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Arthur S. Link Papers, 1940s-1992: Inventory

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Abstract:	Arthur S. Link was an author, editor, scholar and publisher, but is best known as the leading historian on Woodrow Wilson and for his leadership over the publication of Wilson's papers. This collection consists of the personal papers of Link, which includes articles, correspondence, notes, office files, and presidency records of the American Historical Association.

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Biography of Arthur S. Link

Arthur Stanley Link was an author, editor, scholar and publisher, but is best known as the leading historian on Woodrow Wilson and for his leadership over the publication of Wilson's papers. Link was born to John William and Helen Link in New Market, Virginia on August 8, 1920. He received his B.A. from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill in 1941 and taught at North Carolina State College from 1943-1944. From 1944-1945 he was a Rosenwald Fellow at Columbia; he received his doctorate from UNC in 1945. In 1945 Link became an instructor in history Princeton; in 1949 he joined the faculty at Northwestern and became a full professor in 1954. Link was the Harmsworth Professor of American History at Oxford from 1958-1959, having received an M.A. from Oxford in 1958. In 1958 the Woodrow Wilson Foundation invited Link to be director of *The Papers of Woodrow Wilson* Project, and he returned to Princeton as the chief editor of the project and a professor of History in 1960. At Princeton, Link led the 69 volumes of the *Papers* project from its inception through completion in 1994 and was also the Edwards Professor of American History from 1965-1976 and the George Henry Davis Professor of American History from 1976-1991. Link retired from the History Department as Professor Emeritus in 1991.

Along with his editorship of the Papers of Woodrow Wilson, Link published more than 30 books, including a five-volume biography of Wilson, as well as numerous articles and reviews. He held both Guggenheim and Rockefeller fellowships, was a member of Institute for Advanced Study, and was president of Southern Historical Association, the Organization of American Historians, and the American Historical Association. Additionally, Link was the main organizer and first president of the Association for Documentary Editing. He also served as Vice President of the National Council of Churches.

Link married Margaret McDowell Douglas on June 2, 1945; they had 4 children. Link died on March 26, 1998 in Bermuda Village, North Carolina.

Description

The collection consists of personal papers of Arthur S. Link. Included are correspondence, papers, writings, notes on Link's biography of Woodrow Wilson, lecture notes, office files, and presidency records of the American Historical Association.

Series 1: Correspondence, 1949-19921

Subseries 1A: Through December 1982

Subseries 1B: Through June 1968

Subseries 1C: 1968-1974

Subseries 1D: 1968-1977

Subseries 1E: 1982-1992

Subseries 1F: Miscellaneous Subjects, 1949-1977

Series 2: Miscellaneous Papers, Undated

Series 3: Wilson Biography, Notes to Volumes 1-5, Undated

Series 4: Miscellaneous Writings, Undated

Includes notes for Wilson biography, dissertation, etc.

Series 5: Lecture Notes, Undated

Series 6: Later Additions, 1970, Undated

Arrangement

This is an unprocessed collection and remains in its original arrangement.

Organized into the following series:

Series 1: Correspondence, 1949-19921

Subseries 1A: Through December 1982

Subseries 1B: Through June 1968

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Access and Use

Access

The collection is open for research.

Restrictions on Use and Copyright Information

Single photocopies may be made for research purposes. Permission to publish materials from the collection must be requested from the Curator of the Public Policy Papers. Researchers are responsible for determining

any copyright questions.

Acquisition and Appraisal

Provenance and Acquisition

Gift of Arthur S. Link on May 5, 1992. An additional gift of home office files and Wake Forest Medical School files was made by Link's son William A. Link in 2004.

Related Materials

Related Archival Material

Other material at the Mudd Manuscript Library related to the Arthur S. Link Papers include his Faculty files, part of the Princeton University Archives.

This collection is part of a group of over 20 collections held at the Seeley G. Mudd Manuscript Library related to Woodrow Wilson, which can be located by searching for the subject "Wilson, Woodrow, 1856-1924" on the [Princeton Finding Aids website](#) or in the [Princeton Library Main Catalog](#).

Please see [Woodrow Wilson: A Guide to Selected Resources in the Seeley G. Mudd Manuscript Library](#) for more particulars.

Processing and Other Information

Preferred Citation

Identification of specific item; Date (if known); Arthur S. Link Papers, Box and Folder Number; Public Policy Papers, Department of Rare Books and Special Collections, Princeton University Library.

Works Cited

The Arthur S. Link Faculty files were consulted during preparation of biographical note.

Processing Information

This is an unprocessed collection. The contents list provided is a preliminary inventory.

Encoding

Machine-readable finding aid encoded in EAD 2002 by Techbooks and Cristela García-Spitz on December 23, 2006. Updated by Jennifer Cole on April 9, 2007.

Descriptive Rules Used

Finding aid content adheres to that prescribed by *Describing Archives: A Content Standard*.

Subject Headings

These materials have been indexed in the [Princeton University Library online catalog](#) using the following terms. Those seeking related materials should search under these terms.

- American Historical Association.
- Princeton University -- Faculty -- 20th century.
- Princeton University. Dept. of History.
- United States -- History -- Study and teaching (Higher) -- New Jersey -- Princeton -- 20th century.
- Wilson, Woodrow, 1856-1924.
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Series Description

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