Guide to a Microfilm Edition of the Henry A. Wallace Papers at The University of Iowa
Description of the Papers

The principal collection of the papers of Henry Agard Wallace, farm editor, plant breeder, businessman, Secretary of Agriculture, Vice President, Secretary of Commerce, and, in 1948, presidential candidate, is in the Special Collections Department of the University of Iowa Libraries, Iowa City. The Henry A. Wallace Papers were donated over a period of years to the University of Iowa Libraries by the Wallace family, by Donald R. Murphy, Wallace's successor as editor of Wallace's Farmer, and by many other friends, associates, and correspondents. The Papers consist of letters, telegrams, postcards, speeches, appointment books, schedules, notes of telephone conversations, memoranda, scrapbooks, newspaper clippings, books, magazines, articles, bulletins, theses, photographs, speech recordings, and other material. The microfilm edition of the Henry A. Wallace Papers at The University of Iowa, 1888-1966, contains the correspondence (with attachments and enclosures), appointment books, schedules, telephone conversations, and miscellaneous papers (especially memoranda), each in chronological order. Letters found and received during microfilming are in a correspondence supplement of four reels at the end of the basic correspondence sequence. Letters and telegrams include carbon copies and photocopies.

Microfilm targets include chronological divisions (usually by month), enclosures and attachments (filmed immediately after the covering letters), intentional duplicate exposures, incomplete documents, etc. Departures from a strict chronological sequence include 1945 letters inadvertently placed in 1946 and 1946 letters placed in 1945. Dates and correspondents' names supplied during editing are in brackets. Number and letter codes penciled at the top of many documents were employed in a discarded notation scheme. Circled numbers on the backs of some documents were used to indicate the subject files from which they came. All formerly classified documents in the Henry A. Wallace Papers at The University of Iowa have now been declassified. Such documents were not marked as declassified at the time of filming.

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Locations of Other Wallace Papers

The Special Collections Department, University of Iowa Libraries, contains papers of Henry A. Wallace's grandfather, Henry Wallace (1836-1916); father, Henry Cantwell Wallace (1866-1924); and uncle, Daniel Alden Wallace (1878-1954). It also has the Edward L. and Frederick H. Schapsmeier Collection on Henry A. Wallace, the Progressive Party (founded 1948) Records, and the Lewis C. Frank, Jr., Papers. Wallace papers at Iowa not in the microfilm edition include an extensive file of his speeches, 1923-1964.

Henry A. Wallace papers are also at the Library of Congress, 1934-1944, and the Franklin D. Roosevelt Library, 1941-1945. The University of Iowa Libraries have prepared a joint index to the microfilm editions of Wallace papers at The University of Iowa, the Library of Congress, and the Franklin D. Roosevelt Library, to be published in 1974.

Other locations of Wallace papers are the National Archives (including Secretary of Agriculture and Secretary of Commerce), Columbia University (an oral history interview, closed until November 18, 1975), and the Department of Special Collections, Iowa State University Library, Ames. The papers of many of his agricultural, political, and scientific associates contain Henry A. Wallace correspondence. The locations of many of these papers may be found by consulting The National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections.
Henry A. Wallace Chronology

1920. 
Agricultural Prices.

1921. Mar. Succeeded his father (who then became Secretary of Agriculture) as editor of Wallaces' Farmer.
1924. Oct. 25. Father, Henry C. Wallace, died in office.
1926. Founded hybrid seed corn company.

1933. Mar. 4. Took oath of office as Secretary of Agriculture.
1934. America Must Choose, New Frontiers, Statesmanship and Religion.

Sept. 4. Resigned as Secretary of Agriculture.

Dec. 1. Attended inauguration of Manuel Avila Camacho as president of Mexico.
1941. Jan. 20. Took oath of office as Vice President.

July 30. Economic Defense Board established.

Aug. 28. