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Accession # *87 M 51

Location 8-i-1/3

Title John Foster Carr, 1869-1939. Papers.

Approximate inclusive dates 1801-1940. 1909-1940, bulk.

Date of receipt September, 1940

Received from Estate of John Foster Carr.

Volume on arrival

Number of boxes (after reboxing) 18, 9.75 linear ft.

Condition Carr's copies of his outgoing letters are crumbling. Clippings are also in very bad shape.

Restrictions

Description

Carr, 1869-1939, lecturer and author, was chiefly active in the education and Americanization of immigrants - particularly Italian immigrants - to the U.S. He was the founder and director of the Immigrant Publication Society, a New York organization that published and distributed books and pamphlets for and about immigrants. Carr was also active in the American Library Association, serving as Chairman of the ALA's Librarian's Council; helping to run the joint ALA-Immigrant Publication Society New York City "Books for Everybody" campaign (the New York portion of the ALA's national effort to raise \$2,000,000 for libraries so that they could meet the needs of immigrants), 1920; and helping with the ALA's New York City book drive for members of the armed services, ca.1918-1920.

Carr was the author of a series of guides to the U.S. for Italian, Jewish, and Polish immigrants, published in English and in Italian, Yiddish, and Polish, 1910-1913, by the Immigrant Publication Society. He also wrote or edited other books about immigrants, immigrants and libraries, (cont'd.)

Special Formats Photographs Maps Audio Tapes Films Graphics
 Artifacts Machine-readable records
 Other (list) _____

Temporary catalog card added entries : (see attached)

Accessioned by Julie Miller.

Date August 20, 1987

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Thomas Jefferson, and the Declaration of Independence, as well as numerous magazine articles.

Included is Carr's correspondence concerning: his activities as director of the Immigrant Publication Society; his series of guides for immigrants (including typescript and annotated published copies of the guides in English, Yiddish, Italian, and Polish), ca.1910-1912; speaking engagements, 1910-1912; the Dante Alighieri Society of Rome's offer to donate Italian books to towns with Italian populations - correspondence is between Carr, as an agent of the Society, and Connecticut Daughters of the American Revolution chapters, 1911-1912; appeal letters with related pamphlets and other printed materials, 1920's, with various charities and social welfare organizations; and general correspondence with family, friends, and colleagues, including correspondence, ca.1909-1911, written while Carr was headmaster of the Interlaken School in La Porte, Indiana.

Materials relating to the "Books for Everybody" campaign consist of: correspondence; lists of prospective and invited members of the ALA's Greater New York Committee (also known as the "Committee of 76"), the group that ran the campaign; a scrapbook of clippings (including some relating to demands by New York Public Library employees for pay raises); legal and financial records; notes and memoranda. The 1918-1920 New York City book drive is represented by correspondence, a list of American Merchant Marine ships that received books, and photographs of donated books piled up on the front steps of the New York Public Library. Some correspondence of Hugh M. Spaulding, "Books for Everybody" campaign director, and Carl H. Milam, Secretary of ALA, is included.

Writings by Carr in the collection consist of: manuscripts and typescripts of his speeches on immigrants and Americanization, ca.1909-1912; drafts, with related notes, clippings, printed material, and correspondence, of his article "England and Germany - war or peace?," his projected biographies of James J. Hill and Archbishop John Ireland of St. Paul Minnesota, and the autobiography of builder Paul Starrett on which he worked; and miscellaneous writings. Galleys and a printed copy of Makers of America by Carr's wife Emma Lilian Dana (died 1921), published by the Immigrant Publication Society, are included.

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Cardfiles, organized in various alphabetical and geographical sequences, contain names and addresses of individuals, members of the Daughters of the American Revolution, libraries, schools, businesses and business organizations, and newspapers. Notes recording books and pamphlets sent, contributions or subscriptions received, descriptions of correspondence or conversations, are included. One sequence appears to be specifically a mailing list.

