

Collection #
M 0644
OM 0304

**ENGLISH-SPEAKING UNION OF THE UNITED STATES,
INDIANAPOLIS BRANCH
RECORDS, 1922-2002**

[Collection Information](#)

[Biographical Sketch](#)

[Scope and Content Note](#)

[Series Contents](#)

[Cataloging Information](#)

Processed by

Charles Latham
December 1993

Updated
January 2005

Updated by
Kelsey Bawel
January 2015

Manuscript and Visual Collections Department
William Henry Smith Memorial Library
Indiana Historical Society
450 West Ohio Street
Indianapolis, IN 46202-3269

www.indianahistory.org

COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF
COLLECTION: 7 manuscript boxes, 2 oversized folders

COLLECTION
DATES: 1922-2002

PROVENANCE:

RESTRICTIONS: None

COPYRIGHT:

REPRODUCTION
RIGHTS: Permission to reproduce or publish material in this collection
must be obtained from the Indiana Historical Society.

ALTERNATE
FORMATS:

RELATED
HOLDINGS:

ACCESSION
NUMBER: 1994.0086, 1996.0661, 2006.0534

NOTES:

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

The national organization of the English-Speaking Union was founded in New York in 1920. Its stated purpose was to strengthen friendly relations between the people of the United States and the other English-speaking people of the world, in order to work for a world with equal justice for all, with democratic government and with a concern for the rights of all individuals. The first three national presidents were William Howard Taft (1921), lawyer and statesman John W. Davis (1921-1938), and Yale University president James Rowland Angell (1938-1946).

The Indianapolis branch of the organization was founded in 1949 by Charles J. Lynn, retired vice president of Eli Lilly and Company. He served as president from 1949 to 1958, and was then succeeded by his wife, Dorothy B. Lynn (1958-1973). She was succeeded by attorney Robert S. Ashby (1973-1989).

The branch holds luncheon and dinner meetings with speakers usually provided by the speaker's bureau of the national headquarters. Speakers have included Admiral Chester W. Nimitz (1951), historian Denis Brogan (1956), British ambassadors Lord Harlech (1964) and Sir Antony Acland (1990), Margaret Thatcher (1969), and General Maxwell D. Taylor (1973). At times meetings have been monthly, at other times more occasional.

Since 1951 the Branch has provided scholarships for British Commonwealth students to study at Indiana University, and since 1976 for teachers from Marion County to study at British universities. The Branch has regularly provided hospitality for visitors from the Commonwealth and has supported special projects such as a memorial to Winston Churchill. Since 1988 the Branch has sponsored an annual Shakespearean Competition, with contestants from Marion County high schools giving dramatic presentations.

Source:

Materials in collection

English Speaking Union, Indianapolis branch website

<http://www.esuus.org/indianapolis/news/welcome/> Accessed on January 29, 2015.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains the correspondence, circular letters, printed material from the period 1922-1991, and meeting minutes from 1968-2002 of the English-Speaking Union (ESU) of the United States, Indianapolis Branch. The collection is most complete for the period of the presidencies of Charles J. Lynn (1949-1958) and Dorothy B. Lynn (1958-1973). It also contains extensive meeting minutes.

The records for most years are organized in three main categories. The first is Programs and Speakers, including both the announcement of each program and correspondence about and with the speaker. For many meetings the menu is included, providing an interesting study of changes in organizational eating habits. A second category is general correspondence. A third is material regarding exchange students and visitors and about the Branch's drive for scholarship funds. Hospitality is also a major theme within the materials.

Box 1 (1922-1960) contains material 1922-1946 on Charles J. Lynn's individual membership in the ESU, material 1946-1949 on his successful effort to found the local branch, and records of the years of his presidency. OM 0304 folder 1 contains pages from a scrapbook of clippings from the years 1949-1959. OM 0304 folder 2 contains a reproduction of an illuminated scroll the original of which was presented to Sir Winston Churchill during World War II in the United States; transmittal note included.

Records representing the years of Dorothy Lynn's leadership (from 1958 to 1973) form the bulk of the collection. These records are in the first six boxes of the collection with Box 6 also containing partial records for the years since 1973.

