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Summary Information

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Biographical / Historical

Journalist. Knickerbocker was a student in journalism at Columbia University, 1919-1920, and a foreign correspondent for the New York EVENING POST and the Philadelphia PUBLIC LEDGER, and later for the International News Service.

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Summary

Correspondence, clippings, notebooks, and photographs. The principal files are not complete. The correspondence covers the years 1920 to 1941, and the scrapbooks of clippings begin in 1927 and end in 1945. Nevertheless, many of Knickerbocker's reports, cables, and interviews,

some unpublished, are present and provide information concerning news events, primarily in Europe, and the operations of his office. Correspondence with fellow members of the press is extensive and interesting. There are a few original manuscripts in the collection, but none pertain to Knickerbocker's seven books. Also, photographs relating to Knickerbocker's works on Russian trade and the Five Year Plan, and of Knickerbocker himself. The correspondence includes letters from Winston Churchill, Randolph Churchill, Evelyn Waugh, Leon Trotsky, Sir Josiah Stamp, Ernestine Evans, Walter Duranty, and John W. Wheeler-Bennett.

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Arrangement

Selected materials cataloged remainder listed.

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Restrictions on Access

The following boxes are onsite: Cataloged Correspondence (1 box) and Scrapbooks 1-2, 22-30, 37-40.

Restrictions on Access

The following boxes are located off-site: Boxes 1-11, Scrap Book Boxes 3-21, 31-36, and 41-43. You will need to request this material at least three business days in advance to use the collection in the Rare Book and Manuscript Library reading room.

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Source of acquisition--Walker, Mrs. Joseph T. Method of acquisition--Gift; Date of acquisition--1973. Accession number--M-73.

Processing Information

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Accruals

Materials may have been added to the collection since this finding aid was prepared. Contact rbml@columbia.edu for more information.

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Controlled Access Headings

- International trade
- Statesmen
- Europe -- Politics and government
- Soviet Union -- Commerce
- Soviet Union -- Politics and government
- Soviet Union -- Economic policy
- Journalists
- Authors
- Evening post

- Public ledger
- Churchill, Winston, 1874-1965
- Churchill, Randolph Henry Spencer, Lord, 1849-1895
- Waugh, Evelyn, 1903-1966
- Trotsky, Leon, 1879-1940
- Stamp, Josiah, Sir, 1880-1941
- Evans, Ernestine, 1889-1967
- Duranty, Walter, 1884-1957
- Wheeler-Bennett, John Wheeler, Sir, 1902-1975

Collection Inventory

Correspondence	
Title/Description	Instances
Catalogued Correspondence	
Acheson, Fean Gooderham	box CC 1
Asquith, Margo Tennant, Countess of Oxford	box CC 1
Atholl, Katharine Marjory Ramsey Stewart-Murray, Duchess of	box CC 1
Biddle, Francis	box CC 1
Bliven, Bruce	box CC 1
Bonham Carter, Violet	box CC 1
Borah, William Edgar	box CC 1
Borris III, Tsar of Bulgaria	box CC 1
Bracken, Brendan	box CC 1
Churchill, Randolph Spencer	box CC 1
Churchill, (Sir) Winston Leonard Spencer	box CC 1
Czernin, Paul, Count	box CC 1
Degenfeld, Henry, Count	box CC 1
Duranty, Walter	box CC 1
Epp, Franz von	box CC 1
Evans, Ernestine	box CC 1
Ezekiel, Mordecai	box CC 1
Field, Marshall, III	box CC 1
Filene, Edward	box CC 1

