

Albert Lybyer (b. 1876, Putnamville, Indiana; d. 1949) holds a place of importance in the history of the Middle East and the Balkans not only as a scholar but as an observer. After World War I, Lybyer, who was highly regarded for his history of the Ottoman empire, served as a member of the Inquiry into Peace Terms and the American Commission to Negotiate Peace, conducted by Colonel Edward House (August 1918-May 1919). he also acted as a technical advisor to the Interallied Commission on Mandates in Turkey, American Section, otherwise known as the King-Crane Commission (March-September 1919). At this time, he made a 42-day tour of inquiry in Palestine, Lebanon and Syria. Lybyer had acquired a first-hand knowledge of Turkey as a mathematics instructor (1900-06) at Robert College (now University of Bosphorus), founded by Americans in 1863 in Istanbul. Lybyer's association with the Balkans continued for twenty years through his position as a trustee of the American College in Sofia, Bulgaria (closed 1943). A popular lecturer on historical topics on WILL, the University radio station, Lybyer was a professor (1913-44) and, afterwards, professor emeritus in the Department of History at the University of Illinois.

Lybyer studied at, and preserved his class notes from, Princeton (AB 1896), Princeton Theological Seminary (AM 1899) - including those taken as a student of Woodrow Wilson - and Harvard (Ph.D. 1909). Her personal papers, such as Inquiry reports, personal diaries and interview notes, were drawn upon by Harry N. Howard for his study of the King-Crane Commission. Lybyer's Papers are also noteworthy for his correspondence with Ms. Halide Edib [Adivar] (1884-1964), a major Turkish literary and political figure, and his large collection of glass plate slides and photos from travels in Europe, Anatolian Turkey and other parts of the Middle East in 1912 and 1936, hundreds of which were mounted and identified by Herman H. Kreider, a long-time official of Robert College. Lybyer's unpublished manuscripts include a "Bibliography of Description and Travel in the Ottoman Empire, 1300-1937" (with indexes), compiled with Mary L. Shay; a History of Turkey, 1908-22; as well as a journal of his travels in Europe and the Near East in 1936. In addition, Lybyer's papers reflect his personal interest in the Izaak Walton League, Florida real estate and the 1948 Progressive Party.

Writings:

The Government of the Ottoman Empire in the Time of Suleiman the Magnificent (Cambridge, MA, 1913; repr., New York, 1966).

Related Sources:

Who was Who, vol. 2: 1943-50 (Chicago, 1950), pp. 333-334.

For selected Lybyer Papers see: Howard, Harry N. The King-Crane Commission: An American Inquiry in the Middle East (Beirut, 1963), pp. 333-336.

3-page Finding Aid.

15/13/22
Liberal Arts and Sciences
History
Albert H. Lybyer Papers, 1876-1949

A.B., Princeton University, 1896
D.D., Princeton Theological Seminary, 1900
Ph.D., Harvard University, 1909

Taught at Robert College, Constantinople; Harvard; Oberlin College and University of Illinois with various summer appointments, University of Illinois (1913-1944)

From August 1918 through March 1919, Lybyer was a member, successively, of Col. Edward House's Inquiry into Peace Terms (7-12/18), and of the American Commission to Negotiate peace in New York and Paris. From April to September 1919, he was with the King-Crane Commission on Mandates in Turkey, in each case as a Technical Adviser on Balkan Affairs.

Harry N. Howard has published an exhaustive study and evaluation: The King-Crane Commission (Beirut, 1963) which makes extensive use of those records which were shown him by Lybyer in 1940 (see Howard correspondence); Prof. Howard also read a paper on the subject at the December 1941 American Historical Association Meeting.

From 1923-30, Lybyer was an Associate Editor of Current History, writing a monthly news article on the Near East.

