Preliminary Inventory of the Keith L. Nelson papers

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Biographical Note
American historian, a Professor of History, former Director of the Center for Global Peace and Conflict Studies at the University of California, Irvine.
Scope and Content of Collection
Subjects and Indexing Terms
Germany--History--Allied occupation, 1918-1930.

Microfilm Reels

Box 1

War Dept records (World War I Branch, War Records Division) in the National Archives. Record Group 94 (Adjutant General's Office). Record Group 120 (AEF) - Third Army file, AFG file (which includes a two volume typewritten "History of the American Forces Germany")

Papers of Myron Herrick, American Ambassador to France, from the Western Reserve Historical Society, Cleveland

Papers of Bernard Baruch and Ray Stannard Baker from the Princeton University Library

sections of the Koblenzstaatsarchiv card catalogue - Edward Beerbusse dissertation ("Diplomatic Relations between the US and Weimar Germany, 1919-1929") Joseph Aulneau writing (Le Rhin et la France, 1921)

Materials from the Koblenzstaatsarchiv Abteilung 403, records of the Oberpräsident der Rheinprovinz

Bibliothèque de Documentation Internationale Contemporaine (Paris) relevant card catalogue entries and records of the censorship service [see "Guide" folder, below]

General Physical Description note: 2 reels
Diary Marshall Ferdinand Foch (Bibliothèque Nationale, Paris)
Papers of General Charles Mangin, Archives Nationales, Paris [see "Guide" folder, below]

General Physical Description note: 2 reels

Papers of P. Forthomme, Paul Hymans, Edouard Rolin-Jacquemyns from the Archives Générales du Royaume in Brussels [see "Guide" folder, below]

Files

Box 1
Black Troops material I (contemporary books, pamphlets, articles, flyers)
Black Troops material II (contemporary books, pamphlets, articles, flyers)

Boxes 2-4
Victors Divided Bibliography
Keith L. Nelson Vita

Pierrepont Noyes Unpublished Diary (American Rhineland Commissioner, 1919-1920)
- 202 pages (uncorrected and corrected versions) Includes letter he wrote subsequently about his visit in 1924 with former President Wilson
Notes taken by Keith Nelson in 1965 at the Bibliothèque de Service Historique in Vincennes, the Archives Archives Générales du Royaume in Brussels, and during his interviews with Lord Kilmarnock and Lord Robertson

General Physical Description note: 2 binders

Microfilm Reels

Boxes 2-4
State Dept records in the National Archives (1917-1923) Record Group 59
862t.01/8-1055, Record Group 256 purport sheets for 185.1711, documents from 181.228/2-74A, 181.31/28,184.013102/50, 185.121/12-20
State Dept records in the National Archives (1917-1923) Record Group 59 462.00 R 29, 294, 296, 711.62119, 763.72119, 862.00/99, Record Group 84--Coblenz Post, Record Group 256 181.22401,185.001/48, 185.1711
Relevant records in the Library of Congress (Chandler Anderson, Leland Harrison, Paul H. Clark, William Borah, Woodrow Wilson)

Records of the Inquiry relevant to Germany, France, Belgium (14 frames) from the Columbia University Library

British Foreign Ministry documents in Lord Curzon Papers, Derby, England (174 exposures), Correspondence with Derby, 1919-1920, Correspondence with Sir A Geddes, 1920-1921, Memo on Productive Pledges 1923, German Separatism 1924 [see "Guide" folder, below]

Papers relating to an Anglo-French Pact (46 exposures)

Records of German Foreign Ministry, available from the National Archives (US), Records for the Period before 1920, Political Department, 1867-1920, File established during the Weimar National Assembly, German Peace Delegation File Records for the Period After 1920, Office of the Reichsminister (Foreign Minister), Office of the Staatssekretär

Relevant records of the German Embassy at Washington (1921-1930), available from the National Archives (US)

Materials from the Deutsches Zentral Archiv, Potsdam Waffenstillstands kommission Reichskommissar für die besetzten rheinischen Gebiete, Reichsministerium für die besetzten Gebiete

