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PROVENANCE

In possession of the University Archives before 1970.

ARRANGEMENT

Unprocessed collection. Preliminary inventory only.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Edward Potts Cheyney was born in 1861 in Wallingford, Pennsylvania. He attended college at the University of Pennsylvania, earning his bachelor of arts' degree in 1883 and his bachelor of finance degree from the new Wharton School in the following year.

After studying history under John Bach McMaster, a member of the Wharton faculty, before beginning his fifty-year teaching career at the University. He taught first as an instructor of history, Latin and mathematics in the Wharton School, before continuing as an assistant professor and

professor of history in the College. After his retirement from teaching in 1934, Cheyney became curator of the Henry Charles Lea Library at the University.

During these early years of the historian as an academic profession, Cheyney was concerned with establishing history as a scientific discipline and with developing effective methods of teaching history. Cheyney's many books and articles focused on English and American history, but he is best known at Penn for his History of the University of Pennsylvania written for the University's bicentennial in 1940.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

See Also: The drawer in the University Archives' card catalogue marked "Cheyney Bibliography." It lists depositories of source material on the University History both at the University and in the Philadelphia area, and Cheyney's sources for the History, chronologically arranged.

CONTROLLED ACCESS HEADINGS

Corporate Name(s)

- American Historical Association.
- Social Science Research Council.
- University of Pennsylvania. Dept. of History. -- General subdivision--Curricula.;
- University of Pennsylvania. Henry Charles Lea Library of Medieval History.
- University of Pennsylvania. -- General subdivision--History.;

Genre(s)

- Articles.
- Bibliographies.
- Correspondence.
- Drafts (preliminary versions).
- Examinations.
- Lecture notes.

- Lectures.
- Manuscripts (for publication).
- Minutes.
- Pamphlets.
- Reprints.
- Reviews (Criticism).
- Speeches.

Geographic Name(s)

- Great Britain--History--Tudors, 1485-1603.

Occupation(s)

- College teachers.
- Historians.

Personal Name(s)

- Fitch, John, 1743-1798
- Lea, Arthur H., d. 1938.

Subject(s)

- Academic freedom.
- History--Study and teaching (Higher).

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INVENTORY

PROFESSIONAL CORRESPONDENCE	Box	Folder
1915 - 1940 (Listed alphabetically by correspondent's name within each year).	1	
PRINTED MATERIALS	Box	Folder
Miscellaneous folders, pamphlets, monographs, and reprints from Cheyney's library.	2	
Note cards on the Bicentennial History marked "Biography and Bibliography."	2	
RESEARCH MATERIALS	Box	Folder
University of Pennsylvania History		
Notes from publications		
Correspondence and notes. Various dates prior to 1940. Contains extensive references and bibliography concerning the early history of the College, list of newspaper items, etc. See detailed list in Inventory Folder.	3	
Magazines, 18th century	3	
Newspapers		
Aurora, 1800	3	

1778 - 1790	3
Columbian Magazine, 1786-1790	3
General Advertiser, October - December 1790	3
Pennsylvania Journal, January 1783 - September 1790	3
American Weekly Mercury, January 1741 - July 1745	3
Freeman's Journal, May 1781 - April 1784	3
Pennsylvania Packet, 1779 - 1796	3
Dunlap's American Daily Advertiser, 1791	3
Pennsylvania Gazette, 1735 - 1802	3
To check	3
Bibliography lists	3
Correspondence regarding writing history	3
Bibliography lists	
Colonial College, 1740 - 1776	3
Revolution	3
1779 - 1791	3
1792 - 1820	3
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1830 - 1840	3
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Subjects	

Alumni, famous	3
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Architecture and Fine Arts	3
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Botanical Garden	3
Charity Schools and Keble Fund	3
Chemistry and Engineering	3
Co-Education	3
Dental School	3
Dramatics	3
Duhring Bequest	3
Department of Education	3
Extension School	3
Fraternities and Clubs	3
Gates Administration	3
Graduate School	3
History Department	3
Houston Hall	3
Law School	3
Library	3
Medical School	3
Military Training	3

Music	3
Pepper Laboratory	3
Physics, Placement Service	3
Philological Society	3
Phipps Institute	3
Press, University	3
Properties	3
Psychology	3
Publications, student	3
Religious interests	3
Scholarships	3
Stille resignation, etc.	3
Summer School	3
Thompson Case	3
Towne Scientific School	3
University of Albany, 1851	3
Wharton Institute	3
Wistar Institute	3
Freedom of Inquiry Study	
For discussion of extreme proposals: Communism, Fascism	4
Special Subjects, Success of Technological research	4
Teacher's oath and freedom of teaching	4
Valuable general material still unused	4
Academic freedom, rejected material	4

Danger points of free inquiry	4	
Successive reports and plans for series of pamphlets	4	
Table of contents, Introduction and current writing and business of "Studies"	4	
Studies in the freedom of inquiry, printed material	4	
Miscellaneous	4	
Criticism and chapters	4	
Studies and remainders	4	
Notebooks	4	
Correspondence		
Direct, Social Science Research Council, 31 March 1936 to 23 May 1938	4	
Current, 17 April 1936 to 26 April 1938	4	
6 May 1936 to 10 June 1938	5	
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General correspondence, 9 May 1937 to 3 November 1937	5	
American Historical Association and American Council of Learned Societies	5	
American Historical Association, correspondence	5	
Reviews of Dr. Cheyney's books	5	
Notes for seminars	5	
Notes for courses, Modern English reform	5	
Course in English History since the Industrial Revolution	5	
Address, "The Materials of History"	5	
Assignments, exams, etc.	5	

Correspondence, congratulations 2 January 1934 to 21 May 1934	5
Correspondence, University of Pennsylvania history, 11 May 1913 to 13 February 1941	5
Aphorisms of Elizabeth	5
"Things that have survived"	5
Encyclopedia of controversial terms	5
"A History of the University of Pennsylvania"	5
Outline, A Constitutional History of England	5
Correspondence, 20 August 1921 to 22 March 1944	5
Tributes to various persons	5
Article, "England and the Foreigner"	5
Material for volume three of History of England	
"English Relations with Sweden and Poland"	5
"Merchant Adventurers"	5
"The Universities"	5
"The Schools," "First Anglo-Turkish Capitulations"	5
"Religious Affairs"	5
McClung's Committee	6
University discussion of policy	6
Article, "History of Biography"	6
Freedom of Inquiry manuscripts	6
Writings, Manuscript	
"Socialist -- and Socialism" "How England became Socialistic"	6
"The Ideal of Freedom of Inquiry"	6

"Communism in the United States: What it is: A Plea for Freedom of Discussion"	6
Academic freedom; scientific freedom	6
Addresses	6
World War I Conscientious Objectors, the Draft, Non-participation, Pacifism	6
John Fitch material, including Arthur H. Lea correspondence, American Philosophical Society	7
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Correspondence, 18 August 1917-21 March 1944	7
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University Placement Service	
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Correspondence, 1927-1929	8
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Committee on Research

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Committee on Bibliography of Modern English History	8
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Manuscript, Yorktown and the French Alliance by Victor W. Richter	8