Correspondence, 1909-48 (8 boxes) relating to: teaching arrangements at Oberlin (1911-13), Ohio State (summer school 1911), Berkeley (summer school 1929), Northwestern (summer school, 1938), University of Illinois; his graduate students' theses and careers; state and local conservation; American History Association prize committees; publications in magazines, encyclopedias; addresses and radio talks; schools and relief in Near East and Turkey; visits and trip in the United States, Europe and the Near East; First Congregational Church; family history and genealogy; foreign students and proteges; real estate affairs in Iowa, Indiana, Florida and Illinois; memo to Paul Hill on Woodrow Wilson

Box 1: A - Busch

Aa-Am
Adams and Winsor Prizes
A.A.U.P (American Association of University Professors)
A.C.L.S. (American Council of Learned Societies)
American Historical Association, 1927-1991
American Historical Review, 1925 - 1939
American Oriental Society - Middle West Branch, Meeting Program, 1919
American Year Book
An-Ay

Apartments: Urbana

Ba-Bi

Babcock, K.C., 1922-1932

Beer Prize, 1929-1930

Belleff, Vladimir

Benson, Clifton D., "Florida Boom", 1924-1927

Bl-Bo

Bogart, E.L., (2 Folders)

-1936

1940-1948

Br-B

Brent House, 1941-1944

Brodie, Donald, 1919-1945

Brooke, Morgan, 1919-1947

Brush, Elizabeth P.

Busch, Clarence, "Florida Boom", 1925-1927

Box 2: C - Dutcher

Ca-Chi

Caney Creek

Carmichael, Dean R.D., 1934-1942

Castle, C.E., 1925-1935

Chase, Harry W., 1930-32

China Aid

Chr-Com

Clark, A.J., 1926-1940

Clements, Olsen, (3 Folders)

1926-1927

1928-1929

1930-1935

Con-Cu

Coolidge, Archibald C., 1910-1930

Coral Gables, 1925-1930

Crofts, F.S. & Co., 1927-1940

Current History

Curtis, F.G.

Da-Dol

Dancheff, Christo

David, W.G.

Dodge, Cleveland

Dom-Du

Dutcher, Geo M.

Box 3: E - Hyzer

E

Edib, Halide

Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences

Estes, Carrie Lee., 1914-1917

F

Fikret, H.H.

Foreign Students

Forest Preserve Committee

Ga-Go

Gra-Gy

Greene, Evarts, 1913-1933

Green Mt. Falls, Col.

Ha-Har

Harris Memorial Foundation

Has-Hi

Hoa-Hor

Hodson, Martha

Hoover, Herbert, 1932

Hos-Hz

Howard, Harry N.

Hutchins, Pres. W. J.

Hyzer & Padgett

Box 4: I - L

I

Income Tax, 1922-1928

Indiana - in relation to land

Izaak, Walton L. (2 Folders)

J (2 Folders)

1916-1925

1925-1945

Joshi, S.L.

Ka-Kind

Karpootlian, 1909-1921

Key Largo Properties, 1925-1927

King-Kuo

Kinley, -1937

Kyrias School, 1913-1914
L
LaFuze, L., 1933-1945
Larson, Lawrence, (3 Folders)
 1919-1936
 Dinner (2 Folders)
Library International Relations
Lincoln Apartments: Florida & Urbana
Lowell, F.C. - Judge & Mrs.

Box 5: M - Northwestern University

Ma-Me
Macedonia Political Organization, U.S.A
MaLone, Carroll, 1927-1938
Mange, Alice, 1927-1948
Marden, E.D.
Mather, W.A., 1927-1948
Mc
Mi-Mor
Miami Bank & Trust Company, 1920-1926
Miami University
Miller, Barnette
Miller, H.R.
Moore, Laurence
Mos-My
Mutual Life, N.Y., 1909-1924
N
Near East College Association, 1925-1940
Near East Colleges & Relief, 1920-1937
New Orient Society, 1931-38
Nickoley, Edward & Mrs.
North Pollywog Club. Inc.
Northwestern University, 1937-1939

Box 6: O - Rozenbaum

O, 1909-1944
Oberlin College, 1911-1927
Pa-Pe
Palestine
Palm, F.C.

