

Douglas Edward Leach Papers

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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. These 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 form. 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

1. Abbot-Ayers
2. Bagwell-Bernhard
3. Biblio-Card Company-Blumstein
4. Bowden-Harvey Branscomb
5. Breen-Byrnes
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1. Eckstein-Ewing
2. Fairfield-Freshley
3. Fulbright Committee
4. Gale-Glasgow
5. Glover-Gunderson
6. Haakonssen-Hall
7. Hamilton-Hazen
8. Alexander Heard
9. Hedstrom-Hetnal
10. Higginbotham-*The Historian*
11. Hobbs-Howington
12. Hubbard-Hyatt

Box 3

1. Impact '65-Israel
2. Jacobs-Juricek
3. Karsten-Klugman
4. Knoll-Kolb
5. Kopperman-Kupperman
6. Lagemann-Laval
7. Leach-Lexington
8. Litoff-Lovering-Holman
9. MacKenzie-Matthews
10. McCarley-Meyerhoff
11. Michigan Department of State-Morgan
12. Samuel Eliot Morison
13. Mork-Murdoch

Box 4

1. National Geographic Society-Navy
2. Nelson-*Newsweek*
3. Noldde-*Notable American Women*
4. Obenchain-Orr
5. Pang-Phillips
6. Piston-Prucha
7. Purdy-Pyle
8. David Beers Quinn
9. Rao-Riley
10. Roberts-Ryan
11. Salisbury-Scribner's Sons
12. Sellers-Sittig
13. Slotkin-Spiegel
14. Starkweather-Swint

Box 5

1. Talbert-TeSelle
2. Thelen-Turner
3. Ultec-United States Air Force
4. Vanderbilt-Viall
5. Jacque Vogeli
6. Wade-Washburn
7. Weaver-Whitehall
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
6. Class Notes and Syllabus, History 295
7. Class Notes, Bibliography, History 305
8. Class Notes, History 371A
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10. Class Notes, History 371B
11. Teaching Resources-Historiography
12. Teaching Resources-American Indians

Box 7

1. Teaching Resources-Exploration, 986-1504
2. Teaching Resources-Spanish and French Empires
3. Teaching Resources-English and French Exploration, 1497-1608
4. Teaching Resources-New Netherland
5. Teaching Resources-Puritan Colonies to 1676
6. Teaching Resources-Virginia to 1678
7. Teaching Resources-Pennsylvania
8. Teaching Resources-Westward Movement
9. Teaching Resources-Agriculture
10. Teaching Resources-Blacks
11. Teaching Resources-Militia
12. Teaching Resources-Self-Government
13. Teaching Resources-Glorious Revolution (1688)
14. Teaching Resources-Mercantilism and Commerce
15. Teaching Resources-Colonial Press
16. Teaching Resources-Great Awakening
17. Teaching Resources-Great War for the Empire
18. Teaching Resources-England and America, 1760-1775
19. Teaching Resources-Greenville Crisis, 1763-1766
20. Teaching Resources-Townshend Crisis, 1767-1770
21. Teaching Resources-Approach to Revolution, 1770-1774
22. Teaching Resources-Struggle for Independence
23. Teaching Resources-The United States in the 1780's
24. Teaching Resources-Women's Experience
25. Teaching Resources-Witchcraft

26. Teaching Resources-Immigration
27. Teaching Resources-Maps for Use in Class
28. Teaching Resources-Officer Corps
29. Teaching Resources-Historians' Biographies
30. Teaching Resources-Historians' Biographies
31. Teaching Resources-1936 Republican Party Materials

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Series III: Lectures

1. *The Growth of Religious Liberty*, Bates College Chapel, 3 Dec. 1951
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
5. *Landmarks in American History, 1783 to the Present*, Bury Grammar School, England, March 1960
6. *George Washington*, Nashville Senior Citizens, 22 Feb. 1962
7. *King Philip-Front Page News in London*, The Rhode Island Historical Society, 18 Nov. 1962 (See also Box 12, Files 7,8,9)
8. *Training Day in the Colonies*, Pattaquamagutt Historical Society, 17 May 1966
9. *Problems of Intrusive Colonization: America and New Zealand*, Victoria University, New Zealand, 27 June 1967
10. *Sermon for World Communion Sunday*, New Zealand, 1967
11. *Military Tradition and Practice in Colonial America*, Phi Alpha Theta, The University of Rhode Island, 16 May 1966 and Victoria University, New Zealand, 26 June 1967
12. *History Is Fun*, West Virginia, April 1969
13. *Tension, Strife, and Warfare in Early American History*, Departmental Seminar, 13 Nov. 1972
14. Series of Five Lectures on American History, sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities, McCabe Community Center, Nashville, Oct. and Nov. 1973
15. *The Declaration of Independence*, Leeds, England, Feb. 1975
16. *The Declaration of 1776-The Perspective of 1976*, Unitarian Church, 18 July 1976
17. *Aspects of Anglo-American Tension Before 1762*, Departmental Seminar, 26 Sept. 1977
18. *The Colonial Wars*, Taped Lecture for *The Voices of America Series*, Michael Glazier Inc., 1979 (Manuscript of Tape)
19. *The Colonial Wars*, Taped Lecture for *The Voices of America Series*, Michael Glazier Inc., 1979 (Correspondence)
20. *The Cartagena Expedition, 1740-42, and Anglo-American Relations*, The University of Alabama, 11 Feb. 1983 (Manuscript) See also Box 13, Files 5 & 6.

