Douglas Edward Leach Papers

Scope and Content Note

The Douglas Edward Leach Papers, 1950’s-1994, include correspondence, class notes and teaching materials, lectures, materials pertaining to professional organizations and activities, manuscripts of writings, and research materials. The thirteen boxes of this collection cover approximately 5.46 linear feet. Theses materials are arranged in five series and encompass the years of Dr. Leach’s professional career as a professor of history. As a group, these papers present a clear picture of a university professor’s life, including teaching, research, writing, committee work, and involvement in professional activities beyond the classroom and the university.

The largest part of the collection, Series I, contained in five boxes, consists of correspondence. It is arranged alphabetically by correspondent’s last names and, following Dr. Leach’s filing pattern, letters to and from him and the letters in reply, are grouped together as they were sent or received in chronological order. Of particular interest is his correspondence with Alexander Heard and Samuel Eliot Morison.

Series II, in two boxes, is a collection of Dr. Leach’s class notes, exams, and resource materials used in his classroom teaching.

Series III, in one box, consists of lectures, both in outline and in manuscript from. Dr. Leach presented these lectures to professional and community groups between 1951 and 1994.

Series IV, in two boxes, is a collection of materials pertaining to Dr. Leach’s involvement in professional organizations, such as the American Historical Association. It also contains materials dealing with his direction of the Vanderbilt-in-England program. Particularly interesting is his correspondence with David B. Quinn, the British historian, concerning Quinn’s honorary membership in the American Historical Association.

Series V, in three boxes, is composed of the materials concerning Dr. Leach’s publications. There are manuscripts, research materials, correspondence, contracts, and reviews of his books and articles.

Biographical Sketch

Douglas Edward Leach was born in Providence, Rhode Island, 27 May, 1920, the son of Arthur Edward and Saidee Raybold Leach. He graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Brown University in 1942, and from 1942 to 1946 he served as a deck officer in the U.S. Navy. Most of his sea duty was in the Pacific aboard the U.S.S. Elden. Following World War II, he earned his M.A. (1947) and Ph.D. (1952) from Harvard University. He married Brenda Mason in 1950, and the couple had two children, Carol Brenda and Bradford Raybold. Dr. Leach died July 1, 2003 in Nashville.
Leach began his career as a history professor at Bates College, Lewiston, Maine, where he taught from 1950 until 1956. In 1956, he joined the faculty at Vanderbilt University where he remained until his retirement in 1986. Dr. Leach was a leading authority on 17th century colonial American history. His books include *Flintlock and Tomahawk: New England in King Philip's War; The Northern Colonial Frontier, 1607-1763; Arms for Empire: A Military History of the British Colonies in North America, 1607-1763;* and *Roots of Conflict: British Armed Forces and Colonial America, 1677-1763.*

Among his numerous scholarly achievements were Fulbright Lectureships at the Universities of Liverpool, England and Auckland, New Zealand, and the Harvey Branscomb Distinguished Professorship in 1981-1982. He chaired Vanderbilt’s Department of History from 1979 until 1982, and directed the Vanderbilt-in-England Program at the University of Leeds in 1974-1975.

**Box Listing**

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**Series I: Correspondence**

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10. McCarley-Meyerhoff
11. Michigan Department of State-Morgan
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13. Mork-Murdoch

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1. National Geographic Society-Navy
2. Nelson-Newsweek
3. Noldde-Notable American Women
4. Obenchain-Orr
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8. David Beers Quinn
9. Rao-Riley
10. Roberts-Ryan
11. Salisbury-Scribner’s Sons
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1. Talbert-TeSelle
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3. Ultec-United States Air Force
4. Vanderbilt-Viall
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6. Wade-Washburn
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8. Wilby-Wisconsin
9. WJAR TV-Wyatt
10. Yantz-Zuccarello
11. Unidentified correspondents