Panaretoff, Stephen, 1909-1931
 Papazanian, Haget, 1911-1916
 Pease, Theodore C., 1925-1941
 Peritch, Ismailko, 1913-1921
 Ph-Py
 Phi Beta Kappa, 1924-1934
 Pilgrim Foundation (Congressional Church)
 P.A.C. (Political Action Committee)
 Ponafidine, Mme P., 1923-1933
 Presbyterian Ministers Fund, 1910-1942
 Price, Price & Neeley, 1912-1926
 Pritchard, Earl H., 1929-1941
 Q
 Ra-Ri
 Radio Lecture Fan Mail, 1940-1945
 Raynolds, Joshua
 Religioius Conf. (Univ.), 1939
 Ro-Ry, 1913-1944
 Robert College
 Robinson, Maurice
 Rodkey, F.S.
 Rozenbaum, Z.W., 1934-1938

Box 7: S - T

Sa-Se
 Sabri, Ibrahim
 Sage, Leland
 Sarkiss, Harry
 Savides, A.P.
 Schwartz, S
 Sh-Sm
 Sn-Sz
 Social Science Research Council Abstracts
 Sofia American Schools, 1926-1940
 Speaking Engagements, 1944-45
 Stripling, George W.F.
 Strong, S.M.
 Sulieman: Reviews, Notes, Correspondence
 T
 Tsai, W.F.
 Tsui, C.H.

Twenty Fifth Anniversary

Box 8: U - Zeki + Record/Journals

U

University Club (2 Folders)

1922-1929

1945-1948

Universities Com. - Post - War Int. Problems

V

Wa-We

Washburn, Dr. & Mrs. G.H.

Wh-Wy

W.I.L.L. (See also: Radio Lecture Fan Mail, 1940-1945, Box 6)

Wright, Mrs. Florence or G.T.

X.Y.Z.

Y.M.C.A., 1920-1943

Young, Ellen

Zeki, A. & H.

Records/Journals Include (roughly 16 bound/tied items at back on box):

Robert College Gradebooks and Mathematics Lecture, 1900-09

Chronology of Mohammed II

World War I Bibliography, ca. 1916

Syrian and Armenian Relief Conference Notes, 1917

Personal Notes and Memoranda, 1918-25

Journal of Trip to Europe and Near East, 1936

Box 9: Lecture Notes, Assignments and Exams. 1909-1944

Oberlin Study on Student Life, 1911-1912

French Rev., 1911-1912

Asiatic History, 1911-1912

Medieval, S. School, O.S.U., 1911

Med. History, Misc. 1910-1919

Roman Hist., S. School, O.S.U., 1911

Medieval Hist., 1909-1910

Mod. European Hist., 1909-1910 (3 Folders)

Oct. - Dec. 1909

Jan. - Mar. 1910

Apr. - June 1910
 Mod. European Hist., Misc., 1910-1914
 Renaissance & Reformation (2 Folders)
 1910-1911
 1912
 Western Asia, 1912-1913
 German History, 1910-1911
 Modern H., S. School, 1912
 Levant, 1909-1910 (2 Folders)
 Sept. 1909 - Feb. 1910
 Mar. - June 2010
 Misc. Lectures, Exams, etc.
 Exam Questions (2 Folders)
 1913/14 - 1929/30
 1930/31 - 1943/1944
 Tutorials & Honors Students, 1931 - 1939
 A.S.T. & V.12 Programs [Armed Forces]

