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# Guide to the League of Nations Association, Midwest Branch Records 1936-1942



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## **Descriptive Summary**

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**Abstract** The League of Nations Association Records contain materials concerning the educational activities of the association, contests and model League of Nations Council and Assemblies for high school students. The collection also includes materials about coordinated programs with the Chicago Peace Council and the National Peace Conference, as well as the dissemination of literature concerning neutrality legislation. After the outbreak of war in 1941, the association worked chiefly through the World Citizens Association and the Commission to study the Organization of Peace.

## **Information on Use**

### **Access**

No restrictions.

### **Citation**

When quoting material from this collection, the preferred citation is: League of Nations Association, Midwest Branch. Records, [Box #, Folder #], Special Collections Research Center, University of Chicago Library

### **Historical Note**

The League of Nations Association was a national organization with semi-autonomous branches in various parts of the country. The association supported revision of the League Covenant and American membership. It waged an educational campaign to inform Americans of the League's activities and accomplishments and generally tried to foster international cooperation, both politically and economically.

The Mid-West branch, with headquarters in Chicago, included Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Missouri, Iowa, Kansas, South Dakota, North Dakota and Nebraska. The correspondence and related documents cover the period 1936-1942, under the directorships of Walter H.C.

Laves, 1936-1939, William Diez, 1939-1941, Lucy McCoy, 1941, and John Van de Water, 1941-1942. The principal financial supporter of the Mid-West branch and secretary of the Executive Committee was Mrs. Emmons McCormick Blaine, a prominent Chicago philanthropist.

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The collection is comprised of five series: Series I: 1936; Series II: 1937; Series III: 1938; Series IV: 1939-1941; and Series V: 1941-1942.

## **Related Resources**

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

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

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- Peace
- International cooperation
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