The New York Public Library Humanities and Social Sciences Library Manuscripts and Archives Division

John Huston Finley

Papers 1892-1940

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Summary

Main Entry:	Finley, John H. (John Huston), 1863-1940
Title:	Papers, 1892-1940, bulk (1913-1940)
Size:	105 linear feet (168 boxes).
Source:	Gift of Mrs. John H. Finley, 1943, 1944 and 1972
Abstract:	John Huston Finley (1863-1940) was an educator, editor, author, and civic leader. Collection contains correspondence, addresses and speeches, writing diaries, miscellaneous papers, photographs, and printed matter that document Finley's varied career.
Special formats:	Photographs, lantern slides and artifacts.

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Related Materials Note

The inventory of Finley's material at the City College Archives is available in the Division's dossier file; inquire of Specialist on duty. The City College Archives is located on the 5th floor of the Morris R. Cohen Library of the North Academic Center. Phone: 212-650-7609. Email: ccacc@cunyvm.cuny.edu

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Biographical Note

John Huston Finley (1863-1940) was an educator, editor, author, and civic leader. He was president of Knox College Galesburgh, Ill. from 1892 to 1899 (later trustee); editor of *Harper's Weekly*, 1899; professor of history at Princeton University, 190-1903; and third president of the College of the City of New York from 1903-1913. He then served as Commissioner of Education for New York State and president of the University of the State of New York from 1913 to 1921 before becoming editor of *The New York Times*, 1921-1938. His career also included service with various educational, political, and charitable organizations.

Scope and Content Note

The collection contains correspondence, addresses, speeches, writings, diaries, miscellaneous papers, photographs, and printed matter that document Finley's varied career. The correspondence, 1892-ca.1939, represents the bulk of the collection, and reflects his professional activities, organizational memberships, biography of Grover Cleveland, and recreational interests. There are numerous prominent correspondents. Addresses and speeches, ca. 1902-1940, consist of autograph manuscript and typescript texts of Finley's presentations to groups, such as schools, learned societies, chambers of commerce, and at commencements and patriotic celebrations. Many of the speeches are accompanied by correspondence, clippings, programs, menus, and photographs. Writings include manuscript and typescript drafts of his books, miscellaneous prose writings, poems, and scrapbooks of clippings of editorials by Finley published in the New York Times for the period 1921 to 1940. Diaries consist of personal diaries, 1910-1919, and desk calendars, 1922-1940. Miscellaneous papers include correspondence, letters of introduction, personal notes, travel documents, clippings, and other memorabilia relating to his European trips from 1921 to 1929. There are also postcards, genealogical papers, receipts, menus, programs, and papers relating to railroad arbitration, 1913-1914; New York State Constitutional Convention, 1915; and New York State Agricultural Advisory Board, 1915.

Arrangement Note

The collection is temporarily arranged into eight series. This order may change after the collection is processed. Series I: Correspondence, 1892-1940; Series II: Addresses and Speeches, 1902-1940; Series III: Writings, 1921-1940; Series IV: Scrapbooks, 1921-1940; Series V: Diaries and Desk Calendars, 1910-1940; Series VI: Photographs and Lantern Slides; Series VII: Printed Matter; Series VIII: Artifacts

Series Descriptions

SERIES I. CORRESPONDENCE, 1892-1940 BOXES 1-115

The Correspondence is arranged chronologically. Usually within one or two year combined, the correspondence is arranged alphabetically. Therefore, there is no unified alphabetical arrangement for the correspondence. There are carbon copies and manuscript drafts of Finley's replies. The Correspondence is reflective of the Finley's varied career. Correspondents include the following individuals and organizations: Edmund Henry Allenby, American Academy of Arts and Letters, American University Union in Europe, American Geographical Society, Brooke Atkinson, Edgar Addison Bancroft, Poultney Bigelow, Robert Bridges, Prince Gelasio Caetani, Gilbert Colgate, Calvin Coolidge, Richard Theodore Ely, Hamlin Garland, Case Gilbert, Grover Cleveland Birthplace Memorial Association, James Hazen Hyde, Herbert Clark Hoover, Charles Evans Hughes, Institute for International Education, Institute for Research in Land Economics and Public Utilities, Robert Underwood Johnson, Arthur Krock, Jean Jules Jusserand, Franklin Knight Lane, Adolphus Lewisohn, George Foster Peabody, Phi Beta Kappa, John Sanburn Phillips, Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., Jacob August Riis, Nicholas Roosevelt, Theodore Roosevelt, Elihu Root, Charles Scribner's Sons, Frederick Starr, Edward Morse Shepard, Vilhfalmur Stefansson, Sir Ronald Storrs, Ida Minerva Tarbell, Henry Van Dyke, and William Allen White.