Fraser, Leon	box CC 1
Goebbels, Paul Joseph	box CC 1
Gunther, John	box CC 1
Hart, Albert Bushnell	box CC 1
Hauptmann, Benvenuto	box CC 1
Holmes, John Haynes	box CC 1
Kerr, Walter	box CC 1
Kirill Vladimirovich, Grand Duke of Russia	box CC 1
Knickerbocker, William S.	box CC 1
Knox, Frank	box CC 1
Lee, Ivy L.	box CC 1
Lewis, Sinclair	box CC 1
Lowenfels, Walter	box CC 1
McClure, Samuel Sidney	box CC 1
McCormick, Anne O'Hare	box CC 1
MacLeish, Archibald	box CC 1
Menninger, Karl Augustus	box CC 1
Otto, Archduke of Austria	box CC 1
Papen, Franz von	box CC 1
Pringle, Henry F.	box CC 1
Roosevelt, Elanor Butler Alexander (Mrs. Theodore, Jr.)	box CC 1
Slocombe, George	box CC 1
Soule, George	box CC 1
Stamp, (Sir) Josiah	box CC 1
Streseman, Kathe Kleefeld (Mrs. Gustav)	box CC 1
Thompson, Dorothy	box CC 1
Trotsky, Leon	box CC 1
Villard, Oswald Garrison	box CC 1
Waugh, Evelyn	box CC 1
Wheeler-Bennett, (Sir) John	box CC 1
White, Katherine Sergeant Angell (Mrs. E.B.)	box CC 1
Woollcott, Alexander	box CC 1

Arranged Correspondence	
Correspondence, 1920-1930	box 1
Correspondence, 1931	box 2
Correspondence, 1932	box 2
Correspondence, 1932	box 3
Correspondence, 1933	box 3
Correspondence, 1933	box 4
Correspondence, 1934	box 4
Correspondence, 1935	box 4
Correspondence, 1936	box 4
Correspondence, 1937	box 4
Correspondence, 1938	box 4
Correspondence, 1939	box 4
Correspondence, 1940	box 4
Correspondence, 1941-1948	box 4

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Subject Files

Title/Description	Instances
Anastasia-Limericks	box 5
Lecture Notes	box 5
Expense Accounts	box 5
Broadcasts, 1948-1949	box 5
Anastasia	box 5
First Division- Big Red I, 1947-1949	box 5
Hessian Letters, 1929-1932	box 5
Lectures, 1931-1933	box 5
Libel Suit, 1949	box 5
Limericks	box 5
Mail Stories- World Power Conference	box 6
Paris Apartment, 1948	box 6
Miscellaneous Clippings, 1939	box 6

Miscellaneous Articles	box 6
Mail Stories, 1932-1933	box 6
Naval Conference, 1929	box 6
Orloff-Borah File, 1929	box 6
Philadelphia Exhibition- Germany, 1929	box 6
Red Army	box 6
Tax Suit- IRS, 1948	box 6
Transatlantic Flight Attempt, 1927	box 6
World Power Conference, 1930	box 6

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Biographical Materials

Title/Description	Instances
Drawn out family tree	box 7
Passports, Permits, Memberships	box 7
Papers- Southwestern University, 1910-1917	box 7
Papers- Southwestern University, 1914-1917	box 7
Notes, Clippings, Misc/Southwestern University, 1917-1919	box 7
Miscellaneous Biographical Materials	box 7
Misc.	box 7
Misc. Biographical Materials- Fatal Plane Crash- 1949, 1949	box 8
Miscellaneous Biographical Material (Printed: about Knickerbocker)	box 8
Miscellaneous Biographical Material (Misc printed material)	box 8
Cables, March- September 1939	box 8
Curtis Brown Ltd., 1931	box 8
Correspondence- Airplane- Revolving Wing, 1932	box 8
Cables, 1935	box 8
Cables, August-September 1944	box 8
Miscellaneous Biographical Material	box 4

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Books

Title/Description	Instances
Kommt Krieg in Europa?	box 9
Rudy' Obchod La'ka'	box 9
Der rote Handel droht! (copy 1)	box 9
Czerwony Handel Gromi	box 9
Der rote Handel droht! (copy 2)	box 9
Rudy Obchod Hrozi	box 9
Kommt Krieg in Europa? (copy 2)	box 9
De Roode Handel Dreight!	box 9
Der rote Handel lockt	box 9
Puo L'Europa Tornare Indietro?	box 9
Walka Z Czerwonym Handlem	box 9
Der rote Handel droht! (copy 3)	box 9
Soviet Trade and World Depression	box 9
Commerce rouge: U.S.S.R. Contre Europe	box 9
Die Woche, 1932-08-20	box 9
The Danger of War in Europe, July-August 1934	box 9
Hearst's International- Cosmopolitan;, January 1939	box 9

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Notebooks

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Photographs

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Scrapbooks

Scope and Contents

Preliminary listing of 38 items, plus two printed books. 20 of these are scrapbooks, 14 looseleaves and four have been placed in archival boxes.

