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Summary Information

Repository:	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
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Biographical / Historical

The historian Richard Hofstadter was a core member of the group of postwar Columbia intellectuals that included Lionel Trilling, Jacques Barzun, Robert Merton, and Daniel Bell. At a time when politics were assumed essentially to reflect economic interests, Hofstadter began studying alternative explanations for political conduct: unconscious motives, status anxieties, irrational hatreds, paranoia. Hofstadter wrote some of the most influential books to appear in American political and cultural history, among them "The Age of Reform" (1955) and "Anti-Intellectualism in American Life" (1963), both recognized with Pulitzer Prizes, and the celebrated "The Paranoid Style in American Politics" (1965). His "American Political Tradition" (1948), an enduring classic, remains today a standard work in both college and high-school history classes and has been read by millions outside the academy.

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Biographical / Historical

After earning his MA and PhD from Columbia, Hofstadter joined the faculty in 1946. He was named the DeWitt Clinton Professor of American History in 1959 and remained at the University until his untimely death from leukemia in 1970. Many of Hofstadter's graduate students have gone on to important scholarship and teaching. One of them, Eric Foner, the current DeWitt Clinton Professor, says "He played brilliantly the role of intellectual mentor so critical to any student's graduate career. For all his accomplishments, he was utterly without pretension, always unintimidating, never too busy to talk about one's work." In 1968, following the campus disruptions that spring, Hofstadter delivered the commencement address, in which he defended Columbia as "a center of free inquiry and criticism--a thing not to be sacrificed for anything else."

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Summary

Correspondence, manuscripts, and notes. This collection contains the manuscripts for most of his books and articles. There are also copies of his many book reviews and articles by other authors analyzing the impact of his interpretations of American history. The correspondents include: H.S. Commager, C. Vann Woodward, Stuart Bruchey, S.E. Morison, Clarence Ver Steeg, Alfred A. Knopf, Helen Frankenthaler, Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., and others. There are also 70 books from his library

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Arrangement

Selected materials cataloged; remainder arranged.

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Cataloged and arranged material (boxes CC1, UC1-9, 1-37) is located on-site. Five boxes of books (B1-B5) are off-site, and need to be requested at least three business days in advance to use the materials in the Rare Book and Manuscript Library reading room.

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Source of acquisition--Hofstadter, Richard. Method of acquisition--Gift; Date of acquisition--1963. Accession number--M-1963.

Ownership and Custodial History

Gift of Richard Hofstadter, 1963 & 1966.

Ownership and Custodial History

Gift of Mrs Richard Hofstadter, 1971, 1974& 1984.

Ownership and Custodial History

Transferred from the Burgess-Carpenter Library, 1986.

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Accruals

Materials may have been added to the collection since this finding aid was prepared.
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Related Materials

Related Materials

"The Nature of American Extreme Right Wing Groups" by Richard Hofstadter for the Fund for the Republic. Typed manuscript (carbon), with mss. Corrections, 89 pages. Gift of Fritz Stern. Found in the General Manuscripts Collection (MS#0001, Box 66).

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Controlled Access Headings

- Academic freedom -- History
- Education, Higher -- United States -- History
- History -- Study and teaching
- History -- Research
- Historiography
- Intellectual life -- History
- Intellectuals -- United States
- Politics, Practical
- Progressivism (United States politics)

- Public opinion -- United States
- Right and left (Political science)
- Social evolution
- Sociology -- United States -- History
- Student movements
- United States -- Civilization
- United States -- History
- United States -- Intellectual life
- United States -- Politics and government
- United States -- Territorial expansion
- Articles
- Galley proofs
- Lectures
- Manuscripts (documents)
- Photographs
- Proofs (printed matter)
- Reviews (documents)
- Speeches (documents)
- Theses
- Authors
- College teachers
- Educators
- Historians
- Barnes, Harry Elmer, 1889-1968
- Barzun, Jacques, 1907-2012
- Beard, Charles A (Charles Austin), 1874-1948
- Boorstin, Daniel J (Daniel Joseph), 1914-2004
- Bruchey, Stuart Weems
- Caldwell, Taylor, 1900-1985
- Carman, Harry J (Harry James), 1884-1964
- Clemens, Cyril, 1902-1999
- Commager, Henry Steele, 1902-1998
- Curti, Merle (Merle Eugene), 1897-1996
- Dupee, F. W (Frederick Wilcox), 1904-1979
- Fox, Dixon Ryan, 1887-1945
- Frankenthaler, Helen, 1928-2011
- Haydn, Hiram Collins, 1831-1913
- Hofstadter, Richard, 1916-1970
- Howe, Irving
- Kazin, Alfred, 1915-1998
- Knopf, Alfred A., 1892-1984
- Morison, Samuel Eliot, 1887-1976
- Moynihan, Daniel P (Daniel Patrick), 1927-2003
- Nevins, Allan, 1890-1971
- Potofsky, Jacob S (Jacob Samuel), 1894-1979
- Schapiro, Meyer, 1904-1996
- Schlesinger, Arthur M., Jr (Arthur Meier), 1917-2007