SERIES II. ADDRESSES AND SPEECHED, 1902-1940 BOXES 116-148

The Addresses and Speeches are arranged chronologically. The material is also numbered in order and indexed on file cards located in *box 146*. There is some unsorted material for the years 1902-1924. The series consists of autograph manuscripts and typescript texts of addresses and speeches by Finley presented before colleges, universities, and secondary schools. Many of the speeches are accompanied by collateral papers such as correspondence, clippings, programs, menus and photographs. Printed copies of the speeches are often available. **SERIES III. WRITINGS, 1921-1940** BOXES 149-152

The Writings are manuscript and typescript drafts of his books including *The Debt Eternal*, and *The French in the Heart of America*, and miscellaneous prose and poems. The Poems are arranged alphabetically, and indexed by title. The poems are usually accompanied by correspondence. Boxes 149-153

SERIES IV. SCRAPBOOKS, 1921-1940 BOXES 154-156

There are twenty seven scrapbooks of clippings of editorials by Finley published in the *New York Times* from 1921 to 1940. These clippings are mounted in diaries on pages that contain the date of their publication. With the exception, of the first two scrapbooks, the scrapbooks contain an index of titles.

SERIES V. DIARIES AND DESK CALENDARS, 1910-1940 BOXES 157-161

The, Diaries (five vols.) were kept at Albany, New York. A few of the entries covers Finley's activities in France during May 1917, in Palestine, and the Near East, 1918-1919. The desk calendars, 1922-1940, record brief entries of appointments and engagements (19 vols.).

There are some miscellaneous papers, 1915-1940, at the end of this series which consist of correspondence, letters of introduction, personal notes, travel documents, clippings and other memorabilia relating to Finley's European trips for the period covering 1921-1929. The papers also contain post cards, genealogical papers, personal receipts, menus, programs, papers relating to railroad arbitrations (1913-1914), the New York State Constitutional convention of 1915, minutes of meetings of the New York State Agricultural Advisory Board of 1915, and unsorted papers.

SERIES VI. PHOTOGRAPHS AND LANTERN SLIDES BOXES 165-167

The photographs are unsorted. The images are photographs taken by Finley during his Red Cross mission to the Near East, a trip to the Mississippi, and while at City College. The lantern slides are images of the Near East, c 1919. Some of the slides bear the caption New York State Education Dept., Division of Visual Instruction.

SERIES VII. PRINTED MATTER BOXES 165-167

The Printed Matter consist of published and near printed material such as books, pamphlets, and printed ephemera.

SERIES VIII. ARTIFACTS

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Container List

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Series I. Correspondence, 1892-1940		
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1	1892-1897 (letters from prominent individuals in the letter-book) 1899-1903 (A-W) 1900 (A-W)	
<u>2</u>	1901 (A-Z); 1902 (A-Z)	
<u>3</u>	1903 (A-Z)	
4	1908-1909 (College of the City of New York) C-G	
5	H-M	
6	N-V	
7	W-Y; 1908-1909; 1914-1915: biography of Grover Cleveland	
8	1908-1910: Grover Cleveland Memorial Road 1910-1911: France (Finley's Paris visit and <i>Sorbonne</i> lectureship)	
9-10	1913 (Commissioner of Education)	
•	1913-1914:	
10	Α	
11	Ba-Cl	
12	Co-E	
13	F-H	
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15 16	M-R S-Z	
17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24	1915-1916: A-CI Co-G H-K L-O P-Sc Se-Z 1915-1916: The Commission for Relief in Belgium 1915-1916: The French in the Heart of America 1917 (includes Finley's correspondence while in France)	
25 26 27 28 29	1917-1918: A-C D-F G-L M-P Q-Y	

