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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
<b>Creator:</b>	Lynd, Robert Staughton, 1892-1970
<b>Title:</b>	Robert Staughton Lynd papers
<b>ID:</b>	4079056
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<b>Date [bulk]:</b>	1933-1935
<b>Physical Description:</b>	.42 linear feet 1 Document box
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English .
<b>Abstract:</b>	Robert Staughton Lynd's papers consist primarily of correspondence, meetings' minutes, proposals, studies, and reports regarding the National Recovery Administration and the Consumers Advisory Board. In addition, there are newspaper and magazine clippings about consumer interests during the early 1930s.

### Preferred Citation

Identification of specific item; Date (if known); Robert Staughton Lynd papers; Box and Folder; Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Columbia University Library.

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## Biographical / Historical

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Robert Staughton Lynd was born on September 26, 1892 in New Albany, Indiana. He was a professor of sociology at Columbia University for thirty years (1931-1961.) He married Helen Merrell in September, 1922. They had two children, a son, Staughton, in 1929, and a daughter, Andrea, in 1934.

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## Biographical / Historical

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Lynd is best known for the book, *Middletown: A Study in Contemporary American Culture*, that he and his wife wrote. The book was based on a landmark study of a typical American community in 1929 from a cultural anthropological standpoint. It was one of the first sociological analyses done in the country of a modern, urban community. The book proved to be a bestseller and was noted for its scientific perspective. Lynd and his wife followed up with a sequel titled, *Middletown in Transition* in 1937 by returning to the same community to observe the effects of the Great Depression on its people. Known as the Middletown studies, these analyses are still used and referred to by American sociologists.

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## Biographical / Historical

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Lynd died on November 1, 1970 in Warren, CT, at the age of seventy-eight.

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## Summary

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Lynd's papers primarily consist of letters, memos, proposals, meetings' minutes, studies, newspaper and magazine clippings, releases, and legal documents pertaining to the National Recovery Administration regulation and the Consumer Advisory Board during the early 1930s. In addition, the collection contains policies and reports on educational reform in Great Britain and of the National Maritime Union.

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## Arrangement

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This collection is arranged in four series.

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## **Related Materials**

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### **Selected Related Material--At Other Repositories**

[Robert and Helen Lynd Family Papers, Staughton Lynd Collection](#) Kent State University

### **Selected Related Material--At Other Repositories**

Lynd Correspondence and Papers, 1922-1982, Ball State University Libraries

### **Selected Related Material--At Other Repositories**

[Middletown Studies Collection](#) Ball State University

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Working class -- Education -- United States
- Working class -- Education -- Great Britain
- United States -- Economic conditions -- 1918-1945
- College teachers
- Sociologists
- Lynd, Helen Merrell, 1896-1982
- Columbia University -- Faculty
- United States. National Recovery Administration. Consumers' Advisory Board
- National Maritime Union of America

## Collection Inventory

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### Series I: Correspondence, 1933-1937

#### Scope and Contents

This series contains letters from the National Recovery Administration and memos from the Consumer Advisory Board.

Title/Description	Instances	
Letters from National Recovery Administration, 1933-1935	box 1	folder 1
Letters from Consumer Agencies and Colleagues, 1933-1937	box 1	folder 2
Consumer Advisory Board Memos, 1933-1935	box 1	folder 3

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### Series II: Administrative Files, 1933-1935

#### Scope and Contents

In this series, the papers are comprised of minutes, studies, proposals, reports, newspaper and magazine clippings and press releases regarding the Consumer Advisory Board.

Title/Description	Instances	
Consumer Advisory Board Meetings' Minutes, 1933-1935	box 1	folder 4
Consumer Advisory Board Studies, 1933-1935	box 1	folder 5
Consumer Advisory Board Proposals, 1933	box 1	folder 6
National Recovery Administration Releases, 1933-1935	box 1	folder 7
Consumer Advisory Board Presentations, undated		

	box 1	folder 8
County Consumers Councils Reports, 1934 June-December	box 1	folder 9
Newspaper and Magazine Clippings, 1933-1935	box 1	folder 10

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### Series III: Legal Documents, 1933-1934

#### Scope and Contents

This series consists of National Industrial Recovery Act regulations and amendments.

Title/Description	Instances	
National Industrial Recovery Act Regulations and Amendments,, 1933-1934	box 1	folder 11

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### Series IV: Educational Files, 1942-1943

#### Scope and Contents

These files contain educational reform policies and social welfare reports in Great Britain as well as the National Maritime Union Training School policies.

Title/Description	Instances	
British Educational Reform Policies, 1943	box 1	folder 12
Social Welfare Reports in Great Britain, 1942	box 1	folder 13
American Labor Education Study, undated	box 1	folder 14
National Maritime Union Training School Policies, 1944-1945	box 1	folder 15

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