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Accession # \*89 M 9

Location 23 F1-3 (R)

Title O'Keefe, David H. Papers

Approximate inclusive dates 1766-1926, bulk dates 1900-1926

Date of receipt 1923

Received from National Shorthand Reporters Association

Volume on arrival

Number of boxes (after reboxing) 17 AB; 1 photo box; 11 oversize flat box (10 linear ft.)

Condition Poor-Good

Restrictions None

Description

SEE ATTACHED DESCRIPTION

Special Formats ☒ Photographs ☐ Maps ☐ Audio Tapes ☐ Films ☐ Graphics  
☒ Artifacts ☐ Machine-readable records  
☐ Other (list) \_\_\_\_\_

Temporary catalog card added entries

Beale, Charles Currier 1864-1909

Edwards, James Keith

Weston, James

New York (N.Y.)-1868-1898;1891-1951

Shorthand

Accessioned by dw

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## BIOGRAPHY

David O'Keefe (b-d?), shorthand reporter in New York City, active between 1880-1926 with regard to the promotion of shorthand, notably in the National Shorthand Reporters' Association; Managing editor of Shorthand & Typewriting News; librarian and editor of New York State Stenographers Association; contributor of shorthand articles to business periodicals.

## DESCRIPTION

The David O'Keefe Papers, 1766-1926, bulk dates 1900-1926, contains letters, writings, bibliographies, artifacts and photographs on the subjects of shorthand and the typewriter.

General Correspondence, 1895-1923, contains incoming and outgoing letters to O'Keefe on shorthand and related subjects in his capacity as librarian and editor of the New York State Stenographers Association. There is other general correspondence, 1894-1919, not related to O'Keefe and, also individual correspondence, alphabetically arranged, 1893-1923. These individuals corresponded with other individuals including O'Keefe. Correspondents include Charles Currier Beale, Horace E. Burt and Spencer C. Rodgers.

The writings contain speeches by O'Keefe and others regarding shorthand, typewriting, etc; drafts of monographs including "The History of Typewriting"; shorthand notes and notebooks. Noted manuscripts are Notes of Sermon by James Keith Edwards (1849) and Shorthand by James Weston (1760).

There are assorted bibliographies about shorthand books and shorthand libraries, 1880-1923.

The artifacts, 1883-1921, are ribbons, badges, pins and buttons from business conferences speed contests and fairs.

The photographs are pictures of champion typists, shorthand and typist conferences, shorthand writers and authors. These photographs were taken from the late 19th to early 20 cen. The photographs range in size from carte-de-viste to long oversize photographs. Many of the oversize photographs are damaged.

DAVID O'KEEFE PAPERS

Container list

- Box 1. O'Keefe, David. General Correspondence 1895-1923
2. Other General Correspondence 1894-1919  
Beale, Charles Currier 1901-1902  
Burt, Horace E. 1920-1923  
Kells, Robert A. 1920  
Miller, Charles 1905-1906  
Pitman, Benn (typescripts)  
Rodgers, Spencer C. 1893-1921
3. 1922-1923
- Writings  
O'Keefe, David.  
Others: B - S
4. Unidentified authors
- Modular syllabus: Brooklyn Institute of Commerce
5. History of the Typewriter (draft)
6. Shorthand Notes
7. Shorthand Notes  
Notebooks  
Notes of Sermons by J.K. Edwards 1849  
Shorthand by James Weston 1760
- 8-10. Bibliographies
11. Rules for Stenography  
Shorthand Tests
12. Miscellaneous shorthand material
13. Notebook: Charles Currier Beale library  
Ledger
14. Scrapbook
15. Scrapbooks
16. Printed Material
17. Artifacts
- 18-19 Photographs

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