	1918:
30	A-K
31	L-Y
	Near East Relief, 1918-1921:
32	Correspondence and Pamphlets
	Palestine letters, A-C
33	Palestine letters, D-M
34	Palestine letters, N-S
35-37	Palestine letters, T-Z; reports and unsorted material
	1919-1920 (Jan-Feb):
38	A-Hi
39	HiM
40	N-V
41	W-Z
	1919 (FebDec.) – 1921 (Jan):
41	A-B
	C-H
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43	I-N
44	0-W
45	1920-1921: Finley's resignation as Commissioner of Education and his
	appointment to The New York Times. There are also letters from the
	District superintendents of schools
45A	1921-1923; U.D.
46	New York University Hall of Fame: 1920-1921
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10	1920-c1939:
46	A-Alz
47	Am; Adult Education – Allenby
48	Allenby
49	American Academy – American Iona Society
50	American Red Cross – American Trade Association
51	America's Making – Amundeen; An – At
52	Au - Bak; Antioch College – Avery
53	Bal - Baz; Bancroft – Bartiett
54	Be – Blam; Beck – Beveridge
55	Blan - Boz; Bible Schools - Blind
56 57	Bra – Bri; Bobbs Merrill – British Embassy
57 .	Bu – By; Brower – Byrd
58	Ca – Caz; Cancer Organizations – Carnegie Endowment
59	Ce – Cly; Cathedral – Chanty
60	Che-Chi; Charities - Cheatam
61	Cleveland Assoc.
62	Coa – Con; College of the City of NY
63	Coo – Cro; Columbia – Council
64	Cru – Dec; Crane – Czechoslovakia
65	Ded – Dy; Dictionary – Doubleday
66	Ea – Ed; Education Advisory – NYC Board of <u>Education</u>

67 68	Ef – Ey; NYC Board of Education – Estonia Fa – Fu
69	Federal – French
70	French – Fuller; Ga – Giz
71	GI – Gu; Gramercy – Grant
72	Greater – Hall; Ha – Hal
73	Ham – Haz; Hamilton – Harvard
74	Hea – Hil; Hastings – Herty
75	Him – Hoy; Historical – Housing
76	Hu - Iz; Hungary - Institute
77	Institute Invitations (to 1935)
78	Invitations (1936-1939)
79	Italian – Jerusalem; Ja – Ji
80	Jo – Jy; Jewish organizations – John Hopkins
81	Johnson – Keller; Ka – Key
82	Ki – Ko; Kelly – Knox College
83	Knox College
84	Kosciuszko – Lawrence; Kr – Lew
85	League – Leprosy; Li – Ll
86	Lincoln – McAndrew; Lo – McCu
87	McD – Man; McGiffert – MacMillan
88	Mar – Mez; Mark Twain – Merchants
89	Metropolitan – Miner, Mi – Mu
90	Morse – National Institute; Na – Ni
91	No - Ny; National Child - National Recreation
92	National Recreation – Nelson
93	New Hampshire – New York Times
94	New York University – Ohio; O – Oz
95	Open Air – Ozarks College; Pa – Pey
96	Pf – Pi; Pacific – Parthenon
97	Peabody – Phi Beta Kapa
98	Phi Beta Kapa – Poland; Pl – Py
99	Presbyterian – Quill
100	Radcliffe College – Religious Rights; Ra – Riz
101	Jacob Riis bust – Russell Sage; Ro – Rush
102	Russ – Schw; Russian – Scribner's
103	Sco – Shy; Science Service – Short
104	Si – Sq; Smith College – Sportmanship
105	Sta – Sty; State Reorganization – Stewart
106	Stro – Te; Stitt – Swedes
107	Th – Ty; Ten Eyck – Turkish
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109	Va – Waz; Van Dyke – Vollbehr
110	Walkers League – Walking Clubs
111	Walton – White
112	Whites – Wiz; Who's Who – Wisconsin
113	Wo – Y; Wolman Foundation – Wright Memorial
114	Y-Z
115	C1919-1939; unsorted (includes 70 th birthday congratulations; letters
	About Findlay becoming editor-in-chief of The New York Times

