
Box 1 - Correspondence

Professional Correspondence. Incoming correspondence and copies of selected outgoing correspondence, primarily from professors of history at the University of Oklahoma and other universities.

1. Professional correspondence, A-B, 1938-1965. Includes letters concerning Sears’ biography of John Breckenridge, and letters from Joseph A. Brandt, Allen Nevins, and other professors of history


5. Professional correspondence, N-R, 1940-1961. Includes account of the injury and death of Professor H.C. Peterson, and letters from Walter Neustadt, Jr., and Professor Carl Coke Rister


General Correspondence. Includes personal correspondence of Helen and Albert Sears, and correspondence with professional colleagues


10. General correspondence, R-S, 1928-1950. Includes numerous letters from Professors J.W. Stovall, Ralph H. Records, as well as letters written by A.B. Sears when he was working as a coach at Otterbein College in Westerville, Ohio

11. General correspondence, T-Z, 1924-1946. Includes letters from Professors Carl F. Wittke and Morris L. Wardell, and letters written by Sears when he was Chief of the Historical Division at the Fourth Air Force Headquarters, San Francisco, California


15. General correspondence, S-Z, 1929-1965. Includes numerous letters from Professor Lloyd Stow


**Box 2 - General Correspondence, continued**

5. General correspondence, S-Z, 1966-1972. Includes letters from Lloyd Stow

**Personal Correspondence: Sears Family Correspondence**

13. Correspondence from Helen Bethel, J. Edward Bethel, et. al., 1940-1974
14. Correspondence from Bea baron and family, 1932-1974
15. Correspondence from Ed, Lucille, and Barbara Sears, 1931-1971
16. Correspondence from Gorrells, Shooks, Josephine Johnson and children, and Lowther, 1941-1974
17. Correspondence from Minnie and Seth Hill, Robert Sears and family, 1925-1957
18. Correspondence from W.A. Sadie Sears (includes diary of William Ansley Sears, 1896-1897, edited by Alfred B. Sears on April 10, 1949), 1916-1948

**Box 3 - Sears Family Correspondence**
1. Correspondence form John, Millie, Elaine and Bill Sears, 1948-1974

2. Correspondence from Herb Dye, Rosemary Wells, the Prince family, and Rosemary Smith, 1950-1974

3. Correspondence between Helen and Alfred, and general letters sent by Alfred to inform friends about Helen’s condition after an operation, 1925-1957

**Mason Family Correspondence**

4. Correspondence from August H. Mason (Helen’s brother), 1932-1971

5. Correspondence from August H. Mason, 1971-1979

6. Correspondence from Ed and Kathryn Mason, 1938-1976

7. Correspondence from Franklin and Anna Mason (Helen’s parents), 1931-1951

8. Correspondence from Mary Mayberry and family, 1932-1975

9. Correspondence from William and Martha Porter, 1931-1975

10. Correspondence from Ruth Trippeer, 1932-1974

11. Correspondence from Arthur Trumbo, 1934-1951

12. Correspondence from Howard Mason, Nancy Aughe, Jennifer Anderson, Irvin Mason, Campbell family, and Irene Rodabaugh, 1959-1975

**Box 4 - Miscellaneous Files and Printed Materials**

1. Collected materials on aviation in Oklahoma. These materials were compiled by Sears when he conducted research on the history of aviation in Oklahoma, 1949-1951

2. Collected materials on the earl of Bellomont. Includes copies of letters from the earl of Bellomont to Colonel Abraham De Feyster, note cards, etc. These materials were collected by Sears in preparation for an article that was never written, 1940s-1950s.

3. Collected materials on H.H. Arnold. Contains copies of letters to and from General H.H. Arnold, printed materials, and notes about Arnold. Sears edited correspondence between Arnold and overseas commanders of the Army Air
Forces during World War II. This project was commissioned by the U.S. Air Force historical Division in 1966. 1941-1945, 1966


6. Letters of Recommendation. Letters recommending Sears for athletic coaching jobs including two letters written by Knute Rockne. Sears began his career as a high school football coach at Bellaire High School, Bellaire, Ohio. This file also includes a copy of a letter from Sears to E.E. Dale applying for a job at the University of Oklahoma, 1925-1932.


Certificates and Diplomas Collection

1. High school life certificate to Helen Lenore Mason, State Board of School Examiners, Columbus, Ohio, 1925.

2. Teacher’s certificate to F.R. Mason, Allen County Board of School Examiners, Lima, Ohio, 1887.


4. Teacher’s certificate to F.R. mason, Allen County School Examiners, Lima, Ohio, 1892.

5. Membership in the “Society for the Advancement of Bon Vivants” to Alfred B. Sears, USS Missouri, 1951.