Guide to the Bessie Louise Pierce Papers 1839-1974

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Descriptive Summary

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Title
Pierce, Bessie Louise. Papers

Date
1839-1974

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17.5 linear feet (35 boxes)

Repository
Special Collections Research Center
University of Chicago Library
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Chicago, Illinois 60637 U.S.A.

Abstract

Information on Use

Access
No restrictions

Citation
When quoting material from this collection, the preferred citation is: Pierce, Bessie Louise. Papers, [Box #, Folder #], Special Collections Research Center, University of Chicago Library

Biographical Note
Bessie Louise Pierce, Professor of History at the University of Chicago, was born in Caro, Michigan on April 20, 1888. Her youth was spent in Waverly, Iowa, where her family moved soon after her birth and where her father operated a prosperous dry-goods business. After graduation from the University of Iowa in 1910, she taught high school in Sanborn and Mason City, Iowa before returning to the University of Iowa as instructor and head of the social studies department in its laboratory high school. Her graduate work in history began with summer courses at the University of Chicago leading to an A.M. degree in 1918, and continued with advanced studies at the University of Iowa under the direction of Arthur M. Schlesinger, Sr.
In 1923, she received her Ph.D. from Iowa and joined its department of history as an assistant professor. A further promotion to associate professor came in 1926.

While Pierce’s early writing concentrated on the methodology of secondary teaching, a traditional field of interest for professional women, her work during the 1920s also reflected a growing concern with the relationship between educational policy and national ideology. In 1926, the year she was elected president of the National Council for the Social Studies, Knopf published a revision of her dissertation on the manipulation of school curricula, Public Opinion and the Teaching of History. Four years later, the University of Chicago Press issued Civic Attitudes in American School Textbooks as part of a series on civic education edited by Charles E. Merriam. A third monograph, Citizens’ Organizations and the Civic Training of Youth (1933), resulted from her work on the American Historical Association’s Investigation of Social Studies in the Schools. By treating issues then troubling many intellectuals, these books on propaganda and pressure groups brought Pierce national scholarly attention and secured her position in the ranks of professionals influenced by Schlesinger’s new social history.

In 1929, Pierce accepted the offer of the Local Community Research Committee to come to the University of Chicago as an associate professor of history and head of the History of Chicago Project. This Project, originally conceived as a Centennial History of Chicago, was intended to integrate economic, political, and sociological studies already sponsored by the Committee and uncover new areas for further research. As recast by Pierce, the Project became a complex effort to survey all relevant historical records for a definitive four-volume account of Chicago’s growth from 1673 to 1915. Working with a staff of assistants drawn from her courses in urban history, Pierce supervised a carefully organized system that directed research from the initial taking of notes and verification of facts to the writing of preliminary manuscripts and editing of final chapter drafts. Part of the accumulating material appeared in As Others See Chicago, a collection of travel accounts issued in 1933. Production of the main text was slowed by the extensive amounts of original research required, but by 1940 both Volume I and II of A History of Chicago had been published. A significant advance over previous anecdotal work on the subject, the History was the first of several city biographies begun during the 1930s that brought a new sophistication of treatment and accuracy of detail to the writing of urban history.

As work on the History of Chicago continued, Pierce engaged in a number of public and professional activities. She was an advisor to the W.P.A. Foreign Language Press Survey in Chicago from 1936 to 1940, and a member of the board planning Franklin Roosevelt’s presidential library in Hyde Park, New York in 1939-1940. Her involvement in the American Historical Association included service on the Council and membership on two special committees recommending wartime policy on education to the federal government. In 1946, research conducted by Pierce for the Missouri Pacific and other lines in their case against the Santa Fe Railroad produced Studies on Chicago Economic History, a document submitted as evidence before the Interstate Commerce Commission and used later in the preparation of chapters on economics for Volume III of the History.

During these years, Pierce also devoted an increasing amount of time to the writing of high school and college textbooks in history, none of which was ever published. After a manuscript on martial music written with her sister failed to interest publishers, she collaborated with David
Behen on a twentieth-century American history text and with Gene Lavengood on a general history of the United States. For more than fifteen years, these projects distracted her from teaching and supervision of the History of Chicago Project without producing the additional income she had hoped they would provide.