	Series II. Addresses an	d Speeches, 1902-1940
	Serial Number	Dates
116	1-90	C1907-1914 (missing 85 & 88)
117	91-155	1914-1915
118	156-219	1915-1916
119	220-310	1916-1917
120	311-395	1917-1918
121	396-470	
122	471-563	1918-1919
123	564-665	1919-1920
124	666-750	1920-1922
125	751-805	1922-1923
126	806-865	1923-1924
127	866-930	1924-1925
128	931-1000	1925-1926
129	1001-1060	1926-1927
130	1061-1126	1927-1928
131	1127-1175	1928-1929
132	1176-1224	1929-1930
133	1225-1267	1930
134	1268-1335	1930-1931
135	1336-1379	1931-1932
136	1380-1430	1932
137	1431-1485	1932-1933
138	1486-1542	1933
139	1543-1605	1934
140	1606-1665	1933-1935
141	1666-1704	1935
142	1705-1759	1935-1936
143	1760-1815	1936-1937
1444	1816-1870	1937-1938
145	1871-1927	1938-1939
146	1928-1953	1939-1940; Index to Series il
147-148	Unsorted c1902-1924	
	Series III. Writings	

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149-150	Books
150-152	Miscellaneous prose writings, 1928-1939 (includes contributions to The
•	New York Times, other than editorials
152-153	Poems (indexed)
	Series IV. Scrapbooks, 1921-1940
154	Editorial Scrapbooks, 1921-1927
155	Editorial Scrapbooks, 1928-1933
156	Editorial Scrapbooks, 1934-1940

Series V. Diaries and Calendars, 1910-1940 1910-1940 (gaps for the years 1920-1921)

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159 160 161	Miscellaneous Papers: European trips, 1921-1929; postards Biographical papers; genealogical papers; personal receipts, 1921-1940. Railroad arbitration papers, 1913-1914; papers regarding New York State constitutional Convention, 1915; New York State Advisory Board, Minutes, 1915; menus, programs, and unsorted papers		
162-164	Series VI. Photographs and Lantern Slides Unsorted photographs taken by Finley on various trips		
165-167	Series VII. Printed Matter Books, pamphlets and assorted ephemera (unsorted)		
167	Series VIII. Artifacts Wallet, wood-blocks, engraving plates		

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General Correspondence, 1920's-1930'

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A - Am (general folders) Adult Education Agriculture Allenby (1928 visit) Amer. Academy of Arts & Letters (also: Nat. Inst. of A. & L. Amer. Arbitration Assoc. Amer. Bible Society Amer. Bible Celebrations Amer. Farm School (before 1930, see: Thessalonika Amor. Geographical Society Amer. Iona Society American Legion Amer. Museum of Nat. Hist. Amer. Philosophical Society Amer. Provident Society Amer. Red Cross Amer. Relief Adm. Amer. Scandinavian Found. Amer. Tract Society Amor. Trade Exec. Award Americats Making Amos Society Amındson

An - BO (general folders) Antioch College Archaeology Armenian Societies Art Organizations Arts Council Austria Avery, Myra Bancroft, Edgar & Frederic Barnard College Bartlett, Maitland Book, James M. Bennington College Berea College Bethlehem Bublishing Co. Better Homes in America, Inc. Better Times (welfare magazine) Beveridge, Albert J. Bible Schools Biblical Seminary in N. Y. Blind (N. Y. Assoc., etc.) Bobbs Merrill Boone Assocs. Boy Scouts of Amer. (Mat. Council) Boyden

Bra - Chi (general folders) Bridgeman, H. L. (Regent) British (see also: canada, Brooks, Herbert) Bro - Bry (general folders) Brookes, Herbert Bryn Mawr College Bu - By (general folders) Buddist Parables Bulgaria Byrd, Richard E. Ca (general folders) Cadman Memorial Cairo, Amer. Univ. of Caldwell, Edward (see also: Knox) Caldwell, Otis (see also; Nat. Child Welfare) Caldwell, Robert J. (see also Czech Com.) Calendar Reform Canada Cancer Organizations carnegie corp. Carnegie Foundation Carnegie Endowment Carnegie Institute Carnegie Institution cathedral of St. John Divine catholic clorgy Cattell, J. McKeen ce - cl (general folders) Consus Committee century Assoc. Chambers of Commerce Charities Aid, State charity Organizations Cheatham, Kitty Chicago Fair Chicago University Child Health (White Hse. conference of 1932) child Welfare China china Famine Relief china Union Universities cincinnati, N.Y. State Soc. cite Universite Citizenship, Nat. Council for Naturalisation and

General Correspondence (cont.)

