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Title Stewart, John Appleton. Papers

Approximate inclusive dates ca.1902-ca.1932

Date of receipt Dec. 31, 1938

Received from Purchase from Sweet Auction House ("Sweet Collection")

Volume on arrival approx.1850 letters

Number of boxes (after reboxing) 4 F.B.

Condition very good

Restrictions

Description John Appleton Stewart (1865-1928), a manufacturer and promoter, was born in Morrisville, New York to James Stephen and Emeline Elizabeth (Tucker) Stewart. He was educated at Cazenovia (New York) Seminary and at Fort Edward Collegiate Institute. As a manufacturer he held at various times such positions as director of the Electric Purifying Company, director of the Reynolds Ice Machine Company, president of the Carbonating Company of America and director of the American Ammonia Company. Stewart was well-known in the northeast and Washington, D.C. for his promotion of patriotic causes and his interest over the years in "good will between the United States and England." He founded --with Joseph Butler of Ohio-- the Sulgrave Institution that had as its primary purpose friendship between the American and English people and as its secondary purpose preservation of Sulgrave Manor, George Washington's ancestral home in England. Stewart was best remembered as the president of the New York State League of Republican Clubs for twenty-six (26) years, but his political and patriotic activities extended beyond labors with the Republican Clubs and Sulgrave Institution. Most notably, he spearheaded movements for celebrations of the 100th anniversary of peace among English-speaking peoples (1814-1914/15) and the bi-centennial commemoration of George Washington's birthday (1732-1932). Stewart was a member or officer of civic and political organizations for three decades. He was the vice-president of the National Council of American Patriots, executive chairman of the American Society (an organization devoted to national unity) and chairman of the Hoover-for-President Association. His first wife, Alice Collins, died in 1900. Stewart and Ida Fassoli Stewart, his widow, had no children and resided in Brooklyn at the time of his death in November of 1928.

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Temporary catalog card added entries : American Peace Centenary Committee; Autographs; Burton, Theodore E.; Butler, Michael H.; Choate, Joseph; Cortelyou, George B.; Davis, James G.; Fess, Simeon; Foster, John G.; George Washington Bi-centennial Celebration Committee; Hammond, John Hays; McAdoo, Wm. G.; Nagel, Charles; New York (City); Philanthropists - correspondence; Platt, Thomas C.; Political letter writing; Political participation; Political parties - nominations for office; Promotion of special events; Accessioned by James C. McKim

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Date April 19, 1983

JOHN APPLETON STEWART Papers

Description continued:

The papers consist of incoming letters --typed and handwritten-- relating to various civic and political interests of Mr. Stewart, but particularly focusing on Stewart's activities with the League of Republican Clubs and his promotion of the 100th anniversary of peace among English-speaking peoples and the bicentennial commemoration of George Washington's birthday. Principal correspondents include Theodore L. Burton (banker & congressman), Michael Penry Butler (educator), Joseph Choate (diplomat), George B. Cortelyou (secretary of commerce & labor and secretary of the treasury), James G. Davis (secretary of labor), Simeon Fess (U.S. senator), John G. Foster (diplomat), John Hays Hammond (mining engineer), William McAdoo (secretary of the treasury), Charles Nagel (secretary of commerce & labor), T. Platt (U.S. senator), Daniel A. Reed (congressman), Elihu Root (secretary of war and secretary of state), Jacob Schiff (philanthropist and broker), James Wilson (secretary of agriculture), and Leonard Wood (army general).

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Box 1	Correspondence arranged according to occupation or affiliation of correspondent:	Associations; Bankers and capitalists; British authors and journalists; cabinet members and assistants (U.S.); Clergians; Clergymen (U.S.); Diplomatic Service [ca.1904-ca.1926]
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Box 4	"	State officials (except NYC); State officials - New York; Senators (U.S. Senate); and Miscellaneous [ca.1902-ca.1929]

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Temporary catalog card added entries continued: Reed, Daniel: Republican Party. New York; Root, Elihu; Schiff, Jacob; Sulgrave Institution; Washington, George; Wilson, James; Wood, Leonard.