

Guide to MS-003:

Amos E. Taylor Papers, Class of 1915



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Size

16 boxes, 17.37 cubic feet

Dates

Inclusive: 1893-1972

Biographical Note

Amos E. Taylor (1893 - 1972) spent most of his fifty-year career in the field of international finance as an economist, educator and author. After graduating from Gettysburg College (then called Pennsylvania College) in 1915, he taught Science at East Stroudsburg High School, PA, and Latin and English at the Pennsylvania Military College before serving with the U.S. Army in France during WWI. After the war, he continued his studies at the University of Paris.

In 1920, he received his master's degree from the University of Chicago and began teaching Economics and Finance at the University of Pennsylvania, where he earned his doctorate degree in 1924. From 1930 to 1947 he served in various capacities in the U.S. Department of Commerce, including Chief of the Division of Research and Statistics and Director of the Office of Business Economics. It was during this period that he served as one of President Herbert Hoover's economic advisors and was appointed Director of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce by President Roosevelt a decade later, in 1943.

Between 1947 and 1958 he simultaneously held two high-level positions; that of Director of the Department of Economic Affairs for the Pan American Union and Executive Secretary of the Inter-American Economics and Social Council. He continued to teach in the Economics Department at American University until his retirement in 1964.

In addition to his many work-related responsibilities, he held the offices of president, vice-president and chairman of many associations and organizations such as the Cosmos Club of Washington, D.C., American Economic Association, and Gettysburg College's Board of Trustees. Some of his principal publications include *Foreign Investments in the United States*, 1937 and *The 'Ten Per Cent' Fallacy*, 1945.

Scope and Content Note

Series I contains typed copies of personal diaries kept by Taylor between 1893 and 1916, which span much of his youth and four years at Gettysburg College. Album #4 (1911-1915) is a scrapbook of Gettysburg College which also contains photographs. Folder **1-1** contains biographical information on

Taylor. Folder **1-5** contains pocket diaries, daybooks and calendars, mostly from the 1960s and one from 1929.

Series II contains typed copies of daybooks/diaries Taylor kept during his military service between 1917 and 1919. There are a large number of purchased photographs of different towns and battle scenes in France, German propaganda photos, and a number of personal photographs of soldiers, camp life and other scenes in France. In album #11 (1918 - I), there is a signed letter from Orville Wright to Amos Taylor in response to Taylor's request for a publication that gives the best account of the Wright brother's early experiments.

Series III contains typed copies of daybooks/diaries kept by Taylor while teaching and pursuing his Ph.D. at the University of Pennsylvania between 1920 and 1930. Folder **3-1** contains publications written by Taylor while at U. Penn.

Series IV contains typed copies of diaries kept by Taylor while he was with the U.S. Department of Commerce from 1930 to 1947. Folder **4-1** contains publications written by Taylor while with the Commerce Department. Folders **8-1** and **8-2** contain photographs taken on a three-week industrial and export survey of parts of Germany in April and May 1947. Folders **8-3** and **8-4** contain photographs taken on official business trips to Bermuda, The Azores and Berlin in 1947.

Series V contains typed copies of diaries Taylor kept while he was Director of the Department of Economic Affairs for the Pan American Union and Executive Secretary of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council from 1947 to 1958.

Series VI contains typed copies of diaries/daybooks Taylor kept while teaching at the American University in Washington, D.C. between 1958 and 1964.

Series VII contains typed copies of diaries/daybooks Taylor kept during his retirement from 1965 until his death in 1972. Folders **13-1** through **13-4** contain personal photographs and ephemera such as Woodrow Wilson at the American Cemetery in Suresnes, France, 1919, Roosevelt Inaugural tickets and other miscellanea.

Series VIII contains a variety of publications on international finance and economics from 1919 through 1969 without gaps.

Series Description

The Amos E. Taylor Collection is divided into eight Series. **Series I:** Biographical Information, **Series II:** Military Service, **Series III:** University of Pennsylvania, **Series IV:** U.S. Department of Commerce, **Series V:** Inter-American Economic & Social Council/Pan American Union, **Series VI:** American University, **Series VII:** Personal Memorabilia, and **Series VIII:** Publications.

