

# **Kenyon L. Butterfield Papers**

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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Kenyon L. Butterfield Papers

**Span Dates:** 1889-1970

**ID No.:** MSS14571

**Creator:** Butterfield, Kenyon L. (Kenyon Leech), 1868-1935

**Extent:** 13,000 items ; 54 containers ; 21.6 linear feet

**Language:** Collection material in English

**Location:** Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

**Summary:** Agronomist and college administrator. Chiefly correspondence, diaries, memoranda, studies and surveys, speeches and articles, drafts of books, and printed matter relating to Butterfield's work with the American Country Life Association, U.S. Country Life Commission, and foreign Christian missions, and to his innovations in the curricula, services, and administration of agricultural colleges.

## Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### People

Baker, Ray Stannard, 1870-1946--Correspondence.  
Butterfield family--Correspondence.  
Butterfield, Kenyon L. (Kenyon Leech), 1868-1935.  
Coolidge, Calvin, 1872-1933--Correspondence.  
Douglass, H. Paul (Harlan Paul), 1871-1953--Correspondence.  
Garfield, Charles W. (Charles William), 1848-1934--Correspondence.  
Hocking, William Ernest, 1873-1966--Correspondence.  
McCormick, Cyrus Hall, 1859-1936--Correspondence.  
Page, Walter Hines, 1855-1918--Correspondence.  
Roosevelt, Franklin D. (Franklin Delano), 1882-1945--Correspondence.  
Taft, William H. (William Howard), 1857-1930--Correspondence.  
Wallace, Henry A. (Henry Agard), 1888-1965--Correspondence.  
Wallace, Henry Cantwell, 1866-1924--Correspondence.

### Organizations

American Country Life Association.  
United States. Country Life Commission.

### Subjects

Agricultural colleges--United States.  
Agricultural education--United States.  
Country life--United States.  
Missions.

### Places

United States--Rural conditions.

### Occupations

Agronomists.  
College administrators.

# Administrative Information

## Provenance

The papers of Kenyon L. Butterfield, agronomist and college administrator, were given to the Library of Congress by his son, Victor L. Butterfield, 1967-1976. An addition was given by Mrs. Victor L. Butterfield in 1994.

## Processing History

The Butterfield Papers were arranged and described in 1969, and expanded in 1984 and 2007. The finding aid was revised in 2013.

## Copyright Status

Copyright in the unpublished writings of Kenyon L. Butterfield in these papers and in other collections of papers in the custody of the Library of Congress has been dedicated to the public.

## Access and Restrictions

The papers of Kenyon L. Butterfield are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

## Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Kenyon L. Butterfield Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

# Biographical Note

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1868, June 11	Born, Lapeer, Mich.
1891	B.S., State Agricultural College, East Lansing, Mich.
1895	Married Harriet E. Millard
1902	M.A., State Agricultural College, East Lansing, Mich.
1903-1906	President, Rhode Island State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, Kingston, R.I
1906-1924	President, Massachusetts State College of Agriculture, Amherst, Mass.
1908	Served on U.S. Country Life Commission Published <i>Chapters in Rural Progress</i> . Chicago: University of Chicago Press
1910	LL.D., Amherst College, Amherst, Mass.
1913	Appointed to American Commission to Study Rural Credits and Agricultural Cooperation in Europe
1918-1919	Member, Army Educational Commission to serve American Expeditionary Forces in Europe
1919	Helped organize the American Country Life Association Published <i>Chapters in Rural Progress</i> . New York: Macmillan Co.

1920	Helped organize the World Agriculture Society
1921	LL.D. Rhode Island State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, Kingston, R.I.
1921-19	Member, Burton Commission on Christian Education in China
1923	Elected member, International Institute of Sociology
1924-1928	President, Michigan State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, East, Lansing, Mich.
1928	Adviser on rural work to the Jerusalem Conference of the International Missionary Council
1929	Made a trip to Africa under the auspices of the Carnegie Corp. of New York to study rural conditions in South Africa
1929-1931	Rural counselor to the International Missionary Council in India and Burma (1929-1930) and in China, Japan, Korea, and the Philippine Islands (1930-1931)
1931	Published <i>The rural Mission of the Church in Eastern Asia; Report and Recommendations</i> . New York: International Missionary Council
1935, Nov. 26	Died, Amherst, Mass.

## Scope and Content Note

The papers of Kenyon Leech Butterfield (1868-1935) span the years 1889-1970. The collection consists mainly of correspondence, diaries, memoranda, studies and surveys, speeches and articles, manuscripts of books, and printed matter relating to Butterfield's work with the American Country Life Association, U.S. Country Life Commission, foreign Christian missions, and agricultural colleges. The papers are organized into nine series: [Diaries](#); [Family Correspondence](#); [Special Correspondence](#); [General Correspondence](#); [Subject File](#); [Speech, Article, and Book File](#); [Miscellany](#); [Addition I](#); and [Addition II](#).

The [Diaries](#) contain brief and scattered entries for the years 1918-1934. In the [Family Correspondence](#) are letters exchanged with his wife, his father, one of his sons, Victor L. Butterfield, and his daughter-in-law. A relatively small group of [Special Correspondence](#) contains numerous letters of Ray Stannard Baker, Charles W. Garfield, and Henry Cantwell Wallace. Other correspondents include Calvin Coolidge, H. Paul Douglass, William Ernest Hocking, Cyrus Hall McCormick, Walter Hines Page, Franklin D. Roosevelt, William H. Taft, and Henry A. Wallace.

The [Subject File](#) comprises the bulk of the papers and treats Butterfield's career in detail. Included is correspondence, memoranda, research studies, articles, and printed matter. Prominent topics concern Butterfield's work with the American Country Life Association and the U.S. Country Life Commission, his activities in the field of Christian missionary work abroad, and the innovations that he brought to the curricula, services, and administration of agricultural colleges.

[Addition I](#) and [Addition II](#) complement previous series with correspondence, subject file material, writings, printed matter, clippings, an account book, and photographs.

## Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged in nine series:

- [Diaries, 1918-1934](#)
- [Family Correspondence, 1902-1941](#)
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## Description of Series

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