

**STANLEY, MORRIS BURNS.**  
**America First Committee research collection, 1940-1942**

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**Descriptive Summary**

**Creator:** Stanley, Morris Burns.  
**Title:** America First Committee research collection, 1940-1942  
**Call Number:** Manuscript Collection No. 411  
**Extent:** 1 linear feet (2 boxes and 1 oversized papers box (OP))  
**Abstract:** Research collection of Morris Burns Stanley concerning the America First Committee.  
**Language:** Materials entirely in English.

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**Administrative Information**

**Restrictions on Access**

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**Related Materials in This Repository**

Morris Burns Stanley's thesis on the America First Committee is in the Emory Library. See Stanley, Morris Burns, "The America First Committee: a study in recent American non-interventionism," Emory University, Georgia, 1942.

**Source**

Gift, 1971.

**Citation**

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## **Collection Description**

### **Biographical Note**

The America First Committee was founded in the summer of 1940 as an "anti-interventionist" organization opposed to President Franklin Roosevelt's foreign policy decisions leading up to U.S. entry into World War II. The committee espoused isolationism, argued for increased spending for U.S. domestic defense, and opposed U.S. entry into World War II. Morris B. Stanley, an Emory University graduate student interested in the U.S. isolationist movement collected these papers from 1940 until 1942.

### **Scope and Content Note**

The collection consists of papers collected by Morris B. Stanley from 1940 until 1942. The papers include the America First Committee's correspondence, printed material relating to the movement, and a box of research notes. The bulk of the collection consists of correspondence between Stanley and leading Committee members and other active members of the non-interventionist movement, including Harry Byrd, D. Worth Clark, James Fallon, Gerald P. Nye, Robert R. Reynolds, and Charles W. Tobey. The collection also contains copies of the Congressional Record; printed material regarding the organization; America First Committee reports; a box of research notes probably compiled by Stanley; and printed material by the Friends of Democracy, an organization opposed to the efforts of the America First Committee.

### **Arrangement Note**

Arranged by record type.

## Container List

| <b>Box</b> | <b>Folder</b> | <b>Content</b>  |
|------------|---------------|---|
| 1          | 1             | Correspondence, November 1941-February 1942   |
| 1          | 2             | Correspondence, February 1942-October 1942  |
| 1          | 3             | Copies of Congressional Record, ca. 1940 and 1941   |
| 1          | 4             | Miscellaneous re America First Committee  |
| 1          | 5             | Miscellaneous re America First Committee  |
| 1          | 6             | Miscellaneous re America First Committee  |
| 1          | 7             | Miscellaneous including the Isolationist Movement in the United States                                  |
| 2          | -             | Box of research notes on the America First Committee (3" x 5" slips; compiled by Morris Burns Stanley?) |
| OP1        | 1             | Friends of Democracy Inc., printed items, (vs. America First Committee)                                 |

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