Box List

Box 1

Series 1: Biographical Information

Album #1: 1893 - 1909

Album #2: 1910

Album #3: 1911

Album #4: 1911 - 1915, Gettysburg College

pp. 13, 14, 35, 36 - Gettysburg College photos

pp. 55 - 60 - personal photos, (some college)

Album #5: 1912

Album #6: 1913

Album #7: 1914

Album #8: 1915

Album #9: 1916

1-1 Miscellaneous biographical information

1-2 Photographs - Taylor residence (?); vacation and family photos; portrait of young Amos Taylor

1-3 Set of notecards - various pen & ink sketches of Hanover, PA

1-4 Miscellaneous

1-5 Pocket diaries, daybooks and calendars, 1929, 1960, 1962, 1964, 1965, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970 & 1971

Box 2

Series 2: Military Service

Album #10: 1917

pp. 78, 79, 81, 84, 90 - Officer Corp photos

Album #11: 1918

p. 49 - letter to A.E. Taylor signed by Orville Wright

Album #12: 1918 - Camp Lee to France

2-1 *Folder #1: Photos: #s: 38, 31, 44, 24, 13, 54, 9, 20, 21, 22*

(Album #12: 1918 - Camp Lee to France pp 1-10)

2-2 *Folder #2: Photos: #s: 14, 34, 25, 40, 26, graves in snow, 51, 43, 15, Verdun street scene, 46, 50, 45, 18, 49, 33, 4, 8, 41, 52, 36, 3*

(Album #12: 1918 - Camp Lee to France pp 11-24)

2-3 *Folder #3: Photos: #s: view of Verdun, "L'Actualite par la carte postale Verdun", 2517, 2510, 3672, 3736, 2528, 3695, 12, 3742, 3727, 2506, 2527, 2519, 2507, 2503, 2505, 2520, 2515, 2514, 2523, 2513, 2504*

(Album #12: 1918 - Camp Lee to France pp 25-36)

2-4 *Folder #4: Photos: #s: 2512, 2522, 2518, 2511, 2521, 2509, 2508, 2517; photo of posed soldier; Myrton A. Bryant greeting card; three unidentified men; "Old Koons with his hair among the*

missing"; unidentified soldier; Center Station; "our home while on duty"; "Patton and ?";
"anything you want to call it"; "American guns ready to put on the boat and send home";
"where we get ice-cream" and 10 different postcard scenes of the U.S.S. Kaiserin Auguste
Victoria

(Album #12: 1918 - Camp Lee to France pp 37-50)

Album #13: 1918 - No Man's Land France

2-5 Folder #1: Photos: #s: 10, 17, 37, 91, 48, 7, "the appearance of a forest after the battle - Verdun
front"; 5, 1, 19, trench in winter; captured German cannons

(Album #13: 1918 - No Man's Land France pp 1-6)

2-6 Folder #2: Photos: #s: 6, "French infantrymen moving into position"; 39, 23, "outer section of St.
Mihiel"; 42, 2, 32, 35; " A French prison camp in the Aisne"; 28, 30; "view in the Argonne"

(Album #13: 1918 - No Man's Land France pp 7-13)

2-7 Folder #3: Photos: #s: "Headquarters of the German Crown Prince during the final period of the
war"; "Hell with Den Hohenzollern"; "photograph taken by Germans of Quentin Roosevelt after
he was shot down"; tanks in field w/barbed wire fencing"; soldier on bridge; "Hindenburg and
some of his Germans."; "The King of Saxony has just awarded medals to a few of his Boche
soldiers."; "The Crown Prince, the King of Saxony and Kaiser Bill with some of their soldiers."