SERIES CONTENTS

Series 1: Historical Records 1922-1960

CONTENTS	CONTAINER
Historical papers, 1949-1973	Box 1, Folder 1
Scholarships and fellowships, 1951-1990	Box 1, Folder 2
Visitors and films, 1959-1973	Box 1, Folder 3
Records and correspondence, 1922-1946	Box 1, Folder 4
Records and correspondence, 1948	Box 1, Folder 5
Records and correspondence, 1949	Box 1, Folder 6
Records and correspondence, 1950	Box 1, Folder 7
Correspondence and meetings, 1951	Box 1, Folder 8
Correspondence and meetings, 1952	Box 1, Folder 9
Regional Conference, 1953	Box 1, Folder 10
Meetings, 1953	Box 1, Folder 11
Meetings and Correspondence, 1954	Box 1, Folder 12
Meetings and Correspondence, 1955	Box 1, Folder 13
Meetings and Correspondence, 1956	Box 1, Folder 14
Meetings and Correspondence, 1957	Box 1, Folder 15
Meetings and Correspondence, 1958	Box 1, Folder 16
Programs and Speakers, 1959	Box 1, Folder 17
Programs and Speakers, 1960	Box 1, Folder 18
Bonnie Sue Harrison Scholarship, 1960	Box 1, Folder 19
Bonnie Sure Harrison Scholarship, 1960	Box 1, Folder 20
Correspondence, 1960	Box 1, Folder 21

Correspondence, 1960	Box 1, Folder 22
Scrapbook, 1949-1956	OM 0304, Folder 1
Broadside: Reproduction of an illuminated scroll presented to Winston Churchill, 1941	OM 0304, Folder 2

Series 2: Records, 1961-1963

CONTENTS	CONTAINER
Programs and Speakers, 1961	Box 2, Folder 1
Correspondence, 1961	Box 2, Folder 2
Correspondence, 1961	Box 2, Folder 3
Programs and Speakers, 1962	Box 2, Folder 4
Correspondence, 1962	Box 2, Folder 5
Correspondence, 1962	Box 2, Folder 6
Programs and Speakers, 1963	Box 2, Folder 7
Correspondence, 1963	Box 2, Folder 8
Correspondence, 1963	Box 2, Folder 9
Exchange students, visitors, 1963	Box 2, Folder 10

Series 3: Records, 1964-1965

CONTENTS	CONTAINER
Programs and speakers, 1964	Box 3, Folder 1
Correspondence, 1964	Box 3, Folder 2
Correspondence, 1964	Box 3, Folder 3
Exchange students, visitors, scholarships, 1964	Box 3, Folder 4
Exchange students, visitors, scholarships, 1964	Box 3, Folder 5
Churchill statue appeal, 1964	Box 3, Folder 6

Programs and speakers, 1965	Box 3, Folder 7
Programs and speakers, 1965	Box 3, Folder 8
Correspondence, 1965	Box 3, Folder 9
Correspondence, 1965	Box 3, Folder 10
Exchange students, visitors, scholarships, 1965	Box 3, Folder 11
Exchange students, visitors, scholarships, 1965	Box 3, Folder 12
Bulletins and reports, 1965	Box 3, Folder 13

Series 4: Records 1966-1968 (1967 missing)

CONTENTS	CONTAINER
Programs and speakers, 1966	Box 4, Folder 1
Programs and speakers, 1966	Box 4, Folder 2
Correspondence, 1966	Box 4, Folder 3
Correspondence, 1966	Box 4, Folder 4
Exchange students, visitors, scholarships, 1966	Box 4, Folder 5
Exchange students, visitors, scholarships, 1966	Box , Folder 6
Programs and speakers, 1968	Box 4, Folder 7
Programs and speakers, 1968	Box 4, Folder 8
Correspondence, 1968	Box 4, Folder 9
Correspondence, 1968	Box 4, Folder 10
Exchange students, visitors, scholarships, 1968	Box 4, Folder 11
Exchange students, visitors, scholarships, 1968	Box 4, Folder 12
Churchill Scholarship at Cambridge, 1968-1978	Box 4, Folder 13

Series 5: Records, 1969-1971

CONTENTS	CONTAINER
Programs and speakers, 1969	Box 5, Folder 1

Programs and speakers, 1969	Box 5, Folder 2
Correspondence, 1969	Box 5, Folder 3
Correspondence, 1969	Box 5, Folder 4
Exchange students, visitors, scholarships, 1969	Box 5, Folder 5
Exchange students, visitors, scholarships, 1969	Box 5, Folder 6
Programs and speakers, 1970	Box 5, Folder 7
Programs and speakers, 1970	Box 5, Folder 8
Correspondence, 1970	Box 5, Folder 9
Correspondence, 1970	Box 5, Folder 10
Exchange students, visitors, scholarships, 1970	Box 5, Folder 11
Exchange students, visitors, scholarships, 1970	Box 5, Folder 12
Programs and speakers, 1971	Box 5, Folder 13
Correspondence, 1971	Box 5, Folder 14
Correspondence, 1971	Box 5, Folder 15
Exchanges students, visitors, scholarships, 1971	Box 5, Folder 16