Box 10: Manuscripts, Speeches and Studies, 1914-1947

Published articles, 1910-21, 1936, 1942 (manuscripts)
 Ottoman Turks and Trade Routes, 1915
Current History, 1924-33
 Bibliotheca Sacra (Eighty-Sixth Year) Pamphlets (2 books)
 January, 1916
 October, 1916
 Macedonia and the Balkan Policy at the Paris Peace Conference, 1944-45
 Articles, 1914-1936 + No Date
 Encyclopedia of Social Sciences, 1931-1933
 History of Civilization, 1939-40
 Constantinople: Capital of the Ottoman Empire
 World Book Encyclopedia Articles, 1940-41
 Questions of the Near East Syllabus, 1921
 Bibliographies
 Book Reviews, 1914-30 (manuscripts)
 Fragments, Unidentified
 Speeches (7 Folders)
 1895-1896
 1907, 1910-1914
 1916-1917
 1922-1923
 1931, 1934

1936-1938
 1939-1940, 1944, 1947
 Speeches, Talks, Addresses, Undated
 Math Studies (4 Folders)
 1945 (2 Folders)
 1935-1945
 General

Box 11:

Notes on Turkish history, 1907-22
 MSS. History of Turkey, 1908-23
 MSS. Bibliography of Description and Travel in the Ottoman Empire, 1300-1937, with M.S. Shay;
 index and bibliography
 Publishers' Copies
 1300-1700
 1700-1849
 1850-75
 1875-1900
 1900-25
 Notes for the Bibliography

Box 12:

Alphabetical and chronological entry slips for the History, Description and Travel Bibliographies
 of the Ottoman Empire, ca. 1937
 First Layer: Alphabetical index to Vol. II of A Bibliography of the History of the Ottoman Empire
 Second Layer: Chronological index to Vol. I of A Bibliography of Description & Travel. . .
 Third Layer: Alphabetical index to Vol. I, as above

Box 13: Reference Files and Photographs

News Bulletins: Jewish Agency, Sep.-Oct., 1924
 AHL Notes on Books, Speeches, 1927-41
 Smryna, 1922 / Armenian Deportation, 1916
 Sansovino, Tursun Bey, Mahmood Badeem Bey
 The Reign of Osman, Brattuttis Saidino
 Hoja Stories, from Turkish
 Decree of Selim I, Laws of Sultan Suleiman
 Mohammed the Conqueror as Poet
 Prayer Boards - reproduction
 Tunis Bey

Mustafa Kemal

Voyage...to the Indies, 1537

Notes on Mohammed

Turkish Translation Service (American Board), 1927-31

Turkish Translation Service, 1933-37

Turkish Translation Service (American Board), 1938-43

From Turkish Press, 1926

Turkey, Miscellaneous

Bulgaria

Near East Society Bulletins, 1939-42

Photographs: glass plates, possibly for two lectures, "Constantinople" and "Life of the Turks," negatives of family portraits; 250 photos taken in 1936 in Europe and the Near East. The latter enlarged by H.H. Kreider and mounted and identified (negatives also); snapshots of family and friends; AHL and American Macedonian delegation at the United Nations (1946).

Near East, Kreider, 1936

Mounted Photos, Near East, Kreider, 1936

Mounted Photos, Anatolia, Kreider, 1936

Anatolia, Kreider, 1936

Glass Plates

Key to Kreider Prints

Lybyer, Albert H, Mr and Mrs.

Family and Friends

Photos, Negatives

Bulgaria

California, Grand Canyon, Yosemite, 1929

England

Greece

Hungary

Italy, Venice

Palestine

Syria

Robert College, Istanbul

Turkey, Adrianople

Turkey

Yugoslavia

Macedonia Delegation to UN, 1946

Greenough, Whitlock Genealogy Photo

U.S. Oberlin, Ohio

Photos with Identification Stamp "22" on Reverse

Photos with Identification Stamps "3," "6," or "54" on Reverse

Photos with Identification Stamp "42" on Reverse

Unidentified Prints and Negatives

Box 14: Florida Land Affairs, 1912-1930, and University Committees, 1920-1940

Educational Program Committee (sub-committee of Committee of Nine), 1931-32 (12 folders);

