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1937,
October 12 Born, Marshall, Minnesota
1959 B.S., Iowa State University
1962 M.S., University of Wisconsin
1972-1978 Editorial page editor, Wall Street Journal
1979-2002 Editor, Wall Street Journal
1980 Awarded Pulitzer Prize for editorial writing
1992 Author, The Seven Fat Years: And How to Do It Again
2003,
December Died, New York City
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Scope and Content of Collection
The papers of Robert L. Bartley document his thirty years successively as editorial page editor, and as overall editor, of the Wall Street Journal from 1972 to 2002. They include correspondence and other material detailing operations of the newspaper, and reportage and editorial commentary on financial, economic, political and military events, nationally and internationally. There is a large volume of material on financial and political scandals, especially relating to the Bank of Credit and Commerce International, the Watergate affair during the presidency of Richard M. Nixon, and the Whitewater and other affairs of the presidential administration of Bill Clinton. Other large bodies of material deal with supply-side economic policies, the Vietnamese War, the Iraq War, and biological and chemical warfare. The papers were acquired by the Hoover Institution from Edith Bartley in 2005.

This description reflects the present retention of the papers in folder arrangements made by Bartley. The folders have been grouped into series to accord as well as possible with the nature of the folder titles. Two caveats with respect to these series arrangements should be noted. The first is that the Speeches and Writings series does not contain all writings by Bartley, but merely those in folders with titles referring to a specific speech, conference participation, or article, or an aspect of the preparation of Bartley's book The Seven Fat Years. The Wall Street Journal File contains folders of aggregations of printed copies of articles and editorials from particular years of that publication, mostly unsigned, but many
certainly written by Bartley. The Subject File consists of folders of diverse materials with titles indicating a specific topic. Frequently they include both articles or other writings by Bartley on that topic and materials by others on the same topic. The second caveat regarding retention of Bartley’s own folder arrangement is that there is a certain incidence of filing, or misfiling, of extraneous material, related dubiously or not at all to the ostensible theme suggested by the folder title.

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**
- Wall Street journal.
- Economics.
- Journalism--United States.
- Journalists.
- United States--Economic conditions.
- United States--Foreign relations.
- United States--Politics and government.
- World politics.

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**Personal File, 1974-2002**

Scope and Contents note

So designated by Robert L. Bartley. Includes biographical data and photographs

**Box 1**
- General, including biographical data
- Christmas cards
- Correspondence concerning disposition of RLB papers
- Financial records

**Box 2**
- Mementos
- Photographs
- Printed articles about RLB

**Appointment Books, 1976-2003**

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- 1979-1988

**Box 4**
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**Box 5**
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- 2001-2003

**Box 5**
- Notebook, undated

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**Speeches and Writings, 1971-2003**

Scope and Contents note

Notes, drafts, typescripts, printed copies, correspondence, and research material. Some folders include extraneous material

**Box 5**
"The Limits of the Press Corps in a Political/Technical Debate" (with Jude Wanniski), Conference on Expert Advice and Democratic Choice, Racine, Wisconsin, 1974 April 4-6
Speech, Council on Foreign Relations meeting on South Africa, New York City, 1986 December 4
Speech, Forum Club, Houston, Texas, 1986 December 11
"Business Ethics and the Ethics Business," commencement address, Babson College, Babson Park, Massachusetts, 1987 May 16
The Great Crash of ’29 and the Great Correction of ’87 Compared panel discussion, Allied Social Science Association annual meeting, New York City, 1988 December 28

**Box 6**
"Progress and Pessimism: Why Is Gloom Chic amid Peace and Prosperity?" speech, Town Hall luncheon, Los Angeles, California, 1989 August 16
Speech, Hudson Valley Forum, Poughkeepsie, New York, 1990 October 4
Speech, Pumpkin Papers Irregulars dinner, Washington, D.C., 1990 October 31
Bilderberg meetings, Baden-Baden, Germany, 1991 June 3-6

*The Seven Fat Years: And How to Do It Again*, 1992
Working materials, including drafts, outlines, correspondence and research material

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Reviews
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Paperback edition.

Scope and Contents note
Drafts of introduction, epilogue and index, and other working materials

"The Case for Optimism: The West Should Believe in Itself," *Foreign Affairs*, 1993 September-October
Speech on 1994 election results, unknown occasion, 1994
"A Time for Morality," commencement address, Mayo Medical School, Rochester, Minnesota, 1995 May 20
"Capitalism’s Uncertain Trumpet," speech, Mont Pèlerin Society meeting, Washington, D.C., 1998 September 1
"The Future of Economic Freedom," lecture, Heritage Foundation regional meeting, Dearborn, Michigan, 2000 October 16

Box 12
"Thirty Years of Progress, Mostly," speech, Forum Club, Houston, Texas, 2002 September 25
Speech, occasion and exact date unknown, San Jose, California, 2002
"Backward on Understanding Profit," Charles Wolf lecture, RAND Corporation, Santa Monica, California, 2003 April 15
Speech on Iraq War, Rotary Club, place and exact date unknown, 2003
"The Beginning of the Journey" (re Clarence Barron), undated
Assorted speeches, various dates (1981-1996)


Scope and Contents note
Internal correspondence and memoranda, and printed articles from and about the *Wall Street Journal*

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Printed editorials and articles from the *Wall Street Journal*, mostly unsigned, including some by RLB
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Printed articles about the *Wall Street Journal* from other publications
Correspondence, Chronological, 1970-2003

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Scope and Contents note
Includes letters of congratulation upon promotion to editor of the *Wall Street Journal*
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Includes letters of congratulation on Pulitzer Prize

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Printed articles and other writings by RLB arranged topically; correspondence; printed matter and other research material by others. In a few cases entry is under name of author or correspondent rather than topic. Some folders include extraneous material.

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- Accounting
- Affirmative action
- Ahlstrom, T. Robinson
- American Bar Association
- American Heritage Magazine
- American Spectator
- Amiel, Barbara
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- Arms control.
  Scope and Contents note
  Includes material on missiles, lasers, nuclear strategy, and Strategic Arms Limitation Talks

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  Scope and Contents note
  Includes material on Robert Altman, Clark Clifford and Ghaith Pharaon

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  Scope and Contents note
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- Barron's Magazine
- Bartley Institute (Proposed)
- Bickel, Alexander M.

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- Biological and chemical warfare
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Includes material on antisemitism

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Includes material on religion, drunk driving, 2000 election campaign, and Bush Doctrine

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Includes material on intellectual property rights theft
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Clinton, Bill, and Clinton administration.
Scope and Contents note
Includes material on 1992 and 1996 election campaigns, and Clinton administration personnel and economic policy

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Includes material on drugs, foreign influence, pardons, violence, White House staff, and impeachment

Box 83-84
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Scope and Contents note
Includes material on Gennifer Flowers, Paula Jones, Dick Morris, and Sally Perdue

Whitewater and other financial scandals.
Scope and Contents note
Includes material on the Whitewater Development Company, Beverly Enterprises, blind trusts, commodities trading, Dan Lasater, James McDougal, Madison Guaranty Savings and Loan Association, Dennis Patrick, Rose Law Firm, tax returns, Tyson Foods, and David Watkins

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Drexel Burnham Lambert Group

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Includes material on energy

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Elections.

Scope and Contents note
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Energy.

Scope and Contents note
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Enron Corporation
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Environment
Epstein, Jason
Espionage
Establishment
Euro
Europe
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Family values

Far Eastern Economic Review
Federal Reserve System
Feldstein, Martin
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Financial Times
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Kennedy, Edward M.-Chappaquiddick incident
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