Photographs, ca.1910's, show Italian, Jewish, Greek, and possibly other immigrant groups primarily in libraries and classrooms, also at meetings, on the street, and in work places (including a macaroni factory in Brooklyn). Locations are largely unidentified, but include Altoona, Penn., Milwaukee, Wis., Brockton, Mass., and, possibly, Boston, Mass. Some unidentified portraits, and photographs of the American Library in Paris are included.

Carr's correspondence, 1916-1940, with artist Sarah J. Eddy concerns personal matters, her artwork, his work, and miscellaneous topics. Art photographs, mostly of children, and photographs of Eddy's paintings, drawings, and sculpture are included.

Also included are manuscripts of sermons, 1801-1830, by Carr's great-grandfather, Rev. John Clark.

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1. General Correspondence, 1909-11; 15-30
Dante Alighieri Society of Rome Correspondence, 1911-2
(correspondence between Carr as agent for Society and
Daughters of the American Revolution chapters re offer
by Society to donate a 50 book library to towns with
Italian population)
Correspondence on Speaking Engagements, 1910-12
(re subject of Americanization)
Misc. Charities Correspondence, 1922-29
Correspondence re Immigrant Publication Society, 1927 (1F)
2. Correspondence re "Guida Degli Stati Uniti Per L'Immigrante
Italiano" (Guide to the United States for the Immigrant
Italian) 1910 -1912
Published copies of "Guida" 1st, 2nd and 3rd edition with
english version and author's copy, 1910
Published copies of "Guides" for Immigrant Jews and Poles
with english version and author's copy, 1912, 1916 (1F)
3. Speeches of Carr re Americanization, 1909 -1912
Misc. Writings
Notes and drafts for a Life of James J. Hill
Misc. pamphlets and clippings re James J. Hill
Notes and drafts re a Life of Archbishop Ireland
Misc. pamphlets and clippings re Archbishop Ireland
In box 19 ← [Typescripts, notes and drafts for "England & Germany" article, 1909] []
[Misc. printed material re England and Germany, c. 1930]
Correspondence and papers re proposed Paul Starrett
autobiography, 1936-37 (1F)
4. Misc. Sermons of Rev. John Clark, 1801-30
Published copy and galley of "Makers of America" by Emma L. Dana
Correspondence, photographs and misc. notes of Sarah J. Eddy
1916-17, 30, 34-40
Clippings on Religion and Americanization
American Library Association Book Drive for World War I
Soldiers Photograph 1918
Misc. Pamphlets on Immigration (1F)
5. American Library Association Book Drive, 1919
Correspondence of Carr as Campaign Director
Fund-Raising Campaign Correspondence
American Library Association Books for Everybody Campaign, 1920
Campaign Information
Prospective Members for Committee
Publicity
Book suggestions correspondence
Financial records, payroll and fund-raising records

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5. American Library Association Books for Everybody Campaign, 1920
Suggested list of books recently published
Clippings & pamphlets
List of American Merchant Marine Vessels supplied with Books, 1920
(1F)
6. American Library Association Greater New York Campaign, 1920
Correspondence of Hugh M. Spaulding
Contribution Acknowledgements, A-Z
Misc., A-Z
Committee of 76
Administration
Correspondence of John Foster Carr
Contribution Acknowledgements, A-Z
General, A-Z
Librarians Council
Correspondence with publishers
Speakers Bureau
Library Extension Service
Memoranda
Notes for talks
Financial and Legal Papers (1F)

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Container List

Box

- 7 Scrapbook; oversized photographs.
8 Photographs.

Cardfiles

Alphabetical

- 9 A - G
10 H - Q
11 R - Z

Geographical

- 11 Alabama - Connecticut
12 Delaware - New York (excluding New York City)
13 Schools
Industrial
14 Newspapers

Miscellaneous

- 14 A - Z (includes "Books for Everybody" subscriber cards)
15 Libraries
16 Mailing lists, A - Z; A - D
17 Mailing lists, E - Z
18 Daughters of the American Revolution

19 "England and Germany;" account books, receipt books, 1920, "Books for
Everybody."