- Military Sc, Journalism
- Departmental Questionnaires
- Suggestions Received (folder 1 of 2)
- Suggestions Received (folder 2 of 2)
- Admission of Students
- Notes
- Physical Education
- Problems Suggested
- Diagrams and Statistics
- Improvement of Teaching Sophomore Certificates
- Correspondence and Reports
- "Minutes," Reports

College Policy Committee, 1934-35 (2 folders)

- Inactive Material
- Active Material

Department Affairs. 1930-41(2 folders)

- Correspondence, Reports, and Statistics, 1930-1940
- State Conference of Hist. Teachers, Headship, 1938-41

Graduate School Committee (Committee of Nine), 1931-32

Committee on Religious Foundation Courses, 1920

Committee on Library, 1920 / Statutes, 1931 / Choosing a President, 1933

Florida Land Affairs (further material throughout General Correspondence File), including deeds, titles, correspondence, balance sheets, partnership agreements, syndicate balance reports, land plats, operations accounts, individual investment accounts and bills. (5 folders)

- Florida Land Affairs
- Florida Land Affairs
- City National Bank and Trust, Miami (formerly Miami B and T Co.), 1926-30
- Wagner, Ward, Miami, Fruit Sales
- Florida Land

Box 15:

AHL to Clara A. Lybyer, August 1918 - September 1919 (5 folders)

Diary, 1918

Correspondence; memoranda; notes on conversations with experts, travellers, and politicians; statistics; reports and maps; photographs; minutes; work papers; souvenirs

- December 1917 - October 1918
- November 1918
- December 1918

January 1919
 February 1-19, 1919
 February 20-28, 1919
 March 1-6, 1919
 March 7-31, 1919
 April 1919
 May 1919

Library of the American Commission to Negotiate Peace, October 1918 - April 1919
 Statistics, Paris, Greece
 Inquiry, Diplomatic History of Balkans, 1878-1908
 Inquiry, Copies of Outlines, Diplomatic Histories of Bulgaria and Macedonia
 Article Reprints
 "Balkan Reference, Treaties, Protocol, and Article Abstracts"
 "Bulgaria"
 Macedonia; "Bulgaria Dardanelles"
 "Paris" Balkan Policy of the Peace Conference, December 1918 - April 1919
 "Smyrna Before Greek Occupation"
 Work Papers, A.H.L.

Box 16: King-Crane Commission (May-August 1919)

Document File #1 - numbered documents ordered and numbered by AHL for H.N. Howard in 1941
 (2 folders)
 Document File #1, Items 1-61 (170 pages)
 Document File #1, Items 62-85 (220 pages)
 Documents File #2 - As above, but documents unnumbered; Photos from King-Crane Commission
 (138 pages)
 King-Crane Commission
 Petitions and addresses to King-Crane Commission - in Arabic and Hebrew (131 pages)
 Hungary-Romania - "Maid of Honor" (1 page)
 Palestine (51 photos)
 Lebanon, Jordan (14 photos)
 Syria (45 photos)
 Turkey (6 photos)
 Photos, May-August 1919 (49 photos)
 King-Crane Commission - Chronological Files
 June 1919 (27 pages)
 July 1919 (185 pages)
 August 1-7, 1919 (275 pages)

Box 17: King-Crane Commission, Chronological File

August 8-31, 1919 (107 pages)
 September 1919 (10 pages)
 October 1919 (1 pages)
 November 1919 (1 pages)
 December 1919 (4 pages)
 Memo and Address Books (220 pages)
 Transcripts of Diary (2 Folders)
 January - March, 1919 (88 pages)
 March 31 - September 15, 1919 (167 pages)

Diary - January 1 - September 6, 1919 (pages)
 Correspondence and materials relating to King-Crane Commission
 1920 (6 pages)
 1922 (12 pages)
 1923 (49 pages)
 1924 (7 pages)
 1928 (1 pages)
 1933 (2 pages)