- Trilling, Diana
- Ver Steeg, Clarence L (Clarence Lester), 1922-2007
- Ward, Barbara, 1914-1981
- Woodward, C. Vann (Comer Vann), 1908-1999
- Columbia University

Collection Inventory

Series I: Cataloged Correspondence

Title/Description	Instances
Barnes, Harry Elmer	box CC1
Barzun, Jacques	box CC1
Beard, Charles A.	box CC1
Boorstin, Daniel J.	box CC1
Caldwell, Taylor	box CC1
Carman, Harry J.	box CC1
Clemens, Cyril	box CC1
Commager, Henry Steele	box CC1
Curti, Merle	box CC1
Dupee, Frederick Wilcox	box CC1
Fox, Dixon Ryan	box CC1
Frankenthaler, Helen	box CC1
Goodrian, Paul	box CC1
Haydn, Hiram	box CC1
Howe, Irving	box CC1
Jackson, Barbara Ward (Lady)	box CC1
Kazin, Alfred	box CC1
Knopf, Alfred A.	box CC1
Kronenberger, Louis	box CC1
Lerner, Max	box CC1
Malone, Dumas	box CC1
Morison, Samuel Eliot	box CC1
Morris, Richard B.	box CC1

Moynihan, Daniel Patrick	box CC1
Nevins, Allan	box CC1
Potofsky, Jacob S.	box CC1
Riesman, David	box CC1
Schapiro, Meyer	box CC1
Schlesinger, Arthur M.	box CC1
Schlesinger, Arthur M., Jr.	box CC1
Trilling, Diana	box CC1

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Series II: Uncataloged Correspondence

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A-Ca	box UC1
Ce-Da	box UC2
De-Go	box UC3
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Kr-Ow	box UC6
P-Ro	box UC7
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American Political Tradition	box 3
American Political Tradition	box 4
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Idea of A Party System	box 8
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Biographical Material	box 18
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Lectures and Speeches --Notes on the Works of Other Authors	box 23
Notes on Radical Right	box 24
Age of Reform	box 25
Turner Anthology- Paranoid Style in America, Issues in American History, Anti-Intellectualism in American Life, Miscellaneous Essays (published), Social Darwinism, American Higher Education	box 26
Letters of Permission to Reprint: Course Materials, Columbia 1968	box 27
Article Reviews about Hofstadter	box 28
Printed Materials	box 29
Printed Materials	box 30
Misc. Unpublished Works: Senior Tutorial Thesis, Misc. Material	box 31
Manuscript: Paranoid Style in American Politics	box 32
Manuscript: Anti-Intellectualism in American Politics	box 33
Misc. Notes and Drafts	box 34
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The Hofstadter Aegis: A Memorial, Stanley Elkins and Eric McKittrick, eds. New York, Knopf, 1974. Transcript, galley and page proofs, photographs.	box 37

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Series IV: Books

Title/Description	Instances
<p><i>American higher education: a documentary history</i> / edited by Richard Hofstadter and Wilson Smith</p> <p>Scope and Contents</p> <p>Chicago and London: The University of Chicago Press, c1961, 1968] 2 v. Paperbound.</p>	box B1
<p><i>American higher education: a documentary history</i> / edited by Richard Hofstadter and Wilson Smith</p> <p>Scope and Contents</p> <p>Chicago and London: The University of Chicago Press, c1961, [1970] 2 v. Clothbound.</p>	box B1
<p><i>American violence: a documentary history</i> / edited by Richard Hofstadter and Michael Wallace. -- 1st ed.</p> <p>Scope and Contents</p> <p>New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1970 A Borzoi book.</p>	box B1
<p><i>American violence: a documentary history</i> / edited by Richard Hofstadter and Michael Wallace. -- 1st Vintage Books ed.</p> <p>Scope and Contents</p> <p>New York: Vintage Books, c1970, [1971]</p>	box B1
<p><i>The business establishment</i> / edited by Earl F. Cheit</p> <p>Scope and Contents</p> <p>New York; London; Sydney: John Wiley & Sons, Inc., c1964 Institute of Industrial Relations, University of California, Berkeley</p>	box B1
<p><i>Great issues in American history: a documentary record</i> / edited by Richard Hofstadter. -- 1st ed.</p>	box B1

Scope and Contents

New York: Vintage Books, 1958 2 v. V. 2: Signed by Richard Hofstadter.