General Physical Description note: 2 reels - Auftrag 01163, in metal can
Erich Koch-Weser papers [Aktenstücke 13,14 (reel I), 22,23 (reel II), 27-29 (reel III), and 78, 82-84 (reel IV)] from the Koblenzstaatsarchiv censorship service [see "Guide" folder, below]

General Physical Description note: 4 metal reels

Le Matin (October 25 -November 25, 1921)

PhD dissertations on Microfilm Reels

Boxes 2-4

Barbara Ann Welter, "The US and Weimar Germany" (Wisconsin, 1960)
D. S. Birn, "Britain and Germany at the Washington Conference, 1921-1922" (Columbia, 1965)
W. R. Schilling, "Admirals and Foreign Policy"
J. M. Helmreich, "Belgian Diplomatic Style" (Princeton, 1961)
D. S. White, "Franco-American Relations in 1917-1918" (Penn, 1954)
R. E. Cleveland, "French Attitudes toward the German Problem 1914-1919" (Nebraska, 1956)
Frances B. Lowry, "The Generals, the Armistice, and the Treaty of Versailles" (Duke, 1963)
Raynsford, MA thesis on Pierrepont Noyes

Boxes 5-7

Correspondence relating to the Dissertation and Book


Indexes prepared by Keith Nelson to the Curzon manuscripts and to the German records in the microfilm reels above

Articles on other military occupations

Information on the press, political parties, and leaders (US & foreign)

Letters from Wallace Day (American Deputy Rhineland Commissioner) to Keith Nelson (1961-1975)

Letters of Wallace Day to Keith Nelson (1961-1975) and interviews with Wallace Day

Personal possessions of Wallace H. Day (1919-1920)

Black Book--recommendations from the Inquiry to the President (January 1919) and Notes on German Counter-proposals (June 1919) from the Woodrow Wilson Papers
PhD dissertations on Microfilm Reels

Materials from the Frank Lowden Papers, University of Chicago Library

Letters of Malcolm Robertson (British Commissioner) to his wife, 1919-1921, and excerpts from his unpublished autobiography-- Letters in the papers of Baron Edouard Rolin-Jacquemyns and P. Forthomme (Belgian representatives in the Rhineland), 1921-1925

Photocopied pages from the reels of the Marshal Ferdinand Foch Diary, 1918-1922 (see above)

General Physical Description note: 5 folders and one yellow box

Relevant passages from Georges Clemenceau's Memoirs

Paul Tirard, Rapport sur l'administration des territoires occupés (11 novembre 1918-28 juin 1919), pp 26-30, 52-55

Minutes of the first three meetings of the IRHC (1920) Official Gazette of the IRHC, including Ordonnance #1 (January 1920), Recueil des Ordonnances (ordinances grouped by subject) (1920-1921)

Index to Documents Diplomatiques: Conférence de Washington, 1921-1922 (Paris, 1923)

Tables des Notes Documentaires et Etudes (index of French white papers on the World War I period published from 1 Jan 1945 to Dec 31, 1947) (Paris 1948)

Relevant passages from Italian Prime Minister Sydney Sonnino's memoirs, with English translation

Newspaper clippings from the US press (1918-1923)

Words and music of Allied World War I songs relating to Germany and the Rhineland

Folders of Belgian, German, and British Documents

Boxes 8-10

Materials from Documents Diplomatiques Belges, 1920-1940; I (1920-1924) Bruxelles, 1964

German Foreign Ministry WK 30 (taken from reel 4080) January - February 1919

Akten der Reichskanzlei; Weimarer Republic, Kabinett Scheidemann (13 Feb - 20 June 1919)

Akten der Reichskanzlei; Weimarer Republic, Kabinett Müller I (27 Mar 1920 - 21 Jun 1920)

Akten der Reichskanzlei; Weimarer Republic, Kabinett Fehrenbach (25 Jun 1920 - 4 May 1921)

Akten der Reichskanzlei; Weimarer Republic, Kabinett Cuno (22 Nov 1922-12 Aug 1923)

British Wartime Documents (1916-1917), includes Overview of British Cabinet Records, Plan of the CAB 23 series, and notes from AJP Taylor, Politics in Wartime

