Guide to the Ephraim Douglass Adams Papers

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Biographical Note
Ephraim Douglass Adams was born in Decorah, Iowa, on December 18, 1865. Adams attended Grinnell College and graduated from the University of Michigan in 1887, receiving a doctorate in 1890. He became principal of the high school in McGregor, Iowa, in 1887-88, and after his graduate work he served in Washington on the staff of the Eleventh Census, 1890-91. He then joined the history department of the University of Kansas, and eventually became professor of European History, resigning to accept an appointment at Stanford in 1902.
Professor Adams taught European history for his first six years at Stanford, but in 1908, with the reorganization of the department, he took over recent American history, and especially British-American relations. Adams also became head of the department in 1908 and served in that capacity until 1922.
Adams' published works include The Control of the Purse in the United States Government (1894), The Influence of Grenville on Pitt's Foreign Policy (1904), British Interests and Activities in Texas (1910), The Power of Ideals in American History (1913), Great Britain and the American Civil War (1925).
Adams was collaborating with Charles Francis Adams, Jr. on the Life of Charles Adams, Sr., at the time of Charles Francis Adams, Jr.'s death in 1915. When E.D. Adams used some of the research materials gathered for this biography in his work Great Britain and the American Civil War it led to a major controversy (here called the Ford Controvery) with Worthington C. Ford, President of the Massachusetts Historical Society.
When Herbert Hoover assumed the direction of the wide-reaching operation of Belgian relief, Adams called to his attention the importance of preserving all the significant records of his administration. From this correspondence arose the project a War Library. Professor Adams directed the acquisition of materials throughout Europe after the war; these papers formed the original collections in the new Hoover War Library (later renamed the Hoover Institution on War, Revolution, and Peace).
Adams died of pneumonia on September 1, 1930.

Scope and Content Note
The E.D. Adams Papers, dating from 1730 to 1931 (1900-1931 bulk), include correspondence, manuscripts and typescripts of some of Adams' writings, research materials, and a small amount of Stanford administrative records. The correspondence is arranged chronologically, but the letters for the years 1929 and 1930 are arranged alphabetically by
correspondent.
The Adams papers contain a substantial amount of correspondence concerning the Stanford History Department and the
Hoover War Library. Adams' correspondence with Hoover touches on other university matters also, such as the tenure
system and the Stanford Union.
The Adams papers also include correspondence pertaining to the establishment of the National Archives (J. Franklin
Jameson).
E.D. Adams was collaborating with Charles Francis Adams, Jr., on The Life of Charles Francis Adams, Sr. at the time of C.F.
Adams, Jr. 's death in 1915. When E.D. Adams used some of the research materials gathered for this biography in his work
Great Britain and the American Civil War it led to a major controversy (here called the Ford Controversy) with Worthington
C. Ford, President of the Massachusetts Historical Society. E.D. Adam's documentation of this dispute has been separated
into its own series, the Ford Controversy.
Major correspondents include the following:
  Charles Francis Adams, Jr.
  Nina Almond
  American Historical Association
  Max Farrand
  Worthington C. Ford
  Herbert C. Hoover
  Lou Henry Hoover
  J. Franklin Jameson
  H. Barrett Learned
  Sir Charles Lucas
  Ralph Lutz
  Edgar E. Robinson
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  Frederick Jackson Turner

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Access Terms
Adams, Charles Francis, 1835-1915
Adams, Elisabeth Douglass.
Adams, Ephraim Douglass, 1865-1930.
Adams, Ephraim, 1818-1907.
Almond, Nina.
American Historical Association
Farrand, Max, 1869-1945.
Fester, Ruth.
Ford, Worthington C.
Hoover Institution on War, Revolution, and Peace
Hoover, Herbert, 1874-1964
Hoover, Lou Henry, 1874-1944.
Jameson, J. Franklin, (John Franklin), 1859-1937.
Learned, H. Barrett.
Lucas, Charles Prestwood,, Sir,, 1853-1931.
Lutz, Ralph Haswell, 1886-1968.
Massachusetts Historical Society.
National Archives (U.S.).
Ritchey, Lawrence.
Robinson, Edgar E.
Russell, Agatha, Lady.
Stanford University. Department of History. -- General subdivision--Faculty.
Stanford University. Stanford Union.
Treat, Payson J. (Payson Jackson), 1879-1972
Turner, Frederick Jackson, 1861-1932.
Wilbur, Ray L., (Ray Lyman), 1875-1949
College teachers--Tenure--California--Stanford.
Manuscripts (for publication).
Notes.

General note
(Taken in part from Payson Treat's A Tribute to Friend and Scholar, Stanford Illustrated Review, 10/30)

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### Life of Charles Francis Adams

- **Vol. I**, editing notes
- **Vol. II**, chapters 1, 3
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- Correspondence with Charles Francis Adams, Jan-Mar 1914
- Correspondence with Charles Francis Adams, Apr-Jun 1914
- Correspondence with Charles Francis Adams, Jul-Dec 1914

#### Ford Controversy

- Correspondence with Learned and Jameson, 1925
- Material sent to Learned and Jameson from Adams
- Correspondence re the question of collaboration and pledge to Charles Francis Adams, circa 1913-1915
- Analysis of correspondence with Charles Francis Adams and Worthington C. Ford on *The Life of Charles Francis Adams*

### Why We Are at War With Germany, circa 1917

### Miscellaneous

- Bibliography of Adams' writings
- Hoover, Herbert. Recollections of Herbert Hoover by E.D. Adams
- Hoover, Herbert. Clippings
- Lewis, Mrs. John. Diary, [Adams' typescript transcription] 1730-1775
- Lecture on the Monroe Doctrine
- Patrick, M.R. Diary, 15 Oct. 1846 - 26 March 1848 [Adams' typescript transcription]
- Patrick, M.R. Diary, Jan-31 May 1862
- Patrick, M.R. Diary, Jun-15 Sep 1862
- Patrick, M.R. Diary, 15 Sep-25 Dec 1862
- Patrick, M.R. Diary, 26 Dec 1862-5 May 1863
- A Personal Reaction to the Great War, undated
- Notes, miscellaneous
- Notes, miscellaneous
- Reviews - *Rivalry of the United States and Great Britain over Latin America* by J.F. Rippy
- Will, 1907

### Administrative Records

- Faculty and Council Rules, Admissions requirements [also includes Adams' book list]
- Suggested Plan of Policy for the Reorganization and Development of Stanford University, 1909