Great issues in American history / edited by Clarence L. Ver Steeg and Richard Hofstadter. -- 1st Vintage ed. box B1

Scope and Contents

New York: Vintage Books, c1969 [3] v.

Great issues in American politics: a series of study and discussion programs for adult groups / [prepared by Richard Hofstadter] box B1

Scope and Contents

S. l.: S. n., c1956 2 v. 2 copies.

Coin's financial school / by William H. Harvey; edited by Richard Hofstadter box B1

Scope and Contents

Cambridge, Massachusetts: The Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 1963 The John Harvard library

Coin's financial school / by William H. Harvey; edited by Richard Hofstadter box B1

Scope and Contents

Cambridge, Massachusetts: The Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, c1963, [1965] First paperback issue. The John Harvard library

Academic freedom in the age of the college / by Richard Hofstadter box B1

Scope and Contents

New York and London: Columbia University Press, c1955, [1964]

The age of reform from Bryan to F. D. R. / by Richard Hofstadter box B1

Scope and Contents

New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1956 A borzoi book.

The age of reform from Bryan to F. D. R. / Richard Hofstadter box B2

Scope and Contents

London: Jonathan Cape, [1962]

The age of reform from Bryan to F. D. R. / by Richard Hofstadter. -- 1st Vintage ed. box B2

Scope and Contents

New York: Vintage Books, 1960

The age of reform from Bryan to F. D. R. Italian. L'eta delle riforme: da Bryan a F. D. Roosevelt / Richard Hofstadter; introduzione di Vittorio de Caprariis. box B2

Scope and Contents

[Bologna]: Societa Editrice il Mulino, c1962
Collezione di storia americana; 10

America at 1750: a social portrait / by Richard Hofstadter. -- 1st ed. box B2

Scope and Contents

New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1971

The American political tradition: and the men who made it / by Richard Hofstadter box B2

Scope and Contents

New York: Alfred. A. Knopf, 1949 A Borzoi book.

The American political tradition: and the men who made it / Richard Hofstadter box B2

Scope and Contents

London: Jonathan Cape, [1962]

The American political tradition / Richard Hofstadter. -- Paperback ed. box B2

Scope and Contents

London: Jonathan Cape, [1967]

The American political tradition. Chinese. The American political tradition / Richard Hofstadter; translated by Chiu-Sen Yang box B2

Scope and Contents

Hongkong: Hsien Hua Press, c1948, [1957]

The American political tradition. French. Batisseurs d'une tradition / Richard Hofstadter; [traduction Denise Wandby] box B2

Scope and Contents

Paris: Editions Seghers, 1966 Vent d'ouest

The American political tradition. Hebrew. The American political tradition / Richard Hofstadter box B2

Scope and Contents

Israel: Yachday, United Publishers Co. Ltd., 1969

The American political tradition. Italian. La tradizione politica americana / Richard Hofstadter; [traduzione di Giuseppe Vetrano] box B2

Scope and Contents

[Bologna]: Societa Editrice il Mulino, c1960
Collezione di storia americana; 3

The American political tradition. Japanese. The American political tradition and the men who made it / by Richard Hofstadter box B2

Scope and Contents

[Tokyo: Charles E. Tuttle Co., 1957]

The American political tradition. Spanish. La tradicion politica americana: y los hombres que la forjaron / Richard Hofstadter; [traduccion de Rafael Albisu]. box B2

Scope and Contents

Barcelona: Editorial Seix Barral, 1969 3 copies.
Biblioteca breve de bolsillo; libros de enlace

The American republic / Richard Hofstadter; William Miller; Daniel Aaron box B3

Scope and Contents

Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey: Prentice-Hall, Inc.,
1959 2 v.

The American republic / Richard Hofstadter; William Miller; Daniel Aaron. -- 2nd ed. box B3

Scope and Contents

Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey: Prentice-Hall, Inc.,
c1970 2 v.

Anti-intellectualism in American life / Richard Hofstadter box B3

Scope and Contents

London: Jonathan Cape, c1963, [1964]

Anti-intellectualism in American life / Richard Hofstadter box B3

Scope and Contents

New York: Vintage Books, c1963

Anti-intellectualism in American life. Italian. Societa e intellettuali in America / Richard Hofstadter box B3

Scope and Contents

[Torino]: Giulio Einaudi editore, c1968

Anti-intellectualism in American life. Spanish. Anti intelectualismo en la vida norteamericana / Richard Hofstadter; [traduccion de Federico Fernandez de Castillejo] box B3

Scope and Contents

Madrid: Editorial Tecnos, c1969 Semillo y surco; coleccion de ciencias sociales; serie de sociologia

