

Henry D. White Collection
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Title

Henry D. White Collection, 1880 – 1970s

Date

1880 – 1970s

Extent

4 linear feet, 8 boxes

Name of Creator

Henry D. White, (1898 – 1979)

Biographical Note

Henry Dana White was born on October 29, 1898 in Brookline, Massachusetts to parents Katherine Dana and William Howard White. Along with his siblings Katherine H. White and Robert W. White, Henry White was educated in the Wellesley Public Schools, graduating in 1917. Henry White graduated from Harvard University in 1921 and went on to graduate from Harvard Law in 1924. He worked as a self-employed lawyer in Boston for 55 years, retiring at the age of 79. During World War II he served in the U.S. Army.

A resident of 30 Cliff Road in Wellesley, White was an active member of the community. He served as a town meeting member from 1937 – 1979 and was a member of the Wellesley Hills Congregational Church, serving as Sunday School Superintendent for several years. His most notable contribution to the Wellesley community was the 55 years he served as scoutmaster of Wellesley Boy Scout Troop 182 (previously known as Troop 2W). In 1976 he was recognized as Scoutmaster of the Year for his contributions to scouting.

White died on February 25th, 1979 at the age of 80 and is interred in Mount Auburn Cemetery.

Scope and Content Note

This series contains materials related to the life and work of Henry D. White. The bulk of the collection is made of up correspondence belonging to White. Other materials of note include

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items regarding his time spent at Harvard, his career as a lawyer, and his involvement with the Boy Scouts. Also included are materials related to the town of Wellesley including, Town Meeting resources, information about Wellesley High School, and the First Congregational Church of Wellesley Hills.

Index Terms

Boy Scouts
Correspondence
Massachusetts — Wellesley
Needham (Mass.) — History
Wellesley (Mass.) — Family and personal papers
Wellesley (Mass.) — History
White, Henry D.

System of Arrangement

This collection is organized into four series arranged by subject:

- I. Personal Items; bulk undated
- II. Wellesley Materials; 1930s – 1970s
- III. Correspondence; 1880 – 1975, undated
- IV. Photographs; undated

Conditions Governing Access

The papers are open for research purposes by appointment only. Please contact the Wellesley Historical Society for more information.

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Languages and Scripts of the Material

English

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Unknown

Related Materials

Wellesley Boy Scout Troop 182 Collection, Wellesley Historical Society

Accruals

The Historical Society may add materials to the collection in the future; however, no further accruals are currently expected.

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Description

Processing of this collection was made possible through a grant from the Wellesley Community Preservation Committee and the Mass State Historical Records Advisory Board Preservation Grant for Veterans Collections.

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Bibliography

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"Henry White," *The Wellesley Townsman* (Wellesley, Mass), March 1, 1979.

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Container List

I. Personal Items; bulk undated

This series contains materials related to the life and work of Henry D. White. Included are materials regarding his time spent at Harvard, his career as a lawyer, and a small amount of information concerning his involvement with the Boy Scouts.

Box 1

- Folder 1: Awards; 1956
- Folder 2: Boy Scouts; 1965 & undated
- Folder 3: Clippings; 1950s & undated
- Folder 4: Dartmouth Information; undated
- Folder 5: Ephemera; bulk undated
- Folder 6: Family Tree; undated
- Folder 7: Harvard Materials; 1921 & 1964
- Folder 8: Lists; bulk undated
- Folder 9: Materials Related to Legal Matters / Law Career; 1940s – 1970s
- Folder 10: Political Materials; undated
- Folder 11: Receipts; bulk undated

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- Folder 11: Boy Scouts; 1956 – 1957

II. Wellesley Materials; 1930s – 1970s

This series contains materials relating to the Town of Wellesley. Includes published Town Meeting materials, information about Wellesley High School, and the First Congregational Church of Wellesley Hills.

Box 1

- Folder 12: Town of Wellesley Materials, Not Government Related; bulk undated
- Folder 13: Town of Wellesley, School Planning Materials; 1930s – 1950s
- Folder 14: Town of Wellesley, Town Meeting Materials, Bound; 1930s – 1970s

Box 2

- Folder 1: Town of Wellesley, Town Meeting Materials, Unbound; 1930s – 1970s
- Folder 2: Wellesley Club Materials; 1964
- Folder 3: First Congregational Church, Wellesley Hills; 1920s, & 1940s – 1950s
- Folder 4: Wellesley High School Materials; 1940 – 1960

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- Folder 12: Town Maps; undated

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III. Correspondence; 1880 – 1975, undated

This series contains correspondence written by and to Henry D. White as well as some older correspondence belonging to several of his family members.

Box 2

Folder 5: 1880 – 1909
Folder 6: 1910 – 1919
Folder 7: 1920 – 1921
Folder 8: 1922 – 1923

Box 3

Folder 1: 1924 – 1926
Folder 2: 1927 – 1929
Folder 3: 1930 – 1931
Folder 4: 1932 – 1933
Folder 5: 1934 – 1935

Box 4

Folder 1: 1936 – 1937
Folder 2: 1938 – 1939
Folder 3: 1940 – 1942
Folder 4: 1943
Folder 5: 1944 – 1947
Folder 6: 1948 – 1949

Box 5

Folder 1: 1950
Folder 2: 1951
Folder 3: 1952
Folder 4: January – August 1953

Box 6

Folder 1: September – December 1953
Folder 2: 1954
Folder 3: 1955
Folder 4: 1956
Folder 5: 1957

Box 7

Folder 1: 1958
Folder 2: 1959

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Folder 3: 1960 – 1969
Folder 4: 1970 – 1975
Folder 5: Undated

IV. Photographs; undated

This series contains a collection of largely unidentified and undated photographs.

Box 8

Folder 1: Photographs #1
Folder 2: Photographs #2
Folder 3: Photographs #3
Folder 4: Photographs #4
Folder 5: Photographs #5
Folder 6: Photographs #6
Folder 7: Photographs #7