Harry N. Howard's The King Crane Commission, typescript of 1940 drafts (3 folders)
 Chapter V - "The Problem of the Turkish Homelands"(111 pages)
 Chapter VI - "Evolving an American Policy"(104 pages)
 Chapter VII - "American-Turkish Relations"(78 pages)

Box 18: Harvard Notes, 1906-1909
 Semitic History 1, 7, 15 and 11

Box 19: Harvard Notes

List of References

1908
 1910
 1914
 1916

Theses

Lecture Notes

Outside reading notes

Course notes for History of Religions (Moore)
 History of Babylonia (Lyon)
 Revival of Greek (Emerton)
 Medieval Church History (Emerton)
 Roman History (Haskins)
 Sources of Medieval History (Haskins)

Roman Law (Haskins)
 Greek History (Ferguson)
 Government 10 (Lowell)
 History 1 Reference Lists, 1908-16

Box 20: Princeton Notes

Class Notes on Hebrew (Davis)

Systematic Theology (Warfield)
 Advanced General Psychology (Baldwin)
 Latin (West)
 Life of Christ (Purvis)
 Finance, English Literature, Political Economy (2 books)
 History of Philosophy (5 books)
 Old Testament History
 Bible Study
 Biblical Theology
 Systematic Theology
 Politics
 History 59
 Geometry
 Life of Paul
 Science and Religion
 Astronomy
 English
 Psychology
 Politics of the U.S.
 Logic
 Metaphysics and Woodrow Wilson's International Law
 Public Law
 Constitutional Law
 Jurisprudence

Examinations and diplomas

Personal correspondence

Lybyer to wife, 1900-01 from Europe, Istanbul and summer 1929 from California

Mrs. Lybyer to A.H.L., 1923-49

Personal Records

Reports on teaching, publications, travel

Contracts

Entertainments

Farewell speech notes, 1913-41

List of Lybyer's books, 1948

Box 21: Family Papers, 1851-1945

Correspondence of families of Andrews, Layman, Paul Lybyer, Dan Lybyer, Odell, Ella Young, Baker, Whitlock and Greenough; the Ogden Greenough correspondence (1859-1862) has been transcribed and edited

Old Letters Sorted & Marked by A.H.L. (~25)

Daniel Lybyer's family bible - Includes: photographs, noted pages, locks of hair

Transcriptions of literary descriptions of the Prairies (Printed Descriptions)

Letters To & From:

Howe, Laymon, Thompson, Williams

Baker Family

Whitlock Family, 1855-1864

Andrews Family, 1923-1945

Greenough, Ogden (3 Folders)

 Transcripts (2 of 3 Folders)

 1859 - Feb. 1862

 Mar. 1862 - June 1864

 Documents (Transcripts, Copies)

Odell, Lucy, Helen, & Jeanette (cousin)

Odell, Chas., Lucy, 1923-1925

Lybyer, Dan

Lybyer, Paul, Harriet

Lybyer, Paul, Harriet, Jenine

Lymau; Greenbough J.C., 1851-1868

Laymon Family (Property & Correspondence)

Layman Estates

Layman, G.W., Estate

Ellen S. Young, Estate (2 Folders)

Box 22: Glass Slides of Europe and Ottoman Empire, 1912

Collection of 3" x 2 1/2" color glass slides made during a trip through France, Germany, Austria-Hungary and the Ottoman Empire in 1912

Slides show scenes in Paris, Munich, Stuttgart, Innsbruck, Salzburg and Vienna. There are a large number of slides taken on a trip through Armania (Works of Art) and the Caucasus to Mount Ararat. There are also picture of Lake Vais, Anatolia, al-Bittes, Erzroom, France & Germany Misc., and a number of Middle Eastern scenes.

 Lake Vais

 Mount Ararat - black and white negatives

 Armania - Works of Art

 Russia - Anatolia, al-Bittes, Erzroom

 Austria - Hungary

France, Germany - Miscellaneous