The development and scope of higher education in the United States / by Richard Hofstadter and C. DeWitt Hardy box B3

Scope and Contents

New York: Columbia University Press; published for The Commission on Financing Higher Education, c1952, [1954]

The development of academic freedom in the United States / by Richard Hofstadter and Walter P. Metzger box B3

Scope and Contents

New York: Columbia University Press, 1955

The idea of a party system: the rise of legitimate opposition in the United States, 1780-1840 / by Richard Hofstadter box B3

Scope and Contents

Berkeley and Los Angeles: University of California Press, 1969

The idea of a party system: the rise of legitimate opposition in the United States, 1780-1840 / by Richard Hofstadter. -- Paper-bound ed. box B3

Scope and Contents

Berkeley, Los Angeles and London: University of California Press, 1970

The Hofstadter aegis: a memorial / edited by Stanley Elkins and Eric McKittrick. -- 1st ed. box B4

Scope and Contents

New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1974 A Borzoi book.

The paranoid style in American politics: and other essays / Richard Hofstadter. -- 1st ed. box B4

Scope and Contents

New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1965 A Borzoi book.

The paranoid style in American politics: and other essays / Richard Hofstadter box B4

Scope and Contents

London: Jonathan Cape, c1965, [1966]

The paranoid style in American politics: and other essays / Richard Hofstadter box B4

Scope and Contents

New York: Vintage Books, c1965, [1967]

The progressive historians: Turner, Beard, Parrington / Richard Hofstadter. -- 1st ed. box B4

Scope and Contents

New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1968 A Borzoi book.

The progressive historians: Turner, Beard, Parrington / Richard Hofstadter box B4

Scope and Contents

London: Jonathan Cape, c1968, [1969]

The progressive historians: Turner, Beard, Parrington / Richard Hofstadter. -- 1st Vintage Books ed. box B4

Scope and Contents

New York: Vintage Books, c1968, [1970] 3 copies.

The progressive historians. Spanish. Los historiadores progresistas: Turner, Beard, Parrington / Richard Hofstadter; [version castellana Eduardo J. Prieto] box B4

Scope and Contents

Buenos Aires: Editorial Paidos, c1970 Biblioteca de historia; serie mayor; 5

Social Darwinism in American thought, 1860-1915 / by Richard Hofstadter box B4

Scope and Contents

Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press; London: Humphrey Milford, Oxford University Press, 1945, [1948] Prepared and published under the direction of the American Historical Association.

Social Darwinism in American thought / Richard Hofstadter. -- Revised ed. box B4

Scope and Contents

New York: George Braziller, Inc., 1959 Signed by Richard Hofstadter.

Social Darwinism in American thought / Richard Hofstadter. -- Revised ed. box B4

Scope and Contents

Boston: The Beacon Press, c1955 Beacon paperbacks Beacon contemporary affairs series

The structure of American history / Richard Hofstadter; William Miller; Daniel Aaron box B4

Scope and Contents

Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey: Prentice-Hall, Inc., c1964

Paths of American thought / edited by Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr. and Morton White. -- Sentry ed. box B5

Scope and Contents

Boston: Houghton Mifflin Company, 1970 First Sentry printing. Contributors include Richard Hofstadter.

Ver Steeg, Clarence L. A people and a nation / Clarence L. Ver Steeg; Richard Hofstadter box B5

Scope and Contents

New York; Evanston; London: Harper & Row, c1971

The progressive movement, 1900-1915 / edited and with an introduction by Richard Hofstadter box B5

Scope and Contents

Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey: Prentice-Hall, Inc.,
1963 A Spectrum book.

The radical right: the new American right, expanded and updated / edited by Daniel Bell. -- 1st ed. box B5

Scope and Contents

Garden City, New York: Doubleday & Company, Inc.,
1963

The radical right: the new American right, expanded and updated / edited by Daniel Bell. -- 1st ed. box B5

Scope and Contents

Garden City, New York: Anchor Books, Doubleday &
Company, Inc., c1963, [1964]

Sociology and history: methods / edited by Seymour Martin Lipset and Richard Hofstadter box B5

Scope and Contents

New York; London: Basic Books, Inc., c1968 The
sociology of American history; 1

Ten major issues in American politics / Richard Hofstadter. -- New ed. box B5

Scope and Contents

New York; London; Toronto: Oxford University Press,
1968 Paperback.

Turner and the sociology of the frontier / edited by Richard Hofstadter and Seymour Martin Lipset box B5

Scope and Contents

New York; London: Basic Books, Inc., c1968
Hardcover. The sociology of American history; 2

Turner and the sociology of the frontier / edited by Richard Hofstadter and Seymour Martin Lipset box B5

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