(Album #13: 1918 - No Man's Land France pp 14-19)

2-8 Folder #4: Photos: #s: soldiers posed in and around building; Reims; 11, soldier photographing
remains of soldier; close-up of soldier remains; remains of soldier against tree; "A view in the
Argonne after the fight"; blurred photograph of battle; wreckage of plane; woman posed with
bicycle at edge of ditch; cathedral being hit by bomb

(Album #13: 1918 - No Man's Land France pp 20-25)

2-9 Military discharge papers, 1919

2-9a Evacuation Hospital #15 - medical notebook of Pvt. Amos E. Taylor, 1918

Album #14: 1919, January-April, I

Album #15: 1919, May-June, II

Album #16: 1919, July-December, III

Album #17: 1919, Paris, Stars and Stripes, N.Y. Herald, Etc. (newspaper clippings)

Album #18: "Cours de Civilisation Francaise pour les Etudiants Americains", 1919 - 14 booklets

Series 3: University of Pennsylvania

Album #19: 1920

Album #20: 1921

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Album #20: 1922

Album #21: 1923

Album #22: 1924

Album #23: 1925

3-1 Publications by Amos E. Taylor while at the University of Pennsylvania

Album #24: 1926

Album #25: 1927

pp. 46 & 48 - photos of campus of Antioch College

Album #26: 1928

Album #27: 1929

Album #28: 1930

Series 4: U.S. Department of Commerce

Album #29: 1931

Album #30: 1932

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Album #31: 1933, I

Album #32: 1933, II

Album #33: 1934

Album #34: 1935

p. 136a - photos of Taylor residence taken by Amos E. Taylor, Jr.

Album #35: 1936

Album #36: 1936, II

Album #37: 1937, I

Album #38: 1937, II

4-1 Publications by Amos E. Taylor while at the U.S. Department of Commerce

Album #39: 1938, I

Album #40: 1938, II (Entries for 20 August - 6 September recorded by Amos E. Taylor, Jr. during his parent's vacation.)

Album #41: 1938, III

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Album #42: Switzerland - Geneva, Basel, Bern - December 1938 (postcards)

Album #43: 1939, I

Album #44: 1939, II

Album #45: 1940, I

Album #46: 1940, II

Album #47: 1940, III

Album #48: 1940, IV

Album #49: 1941, I

Album #50: 1941, II

Album #51: 1941, III

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Album #52: 1942, I
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Album #54: 1943, I
Album #55: 1943, II
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Album #57: 1944, I
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Album #62: 1944, VI

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Album #63: 1945, I
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Album #67: 1945, V
Album #68: 1946, I
Album #69: 1946, II (p.55)
Album #70: 1946, III
Album #71: 1947, I - January 1 to July 31 (except April 17 to May 8)
Album #72: 1947, II
Album #73: 1947, III - August 1 to December 31

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Album #74: 1947, IV
Album #75: Essen, Dusseldorf, Cologne, Minden - April - May 1947
8-1 *Folder #1: Photos: 1-16*
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Album #76: Bermuda, Azores, Berlin, 1947
8-3 *Folder #1: Photos: 1-30*
8-4 *Folder #2: Photos: 31-68*

Series 5: Inter-American Economic & Social Council/Pan American Union

Album #77: 1948, I
Album #78: 1948, II
Album #79: 1948, III

Album #80: 1948, IV
Album #81: Presidential Election of 1948, November 1948
Album #82: 1949, I
Album #83: 1949, II
Album #84: 1949, III

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Album #85: 1950, I
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Album #87: 1950, III
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Album #93: 1952, I
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Album #109: 1956, II - May - August
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Album #111: 1957, I
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Series 6: American University

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Series 7: Personal Memorabilia

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Album #136: Supplement V (personal color photos)
Album #137: Supplement VI
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 Album #140: Supplement IX
 Album #141: Index II
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 Album #143: Alphabetic Index
 Album #144: Quotations
 Album #145: Who's Who
 Album #146: Names and Dates
 Album #147: Misc. Index