Title/Description	Instances
Scrapbook 1, Dec 25 1912-Jun 1914 Scope and Contents High school scrapbook, Waco TX	box Flat Box 307
Scrapbook 2, Sep 24 1919-Mar 31 1921 Scope and Contents Col U J Sen; Ledger fr 6-1-20	box Flat Box 307
Scrapbook 3, Apr 2-Oct 28 1921 Scope and Contents Newark Star Ledger	box Scrapbook Box 3
Scrapbook 4, August 4- August 15, 1927 Scope and Contents EvePost/Berlin cables & clips	box Scrapbook Box 4
Scrapbook 5, August 15- October 26, 1927 Scope and Contents EvePost/Berlin cables & clips	box Scrapbook Box 5
Scrapbook 6, July 10- December 31, 1928 Scope and Contents Evening Post/Philadelphia Public Ledger clips and cables	box Scrapbook Box 6
Scrapbook 7, January 1- June 30, 1929 Scope and Contents New York Evening Post/Philadelphia Public Ledger clips and cables	box Scrapbook Box 7
Scrapbook 8, July 1- December 31, 1929	

<p>Scope and Contents New York Evening Post/Philadelphia Public Ledger clips and cables</p>	<p>box Scrapbook Box 8</p>
<p>Scrapbook 9, December 1, 1929- June 30, 1930 Scope and Contents New York Evening Post/Philadelphia Public Ledger clips and cables. Includes anti-Religion Crusade Naval Conference</p>	<p>box Scrapbook Box 9</p>
<p>Scrapbook 10, July 1- October 31, 1931 Scope and Contents EvePost/Berlin cables & clips</p>	<p>box Scrapbook Box 10</p>
<p>Scrapbook 11, Jan 1-Jun 30 1931 Scope and Contents EvePost/Berlin cables & clips</p>	<p>box Scrapbook Box 11</p>
<p>Scrapbook 12, July 1- October 31, 1931 Scope and Contents New York Evening Post clips and cables</p>	<p>box Scrapbook Box 12</p>
<p>Scrapbook 13, Nov 1931-May 31 1932 Scope and Contents EvePost/Berlin cables & clips</p>	<p>box Scrapbook Box 13</p>
<p>Scrapbook 14, June 1- December 31 1932 Scope and Contents New York Evening Post cable book</p>	<p>box Scrapbook Box 14</p>
<p>Scrapbook 15, January 1- May 31, 1933 Scope and Contents New York Evening Post cable book</p>	<p>box Scrapbook Box 15</p>
<p>Scrapbook 16, June 1- September 25, 1933 Scope and Contents Cables</p>	<p>box Scrapbook Box 16</p>
<p>Scrapbook 17, Mar 3-6 1929</p>	

<p>Scope and Contents Cables, Borah forgery clips/Germ Press 1 of 2</p>	<p>box Scrapbook Box 17</p>
<p>Scrapbook 18, March 6-21, 1929 Scope and Contents Borah forgery clips/Germ Press 2 of 2</p>	<p>box Scrapbook Box 18</p>
<p>Scrapbook 19, May 23- July 6, 1929 Scope and Contents Orloff Trial clips / GermPress</p>	<p>box Scrapbook Box 19</p>
<p>Scrapbook 20, Jul 6-11, 1929 Scope and Contents Orloff Trial clips / GermPress</p>	<p>box Scrapbook Box 20</p>
<p>Scrapbook 21, July 11, 1929- January 30, 1931 Scope and Contents Orloff Trial clips / GermPress</p>	<p>box Scrapbook Box 21</p>
<p>Scrapbook 22, Nov 16 1930 Scope and Contents The Red Trade Menace</p>	<p>box Flatbox 308</p>
<p>Scrapbook 23, Jan 25 1931-Jun 10 1932 Scope and Contents Am, Brit revs Red, Ftg, Germ</p>	<p>box Flatbox 308</p>
<p>Scrapbook 24, Nov 20 1932-Apr 3 1933 Scope and Contents Am S Brit revs and arts'n Kn</p>	<p>box Flatbox 308</p>
<p>Scrapbook 25, Feb 25-Aug 13 1931 Scope and Contents GermTr Red Trade Menace</p>	<p>box Flatbox 309</p>
<p>Scrapbook 26, Sep 3 1931-Jan 16 1932</p>	<p>box Flatbox 309</p>

