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## Philip A. Crawl Collection on John Foster Dulles, 1873-1965: Finding Aid

### Summary Information

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<b>Abstract:</b>	Philip A. Crawl (1914-1991) was a military historian who taught at universities and conducted research for the United States government, and also served as an intelligence officer. Crawl's Collection on John Foster Dulles is composed of Crawl's research materials for an unwritten biography on Dulles, including photocopies of correspondence, oral histories, and other materials about Dulles's entire career, as well as his family and personal life.

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## Biography

Philip A. Crowl (1914-1991) was a military historian who taught at universities and conducted research for the United States government, and also served as an intelligence officer. He taught at Princeton University, the University of Nebraska, and the U.S. Naval War College.

Crowl attended Swarthmore College, earning an A.B. degree in 1936, and attended Yale University Law School for postgraduate work in 1937. He earned a masters degree in history from the University of Iowa in 1939 and a doctorate in history from Johns Hopkins University in 1942. Crowl began teaching at Princeton University as an instructor in history from 1941 to 1942. He then left academia to serve in the United States Navy, serving from 1942 to 1945 in the Pacific and reaching the rank of lieutenant commander. His service in the navy influenced his life-long study and interest in naval and military history. Following his military service, Crowl returned to Princeton, where he was an assistant professor of history from 1945 to 1949. His first book, *Maryland During and After the American Revolution*, was published in 1943.

In 1949, Crowl left Princeton to serve as a civilian historian for the Office of the Chief of Military History of the United States Army in Washington, D.C., and remained in that position until 1957. He then became an intelligence officer for the United States Department of State, serving in this post from 1957 to 1967. He published many works on military history during this period of his career, including *The U.S. Marines and Amphibious War* with J. A. Isley (1951), *Seizure of the Gilberts and Marshalls* with E. G. Love (1955), and *Campaign in the Marianas* (1961). In 1964, Crowl took a six month leave of absence from the Department of State to serve as director of the John Foster Dulles Oral History Project at Princeton University, and continued to act as a consultant on the project until 1966. He had previously managed a project to microfilm Dulles material at the State Department and to obtain photocopies of Dulles papers at the Dwight D. Eisenhower Library for Princeton University.

Crowl returned to academia in 1967 as professor of history and chair of the department of history at the University of Nebraska from 1967 to 1973. He made his last career move in 1973, becoming the Ernest J. King Professor of History and chair of the department of strategy at the U. S. Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island. He retired professor emeritus in 1980. Following his retirement, Crowl wrote three travel books, *Intelligent Traveller's Guides to Historic Britain* (1983), *Scotland* (1986), and *Ireland* (1990). These books allowed him to combine his interest in travel and in British history.

Philip Axtell Crowl was born in Dayton, Ohio on December 17, 1914 to Frank D. and Clementine (Axtell) Crowl. He married Mary Ellen Wood on September 9, 1943 and they had three daughters: Ellen Wood, Catherine, and Margaret. Crowl died on May 5, 1991 in Washington, D.C.

## Description

Crowl's Collection on John Foster Dulles is composed of Crowl's research materials for an unwritten biography on Dulles, including photocopies of correspondence, oral histories, and other materials about Dulles's entire career, as well as his family and personal life. The correspondence is between Dulles and politicians, government officials, and leaders of governments throughout the world, and concerned citizens in the United States, on a variety of issues related to his service to the United States government. The oral histories were created for the John Foster Dulles Oral History Project at Princeton University and contain interviews with the

men and women who knew and worked with Dulles throughout his career. The collection also includes copies of articles, scholarly papers, excerpts from Dulles's journals, and speeches, articles, and statements written by Dulles. The majority of the copies are from two collections housed at the Seeley G. Mudd Manuscript Library: the John Foster Dulles Papers and the John Foster Dulles Oral History Collection.

Most of the materials are related to Dulles's involvement in United States foreign policy throughout his entire career, including as secretary of state from 1953 to 1959. Many of the papers concern his involvement in efforts to establish peace after both world wars, international monetary and finance issues, and Cold War relations between the United States and the Soviet Union. Specific instances documented by the papers include the Paris Peace Conference of 1919 and post-World War I efforts to rebuild Europe, his work as chairman of the Commission to Study the Bases of a Just and Durable Peace of the Federal Council of Churches, serving as a United States representative at United Nations general assemblies, serving as Junior Senator from New York in 1949, negotiating the Japan Peace Treaty of 1951, and the 1952 Eisenhower presidential campaign. Other papers are concerned with Dulles's career at the law firm Sullivan & Cromwell, his education at Princeton University, his health and travels, and his family.

### Arrangement

The papers remain in their original order, as arranged by Crowl for an unwritten biography. The order is approximately chronological.

### Access and Use

#### Access Restrictions

The collection is open for research use.

#### Restrictions on Use and Copyright

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.

#### Other Finding Aid(s)

The finding aids which contain descriptions of the original documents located within the John Foster Dulles Papers and John Foster Dulles Oral History Collection at the Seeley G. Mudd Manuscript Library are located online: [John Foster Dulles Papers Finding Aid](#) and [John Foster Dulles Oral History Collection](#).

### Acquisition and Appraisal

#### Provenance and Acquisition

This collection was donated by Philip A. Crowl in April 1990.

## Related Materials

### Location of Originals

The originals are located at the Seeley G. Mudd Manuscript Library, predominantly in the John Foster Dulles Papers and the John Foster Dulles Oral History Collection.

### Related Archival Material

The Mudd Manuscript Library holds a number of collections related to John Foster Dulles, including the John Foster Dulles Papers, the John Foster Dulles Oral History Collection, the John Foster Dulles State Department Records, the Dwight D. Eisenhower Library Files Relating to John Foster Dulles, the Ann Whitman Papers on John Foster Dulles, and the papers of his brother, Allen W. Dulles. The Dwight D. Eisenhower Library holds a collection of the papers of John Foster Dulles related to his service as secretary of state.

## Processing and Other Information

### Preferred Citation

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### Works Cited

The following sources were consulted during the preparation of the biographical note: *Contemporary Authors Online*, Gale, 2003. <http://galenet.galegroup.com> Accessed April 23, 2008. *Marquis Who's Who Online*. <http://search.marquiswhoswho.com> Accessed April 23, 2008. "Philip A. Crowl, Educator, Historian." *The Washington Post*, May 7, 1991.

### Processing Information

This collection was processed by Grace Loro in 2008. Finding aid written by Adriane Hanson in July 2008.

### Encoding

Machine-readable finding aid encoded in EAD 2002 by Adriane Hanson on July 17, 2008.

### 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.

- Dulles, John Foster, 1888-1959.
- Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America.
- Sullivan & Cromwell.
- United Nations. General Assembly.
- United States. Dept. of State.
- Treaty of Versailles (1919)
- Cabinet officers -- United States.
- Cold War.
- Diplomatic and consular service, American.
- International economic relations.
- Presidents -- United States -- Election -- 1952.
- Security, International.
- World politics -- 1945-1989.
- World War, 1914-1918 -- Reparations.
- World War, 1939-1945 -- Treaties.
- United States -- Foreign relations -- 20th century.
- United States -- Politics and government.
- Articles.
- Correspondence.
- Oral histories.
- Speeches.
- American history/20th century
- American politics and government
- Cold War
- Diplomacy

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