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First Presby. Church FO - Fu (general folders) Foreign Affairs Forum Foreign Lang. mfor. ser. Foreign Policy Assoc. Forest, Robert de France America Society French in America Memorials. see also: St. Die French French Legion of Honor, Amer. Society of Fuller, Harold de W. Fuller, Raymond Ga (general folders) Garland, Hamlin Ge (general folder) George Jr. Republic Campga Gi (general folders) Gilder, J. B. Ginn Co. Girl Scouts of Amer. Gl - Go (general folder) Glynn, Martin Golden Rule Foundation Gra - Gu (general folders) Gramercy Park (Trustees & ASSOC.) Grant Monument Greater N. Y. Fed. of Churches Greece (Societies, etc.) Greenslet, Ferris. Greenwich House Grenfell (Sir Wilfred & **288008.**) Grolier Club Grolier Society Ouggenheim Foundations Gunnary School Ha - Hap (general folders) Hall of Fame (see also: Johnson, R. U.) Hamilton, J. W. Har (general folders) Harkness (see also; Commonwealth) Harmon Foundation Hartley Corporation Harvard Has - Haz (general folders) Hastings College Heyes, P. Cerdinal Hays, Will H.

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Nat. Plant, Plower & Fruit Guild Nat. Recreation Assoc. Nat. Probation Assoc. Near East Coll. Assoc. Near East Rollof Near East Found. Negro Neighborhood Houses Neighborhood Teacher Assoc. Nelson, Thomas New Hampshire New School for Social Research N. Y. Life Insurance Co. New York Times (office & personal corres., etc.) N. Y. Univ. Norlin, George North Carolina, Univ. of Norway Nursing 0 .(general folders) Odell, Joseph Ohio Teachers Assoc. Open Air Schools, French-American Union for Opium Oratorical Contests, France-American Committee Oregon Trail Memorial Our World Ozarks, Coll. of

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Pa - F (general folders) Pacific Relations Pacific School of Religion Pan American Relations Parks (Pat. Park Ser. etc.) Parthenon Peace Society, N. Y. Peoples Chorus Phi Beta Kappa Pilgrims USA Pl - Py (general folders) Players Poland Presbyterian Church USA Presbytery, New York Price, Walter Princeton Univ. Q (general folder) Quill Club Ra (general folders) Radcliffe Coll. Radio Rathenau Re - Ri (general forders) Regional Plan after 1931 Relief Orgs., War (139-140) Relief Committees (WPA etc) Religious Orga. Religious Education Assoc. Religious Rights & Mino-

rities, Am. Comm. dan) Riis Bust, 1938-39 Ro (general folders) Rockefellar Roosgvelt Menorial Assoc. Rumalia Russell Sage Found. Russia sa - sce (general folders) safety St. Andrews Society St. Die Salmon, Brainerd Salvation Army Sarah Lawrence Coll. Sard, Frederick Sch - Soy (general folders) Science Service Scottish Gemes Scottish Amey Memorial Assoc Scottish National Dictry Scribners

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	Sh (general folders)		Walking Clubs (to 1927)
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	Stavenson, E. L.	!	(coolidge)
	Stewart, Cora Wilson		white, J. Campbell
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	Stitt, Edward W.		w1 (general folders)
	Stockbridge, Frenk P.		William & Mary
	Storra, Sir Ronald	Ň	Williamstown Inst. of Pol.
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	T - Ti (general folders)		World's Fair, 1939
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	Theatre & Academy, Am. Hat.		X - Y (general folders)
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	Thomas, Augustus		Yeshiva
	Thomson, T. Konnard		Young, owen Drive
	Thwing, Charles F.		Young Hen's Christian Assoc.
n an	To - Ty (general folders)		(Nat. Council)
	Town Hall & Club		Young Women's Christian Assn.
	Tree Planting Assoc.		Yumoslavia
	Tuberculosis & Health Assoc. NY		Z ("Ecneral folder)
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