4

Folder 4

Booklet (5 copies), "Chateau Thierry; A friendly guide for American Pilgrims to the Shrines between the Marne and the Vesle," Sergeant Alexander Woollcott with Sketches by Private C. LeRoy Baldrige [note; Baldrige was at U of C, contemporary with Bickham]

Box 4

Folder 5

"Conquest and Kultur; Aims of the Germans in their own words," compiled by W. Notestein and E. Stoll, issued by Committee on Public Information, Jan. 1918

Box 4

Folder 6

Illustrated Michelin Guides to the battlefields

- "Bataille de la Marne-II. Les Marais de Saint-Gond; Coulommiers, Provins, Sézanne," Guides Michelin, 1917, 118 pp, French
- "Bataille de la Marne-III. La Trouée de Revigny; Chalons-Vitry-Bar-le-duc," Guides Michelin, 1918, 109 pp, French

Box 4

Folder 7

Michelin Guides

- "Battle-fields of the Marne, 1914-I. The Ourco; Chantilly-Senlis-Meaux," Michelin Guides, Paris, 1917, 118 pp, English
- "Lille; Avant et Pendant la Guerre," Michelin, 1919, 63 pp, French
- "Soissons; Avant et Pendant la Guerre," Michelin, 1919, 63 pp, French

Box 5

Folder 1

"La Fete de la Victoire," L'illustration, 19-26 July 1919, illustrated magazine, 18 pp

Box 5

Folder 2

France and America material, 1917-1919

- "Programme; France-Amérique Théâtre Sarah Bernhard," 29 April 1919, under auspices of A.E.F. and Y.M.C.A, French
- "From La Fayette to Pershing," illustrated booklet, French and English
- "Message from French Mothers to American Mothers," Mother's Day 1919, French and English
- "Matinée Franco-Américaine organisée...la celebration du Mother's Day," 1919, French

Box 5

Folder 3

"L'effort Français; Pendant la Guerre," two issues, one on military effort, one on industry, agriculture, transportation, and aid organizations

Box 5

Folder 4

Atlas of the World War, [1919], Dangerfield Printing, London