Scope and Contents

GermRevs GermTr Ftg Red

Scrapbook 27, Jan 31-Mar 9 1932

box Flatbox
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Scope and Contents

GermRevs GermTr Germany...

Scrapbook 28, Oct 11 1932-Mar 26 1933

box Flatbox
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Scope and Contents

GermRevs Germ Tr Can Europe

Scrapbook 29, Oct-Dec 1935

box Flatbox
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Scope and Contents

mainly S Ethiopia, Ethiopia for INS, miscellaneous

Scrapbook 30, Aug 3-Oct 7 1939

box Flatbox
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Scope and Contents

By and about Knick; England & US

Scrapbook 31, Oct 1-Dec 14 1939

box
Scrapbook
Box 31-33

Scope and Contents

By and about Knick; England & US

Scrapbook 32, Dec 4 1939-Mar 17 1940

box
Scrapbook
Box 31-33

Scope and Contents

By and about Knick; mainly US

Scrapbook 33, Sep 14-Nov 1 1939

box Flatbox
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Scope and Contents

By & about Knick, France

Scrapbook 34, Oct 31-Nov 3 1939

box
Scrapbook
Box 34

Scope and Contents

By & about Knick, France

Scrapbook 34, Oct 31-Nov 3 1939

box
Scrapbook
Box 35

Scope and Contents

By & about Knick, France

Scrapbook 34, Oct 31-Nov 3 1939

<p>Scope and Contents By & about Knick, France</p>	<p>box Scrapbook Box 36</p>
<p>Scrapbook 35, Sep 21-Oct19 1939 Scope and Contents By & about Knick, Germany; Sep 30</p>	<p>box Scrapbook Box 34</p>
<p>Scrapbook 35, Sep 21-Oct19 1939 Scope and Contents By & about Knick, Germany; Sep 30</p>	<p>box Scrapbook Box 35</p>
<p>Scrapbook 35, Sep 21-Oct19 1939 Scope and Contents By & about Knick, Germany; Sep 30</p>	<p>box Scrapbook Box 36</p>
<p>Scrapbook 36, Sep 25-Oct 19 1939 Scope and Contents About Knick; Germany and Central Europe, Italy</p>	<p>box Scrapbook Box 34</p>
<p>Scrapbook 36, Sep 25-Oct 19 1939 Scope and Contents About Knick; Germany and Central Europe, Italy</p>	<p>box Scrapbook Box 35</p>
<p>Scrapbook 36, Sep 25-Oct 19 1939 Scope and Contents About Knick; Germany and Central Europe, Italy</p>	<p>box Scrapbook Box 36</p>
<p>Scrapbook 37, Dec 27 1941-Mar 1942 Scope and Contents By & about Knick; includes some cables</p>	<p>box Flat Box 311</p>
<p>Scrapbook 38, 1940-1944 - Scope and Contents y & about Knick, At War</p>	<p>box Flat Box 311</p>
<p>Scrapbooks 39 and 40, 1949 Scope and Contents Two copies of oversized printed booklet "Indonesia Report/The Collected Dispatches of the American Correspondents who died in Bombay, India, July 12,</p>	<p>box Flat Box 311</p>

1949, on their return from a tour of Indonesia", one with additional clippings mounted inside.

Scrapbooks 41-43	box
Scope and Contents	Scrapbook
Personal Memorabilia	Box 41

Scrapbooks 41-43	box
Scope and Contents	Scrapbook
Personal Memorabilia	Box 42

Scrapbooks 41-43	box
Scope and Contents	Scrapbook
Personal Memorabilia	Box 43

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