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British War Cabinet - documents drawn from CAB 23/3-9 (July 1917-June 1919)
British Imperial War Cabinet - documents drawn from CAB 23/40-42 (March 1917-Dec 1918)
British Cabinet - indexes to the Conclusions of Cabinet, Conference of Ministers, Home Affairs Committee, and Finance Committee (November 1919 - Dec 1921, Jan - Oct 1922), and Cabinet Minutes of 22 December 1921
British Foreign Office - Index the General Correspondence, 1920-1923, and K. Nelson correspondence with PRO
British Foreign Office - Index to Confidential Print: Germany (FO 408)
Records of the War Cabinet 23/35 - Conference of (International) Ministers (Dec 1919-Aug 1922)
British Foreign Office Documents - FO 371/4598, 4807, 4742, 5881, 5989, 6064, 5857, 5973, 5974, 6073, 5865, 7520, 7521, 7490, 7528, 8704 - Comments on American Occupation, French troops, British policy, conditions in Rhineland, etc. (Feb 1920-Nov 1921), Confidential Print: Germany - FO 408/7-9 Comments on American Policies (Jan 1922-Feb 1923)
British Foreign Office Documents, FO 371/5882-5883, Replacement of the Reichskommissar (May-June 1921)
British Foreign Office Documents - FO 371/ 7544, 4730, 5989, 7548, 7549, 8678, Correspondence on US Army Costs 1921-1923, Confidential Print: Germany - FO 408/3-7, Army Costs January 1921-November 1922
British Foreign Office Documents - FO 371/ 4738, 4805, 4860, 4807, 4805, 6028, 5971, 6980, 5972, 5883, 6038; FO 395/362, British Correspondence between Coblenz & London (Jul 1920-Nov 1921) Confidential Print: Germany - FO 408/1, 7-8, Frankfurt Occupation, March 1920, French Move on Ruhr, April-December 1922
British Foreign Office Documents - FO 371/6016, 6024, Customs Frontier (March 1921), Meeting with Briand (April 1921), Confidential Print: Germany - FO 408/3-8, Sanctions & Licensing Organizations (Feb 1921-July 1922)
British Foreign Office Documents - FO 371/6041, Belgian Attitudes (Feb-March 1921), Confidential Print: Germany - FO 408, June 1922, Belgian Attitudes (November 1922)
British Foreign Office Documents - FO 371/ 2703, 7521, 7523, 7537, 7581, 8680, 8690, 8708 - British policies in the Rhineland (May 1922-April 1923), with documents from 1918, 1919, & 1920
British Foreign Office Documents - FO 3714798, 4789, 4830, 4805, 5999, 6028, 5973 - material on the "Black Horror" (July 1920-January 1922)
British Foreign Office Documents - FO 371/8749-50 British Attitudes toward "productive pledges" (Oct-Nov 1923)
British Foreign Office Documents, Confidential Print: Germany - FO 408/9, Question of British Withdrawal (Jan-Feb 1923)
Published British Documents, Tripartite Agreement on Rhineland Occupation - June 1919, Tripartite Pact (France, Britain, US)- June 1919, Dawes Plan - August 30, 1924