Series 6: Records, 1972-1991

CONTENTS	CONTAINER
Programs and speakers, 1972	Box 6, Folder 1
Programs and speakers, 1972	Box 6, Folder 2
Correspondence, 1972	Box 6, Folder 3
Correspondence, 1972	Box 6, Folder 4
Exchange students, visitors, scholarships, 1972	Box 6, Folder 5
Programs and speakers, 1973	Box 6, Folder 6
Programs and speakers, 1973	Box 6, Folder 7
Exchange students, visitors, scholarships, 1973	Box 6, Folder 8

Exchange students, visitors, scholarships, 1973	Box 6, Folder 9
Bulletins and reports, 1973	Box 6, Folder 10
Meetings, 1978	Box 6, Folder 11
Correspondence, 1978	Box 6, Folder 12
Scholarships, 1978	Box 6, Folder 13
Hospitality, 1978	Box 6, Folder 14
Meetings, 1979-1980	Box 6, Folder 15
Correspondence, 1979-1981	Box 6, Folder 16
Hospitality, 1979	Box 6, Folder 17
Hospitality, 1980	Box 6, Folder 18
Meetings, 1981-1982	Box 6, Folder 19
Hospitality, 1981	Box 6, Folder 20
Hospitality, 1982	Box 6, Folder 21
Meetings, 1983-1984	Box 6, Folder 22
Hospitality, 1984	Box 6, Folder 23
Meetings, 1985-1986	Box 6, Folder 24
Meetings, 1987-1988	Box 6, Folder 25
Meetings, 1989-1991	Box 6, Folder 26

Series 7: Records and Meeting Minutes 1968-2002

CONTENTS	CONTAINER
Certificate of Incorporation, 1995, 1998	Box 7, Folder 1
Branch Operations Manual, 2005	Box 7, Folder 2
National By-laws	Box 7, Folder 3
Indianapolis Branch By-laws	Box 7, Folder 4

Minutes, June 2002	Box 7, Folder 5
Minutes, October 2001	Box 7, Folder 6
Minutes, September 2001	Box 7, Folder 7
Minutes, August 2001	Box 7, Folder 8
Minutes, June 2001	Box 7, Folder 9
Minutes, February 2001	Box 7, Folder 10
Minutes, January 2001	Box 7, Folder 11
Minutes, October 2000	Box 7, Folder 12
Minutes, September 2000	Box 7, Folder 13
Minutes, June 2000	Box 7, Folder 14
Minutes, May 2000	Box 7, Folder 15
Minutes, September 1999	Box 7, Folder 16
Minutes, June 1999	Box 7, Folder 17
Minutes, June 1999	Box 7, Folder 18
Minutes, April 1999	Box 7, Folder 19
Minutes, January 1999	Box 7, Folder 20
Minutes, October 1998	Box 7, Folder 21
Minutes, June 1998	Box 7, Folder 22
Minutes, May 1998	Box 7, Folder 23
Minutes, July 1997	Box 7, Folder 24
Minutes, June 1997	Box 7, Folder 25
Minutes, April 1997	Box 7, Folder 26
Minutes, July 1996	Box 7, Folder 27
Minutes, June 1996	Box 7, Folder 28
Minutes, August 1995	Box 7, Folder 29

Minutes, June 1995	Box 7, Folder 30
Minutes, June 1994	Box 7, Folder 31
Minutes, June 1993	Box 7, Folder 32
Minutes, May 1993	Box 7, Folder 33
Minutes, June 1992	Box 7, Folder 34
Minutes, October 1991	Box 7, Folder 35
Minutes, August 1990	Box 7, Folder 36
Minutes, July 1990	Box 7, Folder 37
Minutes, March 1990	Box 7, Folder 38
Minutes, July 1983, 1981	Box 7, Folder 39
Minutes, June 1980, 1978	Box 7, Folder 40
Minutes, February 1976	Box 7, Folder 41
Minutes, June 1973	Box 7, Folder 42
Minutes, November 1972	Box 7, Folder 43
Minutes, August 1972	Box 7, Folder 44
Minutes, June 1972	Box 7, Folder 45
Minutes, December 1971	Box 7, Folder 46
Minutes, August 1971	Box 7, Folder 47
Minutes, April 1971	Box 7, Folder 48
Minutes, September 1970	Box 7, Folder 49
Minutes, February 1970	Box 7, Folder 50
Minutes, August, September 1969	Box 7, Folder 51
Minutes, September 1968	Box 7, Folder 52
Minutes, December 1968	Box 7, Folder 53

CATALOGING INFORMATION

For additional information on this collection, including a list of subject headings that may lead you to related materials:

1. Go to the Indiana Historical Society's online catalog:
<http://opac.indianahistory.org/>
2. Click on the "Basic Search" icon.
3. Select "Call Number" from the "Search In:" box.
4. Search for the collection by its basic call number (in this case, M 0644).
5. When you find the collection, go to the "Full Record" screen for a list of headings that can be searched for related materials.