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Summary Information

Repository:	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
Creator:	Columbia University. American Committee for the Library of Caen
Creator:	Smith, Horatio E (Horatio Elwin), 1886-1946
Title:	American Committee for the Library of Caen records
ID:	5952784
ID:	UA#0040
Date [inclusive]:	1945-1946
Physical Description:	1 linear foot 1 record carton
Language of the Material:	English , French .
Abstract:	The collection consists of the Professor Horatio Smith's correspondence files as the Chair of the American Committee for the Library of Caen.

Preferred Citation

Identification of specific item; Date (if known); American Committee for the Library of Caen records; Box and Folder; University Archives, Rare Book & Manuscript Library, Columbia University in the City of New York.

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Biographical / Historical

The library of the University of Caen was destroyed in the Allied invasion of Normandy. The American Committee for the Library of Caen, along with its Canadian counterpart, collected over 150,000 books and donated funds for the restoration of the library. Columbia Professor Horatio Smith served as Chair of the American Committee. After Professor Smith died, his widow assumed the post and was awarded the French Legion of Honor.

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Summary

The collection consists of the Professor Horatio Smith's correspondence files as the Chair of the American Committee for the Library of Caen. In addition there are photographs of the library after the invasion, publicity brochures for the fundraising campaign (in English and in French), and lists of book titles to be sent to Caen.

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Arrangement

This collection is arranged into one series.

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Administrative Information

Publication Statement

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Revision Description

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Restrictions on Access

There are no restrictions on this collection.

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

1997.003.

Processing Information

This collection was processed by Joanna Rios. Finding aid written by Joanna Rios in February 2018.

Accrual

No additions are expected

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Controlled Access Headings

- Université de Caen

Collection Inventory

Series I. American Committee for the Library of Caen (restoration) records

Scope and Contents

This series contains the correspondence of Professor Horatio Smith, Chair of the American Committee for the Library of Caen. The correspondence is organized alphabetically. The most extensive file contains correspondence with the Chair of the Canadian Committee, Thibaudeau Rinfret, who was the Chief Justice of the Canadian Supreme Court. The series also includes administrative materials: publicity materials, photographs, accounting ledgers, book lists, etc.

Title/Description	Instances
Correspondence, 1945-1946	box 1
A	box 1
American Library Association (ALA)	box 1
B-Bo	box 1
Bryant, Mrs. Donald L. and Rosselle Levy	box 1
Br-By	box 1
C	box 1
D	box 1
E	box 1
F	box 1
G	box 1
H	box 1
I-J	box 1
K	box 1
L	box 1
Landre, Louis	box 1
M	box 1
N	box 1
P	box 1
Rinfret, Thibaudeau	box 1
Scope and Contents	
Chief Justice, Supreme Court, Canada	
R	box 1
S	box 1
T	box 1
U, V, W	box 1
Y, Z	box 1

Receipts	box 1
Benefits, Casadesus Concert	box 1
Book lists	box 1
<u>Physical Description</u> : 5 folders	
Smith, Horatio, Interview with Horatio Smith on the Caen project by French newspapers (in French)	box 1
Lists	box 1
Photographs	box 1
Publicity	box 1
<u>Physical Description</u> : 2 folders	
Ledger book	box 1

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