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PROVENANCE

These papers were in the possession of the University Archives before 1970.

ARRANGEMENT

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Herbert Vandenburg Ames, professor of American constitutional history and dean of the Graduate School at the University of Pennsylvania, was connected with the University of Pennsylvania for 38 years. Born in Lancaster, Massachusetts, in 1865, Ames graduated from Amherst College and received his M.A. and Ph.D. from Harvard. After studies in Leipzig and Heidleberg, Ames taught at the University of Michigan and Ohio State University before becoming an instructor in American history at Penn in 1897. In 1925 he was awarded the honorary degree of Litt. D. from the University of Pennsylvania.

Ames served the Public Archives Commission of the American Historical Association as a member of its Council and as president. He was also president of the History Teachers' Association of the Middle States and Maryland and secretary of the Association of Colleges and Preparatory Schools of the Middle States and Maryland. From 1906 to 1913 he was a member of the National Conference Committee on Standards of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

Professor Ames was the author of a number of books and articles, including the book "Proposed Amendments to the Constitution of the United States," for which he received the Justin Winsor prize of the American Historical Association.

CONTROLLED ACCESS HEADINGS

Corporate Name(s)

- American Historical Association. Public Archives Commission.
- University of Pennsylvania. Dept. of History.
- University of Pennsylvania. -- General subdivision--Faculty;

Genre(s)

- Examinations.
- Lecture notes.

Geographic Name(s)

- United States--History--Study and teaching (Higher).

Occupation(s)

- College teachers.
- Historians.

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INVENTORY

PRELIMINARY INVENTORY	Box	Folder
Correspondence, 1897, 1917	1	1
Correspondence, 1911	1	2
Correspondence, 1929-1931	1	3
Correspondence, 1931-1935	1	4
Francis Newton Thorpe (1857-1926) Papers: mostly printed matter by and about Thorpe	1	5
2 extra copies of State documents on Federal Relations	1	6
War Source: First World War	2	1
Notes and examination questions	2	2
Students' Research Papers	2	3