



Finding Aid for

IRVING CAESAR PAPERS, 1915-1917

Accession 167

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OVERVIEW

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 167

CREATOR: Caesar, Irving, 1895-1996

TITLE: Irving Caesar papers

INCLUSIVE DATES: 1915-1974

BULK DATES: 1915-1917

QUANTITY: 0.4 cubic ft.

LANGUAGE: The materials are in English.

ABSTRACT: Composer and lyricist Irving Caesar served as secretary on Henry Ford's 1915-1916 Peace Expedition. The papers are primarily comprised of correspondence and writings.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

- ACCESS RESTRICTIONS:** The papers are open to research.
- TECHNICAL RESTRICTIONS:** Microfilms can be accessed in the Benson Ford Research Center Reading Room. Researchers interested in this material are encouraged to contact Research Center staff (research.center@thehenryford.org) prior to visiting the Research Center.
- COPYRIGHT:** Copyright has been transferred to The Henry Ford by the donor. Copyright for some items in the collection may still be held by their respective creator(s).
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- RELATED MATERIAL:** Related material held by The Henry Ford:
- Irving Caesar Oral Interview, part of Accession 65.
Transcript available at
<http://cdm15889.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/compoundobject/collection/p15889coll2/id/3653/rec/39>
- Theodore Delavigne papers, Accession 31
- PREFERRED CITATION:** Item, folder, box, accession 167, Irving Caesar papers, Benson Ford Research Center, The Henry Ford
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- DESCRIPTION INFORMATION:** Original collection inventory list prepared by staff of the Ford Motor Company Archives.
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BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

Composer and lyricist Irving Caesar was born on July 4, 1895 in New York's Lower East Side of Manhattan. In 1915, in answer to a newspaper ad, he was hired as stenographer and secretary on Henry Ford's 1915-1916 Peace Expedition. He died at age 101 in New York.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection is organized into five series. The **Biographical series**, 1915 and undated, consists of one folder of photographs and a passport, ca. 1915. The **Correspondence series**, 1915-1920, primarily outgoing between the years 1917 and 1918, documents Caesar's strong interest in peace related activities. The **Collected Material series**, 1915 and undated, includes a scattering of Peace Ship printed items, passenger biographies, and a press release written for the 25th anniversary of the expedition. The **Writings series** is divided into two subseries, Paper and Microfilm. Writings include portions of Caesar's diary, speeches, resolutions, and editorial pieces. Most of the writings are undated.

SUBJECT TERMS

Names, Personal and Corporate

Caesar, Irving, 1895-1996

Liebold, Ernest G., 1884-1956

Subjects

Oscar II (Ship)

Henry Ford Peace Expedition (1915-1916)

Neutral Conference for Continuous Mediation (1916)

Dearborn independent

Peace movements--United States

World War, 1914-1918--Peace

Pacifism

Peace Ship.

Genre and Form

Diaries

Microfilms

CONTAINER LIST

Box no. **Description**

BIOGRAPHICAL MATERIAL

Box 1

Photographs (2) and Passport, 1915 and undated

CORRESPONDENCE

Caesar, Sophie, 1916
Dearborn Independent related, 1917-1920
Ford, Henry, 1918
Ford Archives, 1974
General, 1918-1920 and undated
Greenberg, Jacob, 1915-1916
Kahn, Albert, 1918
Liebold, E.G., 1916-1918
Neely, R., 1918
New York Times Letters to the Editor, 1917-1918
Plaintiff, Gaston, 1915-1919
Todd, A. E., 1917-1918

COLLECTED MATERIAL

Excerpts from Letters in "The World Is My Country," 1915?
Miscellaneous, undated
Programs, 1916
Publications and Printed Material
 General, 1916
 Argosy and Atlantic Daily News, 1915
Press Release, 25th Anniversary
Who's Who, 1915

WRITINGS

Paper

Diary (excerpts) and Notes, undated
General, circa 1915
Just Henry Ford, undated
New York Evening Post, 1916
Smorgasbord, 1916
Thirty Minutes with George Brandes, circa 1915-1916
Wanted: A First World Power, undated
What is Ragtime, 1915-1916

Microfilm

"How I Stopped World War I," Irving Caesar
Diary, Irving Caesar, circa 1915-1916
Conference, Social Democratic, Resolution, 1915
Conference, London, Resolution, 1915

WRITINGS (CONTINUED)

Microfilm (continued)

Lange, Sven, Speech, undated

Fragment re: attitude of neutral nations, author unknown, undated

Letter, Lockner re: financial administration

Memorandum, personnel and administration for Peace Expedition

Memorandum, Membership

Stowaway, Account by Irving Caesar

Correspondence

Caesar to Henry Ford, 1918-1919

Miscellaneous