In 1953, Pierce retired from the faculty and became a professor emeritus. Funds from the Social Science Research Committee, which had supported the History of Chicago Project since 1930, were now supplemented by grants from the Guggenheim Foundation, the American Association of University Women, the Field Foundation, the Chicago Community Trust, the Chicago Historical Society, and the Schermerhorn Charitable Trust. Volume III of the History was pressed to completion and published in 1957, but work on Volume IV suffered from reductions in the size of the staff, Pierce’s advancing age, and her practice of commuting regularly between Chicago and Iowa City in order to spend as much time as possible with her sister. Despite the consolidation of Project files in Iowa City following her permanent move there in 1972, the last volume of the History remained unfinished at her death on October 3, 1974.

**Scope Note**

The collection has been arranged in six series:

Series I: Personal Papers, is divided into four subseries. The first, Pierce Family Papers, consists of miscellaneous letters, deeds, and journals of various Pierce family members in Iowa, Michigan, and New York from 1839 to 1911. None of these documents contains anything written by Pierce. The second subseries, Miscellaneous Personal Correspondence, includes Pierce’s correspondence with her immediate family and such personal friends as the wife and young sons of Arthur Schlesinger, Sr. The diaries which follow include two volumes containing four years of entries each and a third volume preserving Pierce’s fragmentary comments on her 1934 European tour. The fourth subseries, Biographical, is a collection of material relating to Pierce’s education and professional career, including records of her promotions and appointments, bibliographies of her publications, and biographical newspaper clippings. The annotated McLaughlin manuscript represents Pierce’s unrealized plan to produce a revised edition for the secondary school market.

Series II: Professional Correspondence, contains the record of her relationships with professional associations, publishers, foundations, students, and colleagues. The two largest groups of correspondence are those with Alfred A. Knopf, publisher of A History of Chicago, and with Holt Rinehart, which inherited the Pierce-Behen textbook from Dryden Press and subsequently contracted to publish the Pierce-Lavengood text. Among the historians with whom she corresponded Ray Billington, William Dodd, Merle Curti, and Arthur Schlesinger were particularly close friends; her letters to them often deal with personal as well as professional matters. Of the research assistants represented, Blake McKelvey and Zane Miller became noted urban historians in their own right.

Series III contains administrative records and manuscripts produced by the History of Chicago Project from its formation in 1929 until 1973. Although Pierce received the initial offer of the Project directorship from Charles Merriam on behalf of the Local Community Research
Committee, within a year of her arrival in Chicago the Social Science Research Committee had superseded the LCRC. All subsequent progress reports and requests for funds were therefore submitted to the SSRC or to its subsidiary, the Committee on the History of Chicago.

The reports, minutes, and financial statements contained in this series present a continuous record of Pierce’s organization and management of the Project during its first twenty-five years. Additional material on administration during this period can be found in Pierce’s professional correspondence with Merriam, the LCRC, and the SSRC in Series II.

The administrative records are followed by procedural records that include Pierce’s earliest proposals for the History of Chicago, a miscellaneous group of instructions governing office operations and research methods, and a large series of research assistants’ monthly reports extending from 1930 to 1972. These monthly reports are particularly valuable for the light they shed on the division of responsibilities among the student staff, the nature of sources utilized in the course of research, and the varying emphasis given different historical topics over the life of the Project.

The last section of Project records contains chapter drafts from each of the four volumes of A History of Chicago. Research for individual chapters of the History began with notes recorded by a student assistant on 5x8” sheets of paper and arranged in files according to subject. Research reports (19:12) based on these notes were then the proposed publication of Volume IV may apply to the Archivist for access to relevant letters and memoranda in the general Departmental files.

In Series IV: Other Writings, articles and essays, book reviews, and addresses and lectures listed in alphabetical order are preceded by major writings arranged chronologically. Additional information on Pierce’s major writings can be found in her professional correspondence with publishers and co-authors in Series II.

Series V contains memorabilia and photographs. Among several honors bestowed on Pierce following her retirement in 1953 were an honorary degree from Northwestern University and a Medal of Merit from the City of Chicago. The photographs of Pierce and her family number more than 500; these have been arranged by name or date where possible, but many remain unidentified. Additional photographs of Pierce are held in the Archival Photofiles.

Series VI: Addenda, contains a small amount of correspondence and material related to A History of Chicago.

**Related Resources**

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

Subject Headings

- Pierce, Bessie Louise, 1888-1974
- Billington, Ray Allen, 1903-
- Dodd, William Edward, 1869-1940
- Merriam, Charles Edward, 1874-1953
- McKelvey, Blake, 1903-
- Miller, Zane L.
- Schlesinger, Arthur Meier, 1917-
- Alfred A. Knopf, Inc.
- Holt, Rinehart, and Winston, Inc.
- Chicago (Ill.) -- History
- Women historians
- Historians
- Photographs
- Diaries

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