21. *The Cartagena Expedition, 1740-42, and Anglo-American Relations*, The University of Alabama, 11 Feb. 1983 (Correspondence)
22. *Composing a Naval Memoir*, American Historical Society, 1983 (Manuscript)
23. *Composing a Naval Memoir*, American Historical Society, 1983 (Correspondence)
24. *The Royal Navy in the Southern Colonies Before 1763: A Study in Anglo-American Friction*, Southern Historical Association, Nov. 1983
25. *The Central Pacific Remembered*, Vanderbilt University NROTC, 9 Jan. 1986 and 11 Feb. 1988
26. *Beginnings of the American Naval Tradition*, Vanderbilt University NROTC, 29 Jan. 1986
27. Untitled lecture delivered at Vine Street Christian Church, 5 Jan. 1988
28. *The Puritan Movement*, Sunday School Remnant Class, Dec. 1988
29. Proposal to the Organization of American Historians for *The Second World War: One Man's Perspective*, 1988
30. *World War II*, Nashville Vanderbilt University Alumni Club, 27 Feb. 1992
31. *The Origins and Development of the Early American Officer Corps*, Vanderbilt University NROTC, 9 April 1992
32. *The Importance of World War II in the 20th Century*, Kiwanis Club, 3 Sept. 1992
33. *The Father of His Country: Chance or Destiny?*, Sons of the American Revolution, 23 Feb. 1993
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.
37. *D.S. Freeman: Virginia Historian, Friend of Washington and Lee*, n.d.
38. *The Western Heritage of 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
3. Vanderbilt Committee on University Government, 1964-1967
4. Plimoth Plantation-Conference, 6-8 Sept. 1968
5. Professional Honors-Fellow, Pilgrim Society, 1974-1990
6. Vanderbilt-in-England, 1974-1975
7. Vanderbilt-in-England, 1974-1975
8. New England Tour, 1981
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

Box 11

Series V: Publications

1. *Flintlock and Tomahawk: New England in King Philip's War* (1958)-Research Material
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
5. *The Northern Colonial Frontier, 1607-1763* (1966)-Research Materials and Chapter Outlines
6. *The Northern Colonial Frontier, 1607-1763* (1966)- Correspondence with Holt, Rinehart and Winston
7. *The Northern Colonial Frontier, 1607-1763* (1966)-Correspondence with Holt, Rinehart, and Winston
8. *The Northern Colonial Frontier, 1607-1763* (1966)-Correspondence, General
9. *Arms for Empire: A Military History of the British Colonies in North America, 1607-1763* (1973)-Contract and Correspondence with Macmillan
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

1. *Roots of Conflict: British Armed Forces and Colonial Americans, 1677-1763* (1986)-Correspondence with The University of North Carolina Press
2. *Roots of Conflict: British Armed Forces and Colonial Americans, 1677-1763* (1986)-Correspondence, General
3. *Roots of Conflict: British Armed Forces and Colonial Americans, 1677-1763* (1986)-Reviews

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)
8. *Benjamin Batten and the London Gazette*, *New England Quarterly*, Spring 1963-Research Materials
9. *Benjamin Batten and the London Gazette*, *New England Quarterly*, Spring 1963-Correspondence
10. *John Gordon*, Monograph for the National Park Service (1959)-Manuscript
11. *John Gorgon*, Monograph for the National Park Service (1959)-Correspondence

Box 13

1. *Rivalry and Warfare: England, France, and Spain* (1972)-Manuscript
2. *Rivalry and Warfare: England, France, and Spain* (1972)-Correspondence
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)
6. *The Cartagena Expedition, Adapting to Conditions* (1986)-Correspondence
7. *Reflections While Moving On*, *William and Mary Quarterly*, July 1988-Manuscript
8. *Reflections While Moving On*, *William and Mary Quarterly*, July 1988-Correspondence
9. *Colonial Indian Wars*, *Handbook of North American Indians* (1987)-Manuscript
10. *Colonial Indian Wars*, *Handbook of North American Indians* (1987)-Draft Manuscript
11. *Colonial Indian Wars*, *Handbook of North American Indians* (1987)-Correspondence
12. *The British Army in America Before 1775*, *The Blackwell Encyclopedia of the American Revolution* (1990)-Manuscript
13. *The British Army in America Before 1775*, *The Blackwell Encyclopedia of the American Revolution* (1990)-Correspondence
14. *The Colonial Period*, *Encyclopedia of the American Military*, Scribners (1994)-Manuscript
15. *The Colonial Period*, *Encyclopedia of the American Military*, Scribners (1994)-Correspondence
16. *The Siege of Brookfield* (1958)-Unpublished manuscript
17. *The Captivity of Mary Rowlandson* (1958)-Unpublished Manuscript

18. *The Siege of Brookfield* and *The Captivity of Mary Rowlandson* (1958)-
Correspondence