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Biographical / Historical note

Meyer Bernstein was born on March 30, 1914, son of Philip and Sophie (Rubin) Bernstein, and brother of Jacob Bernstein. He graduated from Benjamin Franklin Junior-Senior High School in June, 1932, where he was the manager of the School Service Committee. He also ran a successful news stand (1931-32) on Rochester's busy Main Street corner in front of Liggett Drug Store. He won a competitive state scholarship to and attended Cornell University from September, 1932 - June, 1936, beginning his studies in Classics and later changing majors to Economics. After receiving his bachelor's degree from Cornell, Bernstein travelled to Germany in 1936, penniless save for travel fare, and he had difficulty finding passage home to the States. Bernstein died in 1985 at age 71.

For more information on Meyer Bernstein, please see:

Penn State University, Finding Aid for the Meyer Bernstein Papers, 1930-1984

Cornell University, Guide to Meyer Bernstein The Steelworkers Election Manuscript, 1965

Wayne State University, The Meyer Bernstein Collection Papers, 1964-1969

Obituary - "Meyer Bernstein, 71, a former director of international affairs for the United Steelworkers of America, drowned Dec. 10 on a visit to Miami Beach..." Orlando Sentinel December 22, 1985.

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Scope and Contents

This collection includes correspondence from Meyer Bernstein's friends and family in Rochester, in addition to corresondence, photographs, and personal ephemera from his years at Cornell University. A large part of the correspondence is from Bernstein's former English and Latin teacher at Benjamin Franklin Jr. Sr High School, Mrs. Frances Angevine Gray (later Mrs. Henry H. Keef), a graduate of the University of Rochester and author. The correspondence and memorabilia also reflects Bernstein's interest in the Consumer's Cooperative Movement, Facism, Communism and Democracy.

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Arrangement

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Related Materials

Related Archival Materials

See also D.106 Jacob Bernstein Papers.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Correspondence
- Photographs
- Bernstein, Meyer
- Cornell University

Collection Inventory

Series I: Correspondence

Title/Description	Instances	
Family correspondence, 1932-1936	Box 1	Folder 1
Scope and Contents		
Including Meyer Bernstein, Jacob Bernstein (brother), Sophie Bernstein / Ma (mother)		
Francis Angevine Gray Keef to Meyer Bernstein, 1932-1936	Box 1	Folder 2
Larry Tannenbaum to Meyer Bernstein, 1934	Box 1	Folder 3
Miscellaneous correspondence, A-Z, 1931-1936	Box 1	Folder 4
First name only, 1935	Box 1	Folder 5
Cornell University, 1933-1936	Box 1	Folder 6
Arrangement		
Organized chronologically		

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Series II: Personal ephemera

Title/Description	Instances	
Cornell University, 1931-1936	Box 1	Folder 7
Scope and Contents		
Including library slips, invoices receipts		
Benjamin Franklin Junior-Senior High School, 1931-1932	Box 1	Folder 8
Scope and Contents		
Including The Courant student newspaper, signed petitions, commencement and theatre programs, and school handbook		
Miscellaneous ephemera, 1931-1936	Box 1	Folder 9
Scope and Contents		
Including Bernstein's NYS driver's permit, meal ticket, library cards, address cards, German Grammar reference card, Dollars and World Peace		

pamphlet, U.S. Civil Service Commission Application, newsclippings, ocean liner pamphlet, political / economic signs, and handwritten notes

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Series III: Photographs

Title/Description	Instances	
Photographs, mostly from 1932-1936, taken at Cornell University, circa 1934-1936	Box 1	Folder 10

Scope and Contents

Also includes photography-related instructional pamphlets

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