Boxes 11-12

Allen, Henry T., reviews of his *Rhineland Journal*
Beyerhaus, G., *Die Europa Politik des Marschalls Foch* (Leipzig, 1942)
Bouriard, Capitan, *La Campagne Allemande contre les troupes noires* (Paris 1922)
from the Ministry of Defence Library, Old War Office Building, London
Cambon, Henri, *Paul Cambon: Correspondance* (1940-1946)
Cox, Frederick J., "The French Peace Plans" in edited volume (NY, 1956)
Davis, Shelby "Reservoirs of Men", Thesis University of Geneva, 1934 (205 pages)
Elben, Wolfgang, Das Problem der Kontinuität in der deutschen Revolution (1965)
Elcock, Howard, Portrait of a Decision (London, 1972)
Favez, Jean Claude, Le Reich devant l'occupation (Geneva, 1969)
Fayolle, Emil, Cahiers secrets (Paris, 1964)
Franck, Harry A., "Through Germany on Foot : II, Coblenz" (Harper's, August 1919)
Freidel, Frank, Over There (1964)
Friedensburg, Ferdinand, "Die geheime Abmachung" (1938)
Gärtner, Margarete, Botschafterin des guten Willens (Bonn, 1955)
Gignoux, C. J., L'Economie française (Paris, 1942)
Groener, Wilhelm, Lebenserinnerungen (Göttingen, 1957)
Heyland, Karl, Die Lehre von der Rheinlandbesetzung
Hughes, Charles E., Autobiographical Notes (1973)
Izoulet, Jean, Et pas de France sans Rhénanie (Paris, 1920)
Jones, K Paul, unpublished articles on Houghton and the Ruhr Reparations Crisis
Lersner, Freiherr von, Versailles! (Berlin, 1921)
Loucheur, Louis, Carnets secrets, 1908-1932 (Bruxelles, 1962)
Mangin, Louis E., La France et le Rhin (Geneva, 1945)
Memoirs - Headlam-Morley, Hankey, Frances Stevenson, Maie Casey
Miquel, Pierre, La Paix de Versailles (Paris, 1972)
Morsey, Rudolf, Deutsche Zentrumspartei (1966)
Obituaries
Persil, Raoul, Mitterrand (Paris, 1949)
Pinon, René, Le Redressement de la politique eu France, 1922 (Paris, 1923)
Prunet, Denis, Le Maréchal Foch (1951)
Richter, Johannes, Die Reichszentrale für Heimatdienst (Berlin, 1963)
Roskill, Stephen, Naval Policy between the Wars
Rothwel, V. H., British War Aims (Oxford, 1971)
Saint-Aulaire, Auguste, Confession (Paris, 1953)
Stone, Ralph A., Irreconciliables (1970)
Suarez, Georges, Récit Historique de R. Poincaré (Paris, 1932)
Trask, David, General Tasker Bliss (Philadelphia, 1966)
Troughton, Ernest, It's Happening Again (London, 1944)
Watson, David, Clémenceau (London, 1974)
Weygand, Maxine, Mémoires (Paris, 1953-1957)
Wolfe, Martin, The French Franc between Wars (NY, 1951)
Wormser, Georges, La République de Clémenceau (Paris, 1961)

Boxes 13-17

American and British Articles on the Ruhr Crisis (1923)

Articles relevant to the Rhineland in European journals

Articles relevant to the Rhineland in US journals
Mein Rheinland Tagebuch (Berlin, 1923). German translation of My Rhineland Journal by General Henry T. Allen

Box 18

Two maps of American zone - used in Victors Divided

Detailed notes on documents and secondary sources surveyed organized by the type of document

Boxes 13-17

FRUS - PPC = notes taken on the State Department’s published volumes on the Paris Peace Conference (PPC) and FRUS 1920, 1921, 1922, and 1923
State Decimal = notes taken on materials in the State Department’s decimal files
MSS = notes taken on materials in private manuscript collections
Congress = notes taken on the Congressional record (1918-1923)
NYT = notes taken on editorials and articles in the New York Times (1918-1923)
Newspapers = notes taken on US newspapers other than the New York Times (1918-1923)
Journals = note taken on articles in American magazines and popular journals (1918-1923)
European Situation = notes taken on books and articles that analyze the post-war European situation
Black Troops = notes taken on materials relating to the French use of Black troops in the Rhineland
British Documents = notes taken on British governmental documents
German policy and Opinion = notes taken on materials that focus on the postwar German mentality and situation
German Documents = notes taken on German governmental documents
American Army in Peacetime Occupation = notes taken on materials relating to the US military occupation in Germany 1918-1923

Detailed notes on documents and secondary sources surveyed grouped by the way in which important parts of them relate to the chapters of the book Victors Divided

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Armistice and Occupation (1917-1918)
Americans, French, and Rhinelanders (1918-1919)
Unoccupied Germany (1918-1919)
Paris Peace Conference (1919)
Rhineland Commission/Rhineland Agreement (1919)
Noyes and Participation (1919-1920)
Solemn Referendum and Harding (1920-1921)
Allen’s Restraining Force (1920-1922)
The Last Phase (1923-1924)