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Series 8: Publications

- 14-1 Miscellaneous Financial/Economic Publications - International, 1919
- 14-2 Miscellaneous Financial/Economic Publications - International, 1919-1921 (Acquired while at the University of Pennsylvania, 1921)
- 14-3 "Approach to International Financial Rehabilitation" - outline & various other financial/economic publications, 1920
- 14-4 Miscellaneous Financial/Economic Publications - International, 1921
- 14-5 " " " " " , 1922
- 14-6 " " " " " , 1923
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- 14-15 Miscellaneous Financial/Economic Publications, papers, etc. - International, 1932
- 14-16 Statistical Tables and Charts used regularly at the White House during 1932 and early 1933
- 14-17 Miscellaneous Financial/Economic Publications, papers, etc. - International, 1933
- 14-18 Miscellaneous Financial/Economic Publications, papers, etc. - International, 1934 #1
- 14-19 Miscellaneous Financial/Economic Publications, papers, etc. - International, 1934 #2
- 14-20 Miscellaneous Financial/Economic Publications - International, 1935
- 14-21 Miscellaneous Financial/Economic Publications - International, 1936
- 14-22 Miscellaneous Financial/Economic Publications - International, 1937
- 14-23 Miscellaneous Financial/Economic Publications papers, etc. - International, 1938
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- 14-25 Miscellaneous Financial/Economic Publications papers, etc. - International, 1940

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- 15-1 Miscellaneous Financial/Economic Publications - International, 1941
- 15-2 Miscellaneous Financial/Economic Publications & Reports - International, 1942 and "Economic
"Economic Data on Dependent Areas" - chart
- 15-3 Miscellaneous Financial/Economic Publications - International, 1943
- 15-4 Miscellaneous Financial/Economic Publications - mostly Western Europe, 1944
- 15-5 Miscellaneous Financial/Economic Publications - International, 1945
- 15-6 Miscellaneous Financial/Economic Publications - International, 1946
- 15-7 Miscellaneous Financial/Economic Publications - International, 1947
- 15-8 Miscellaneous Financial/Economic Publications - Western Europe, 1948
- 15-9 *World Trade Development in 1948 in Selected Countries*, by U.S. Department of Congress
- 15-10 Klein & Saks - Recommendations to Peru, Nov. 1949 & Chile, Nov. 1956
- 15-11 Miscellaneous Financial/Economic Publications - International, 1949
- 15-12 Miscellaneous Financial/Economic Publications - International, 1950
- 15-13 Miscellaneous Financial/Economic Publications, papers, etc. - International, 1951
- 15-14 Miscellaneous Financial/Economic Publications, papers, etc. - International, 1952
- 15-15 Digest from the Report of the President's Materials Policy Commission, 1952
- 15-16 Miscellaneous Financial/Economic Publications, papers, etc. - International, 1953
- 15-17 Miscellaneous Financial/Economic Publications, papers, etc. - International, 1954
- 15-18 Miscellaneous Financial/Economic Publications, papers, etc. - International, 1955
- 15-19 Miscellaneous Financial/Economic Publications, papers, etc. - International, 1956
- 15-20 Miscellaneous Financial/Economic Publications, papers, etc. - International, 1957
- 15-21 Miscellaneous Financial/Economic Publications, papers, etc. - International, 1958
- 15-22 Miscellaneous Financial/Economic Publications, papers, etc. - International, 1959
- 15-23 Miscellaneous Financial/Economic Publications, papers, etc. - International, 1960
- 15-24 Briefs on World Commerce, Feb. 13 - June 26, 1961 & July 3 - Dec. 25, 1961
- 15-25 Miscellaneous Financial/Economic Publications, papers, etc. - International, 1961

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- 16-1 Briefs on World Commerce, Jan. - March 1962 & April 2 - June 11, 1962 and other miscellaneous
- 16-2 Miscellaneous Financial/Economic Publications - International, 1962
- 16-3 Miscellaneous Financial/Economic Publications - International, 1963
- 16-4 Miscellaneous Financial/Economic Publications - International, 1964
- 16-5 Miscellaneous Financial/Economic Publications - Western Europe, 1965
- 16-6 Miscellaneous Financial/Economic Publications - International, 1966
- 16-7 Miscellaneous Financial/Economic Publications - International, 1967
- 16-8 Miscellaneous Financial/Economic Publications - International, 1968
- 16-9 International Financial News Survey, vols. xxi, #12 and xxi, #32, 1969 and vol. xxii, #6, 1970

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