**Box 6**

**Series II: Class Notes, Exams-School-Teaching Materials**

1. Sample Footnotes and Bibliography Form Guide  
2. Microfilms in JUL  
3. Exams, History 271B  
4. Exams, History 271B  
5. Class Notes and Syllabus, History 295  
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11. Teaching Resources-Historiography  
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1. Teaching Resources-Exploration, 986-1504  
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**Series III: Lectures**

2. *The Indian Policy of the Pilgrim Fathers*, Society of Mayflower Descendants, Fall, 1952
3. *The Enjoyment of History*, Faculty Round Table (Bates College), 14 Jan. 1954
4. *Why History?*, Wranglers, 7 Nov. 1955
7. *King Philip-Front Page News in London*, The Rhode Island Historical Society, 18 Nov. 1962 (See also Box 12, Files 7,8,9)
12. *History Is Fun*, West Virginia, April 1969
23. *Composing a Naval Memoir*, American Historical Society, 1983 (Correspondence)
27. Untitled lecture delivered at Vine Street Christian Church, 5 Jan. 1988
32. *The Importance of World War II in the 20th Century*, Kiwanis Club, 3 Sept. 1992
34. *Remembering the Second World War*, Mercer University, 18 April 1994 (Manuscript)
35. *Remembering the Second World War*, Mercer University, 18 April 1994 (Correspondence)
36. *Indian Relations in American History*, n.d.

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**Series IV: Organizations and Professional Activities**

1. Vanderbilt Committee on University Government, 1964-1967
2. Vanderbilt Committee on University Government, 1964-1967
4. Plimoth Plantation-Conference, 6-8 Sept. 1968
5. Professional Honors-Fellow, Pilgrim Society, 1974-1990
9. Film Project- George Csicsery’s Project for a Film on King Philip’s War, 1981-1982
10. Obituary for Forrest Miller, 1983
**Box 10**

1. Vanderbilt - Leave, Spring, 1984
2. Obituary for Herbert Weaver, 1985
3. American Historical Association - Nomination for Honorary Membership of David B. Quinn
4. American Historical Association - Nomination for Honorary Membership of David B. Quinn
5. Obituary for Harold Bradley, 1991

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**Series V: Publications**

2. *Flintlock and Tomahawk: New England in King Philip’s War* (1958) - Research and Correspondence
3. *Flintlock and Tomahawk: New England in King Philip’s War* (1958) - Correspondence with Macmillan
4. *Flintlock and Tomahawk: New England in King Philip’s War* (1958) - Correspondence, General
8. *The Northern Colonial Frontier, 1607-1763* (1966) - Correspondence, General
10. *Arms for Empire: A Military History of the British Colonies in North America, 1607-1763* - Correspondence with Macmillan
11. *Arms for Empire: A Military History of the British Colonies in North America, 1607-1763* - Correspondence, General
12. *Arms or Empire: A Military History of the British Colonies in North America, 1607-1763* - Reviews

**Box 12**

4. *A Rhode Islander on King Philip's War*, edited by Douglas Leach (1963)-Manuscript
5. *A Rhode Islander on King Philip’s War*, edited by Douglas Leach (1963)-Correspondence
6. *A Rhode Islander on King Philip’s War*, edited by Douglas Leach (1963)-Reviews
7. *Benjamin Batten and the London Gazette*, New England Quarterly, Spring 1963-Manuscript (See also Box 8, File 7)
11. *John Gorgon*, Monograph for the National Park Service (1959)-Correspondence

**Box 13**

3. *Miles Standish; Benjamin Church; Robert Roger; Sir William Johnson*, Articles for the Dictionary of American Military Biography (1979)-Manuscript
4. *Miles Standish; Benjamin Church; Robert Roger; Sir William Johnson*, Articles for the Dictionary of American Military Biography (1979)-Correspondence
5. *The Cartagena Expedition*, Adapting to Conditions (1986)-Manuscript (See also Box 8, Files 20 & 21)
8. *Reflections While Moving On*, William and Mary Quarterly, July 1988-Correspondence
18. *The Siege of Brookfield* and *The Captivity of Mary Rowlandson* (1958) - Correspondence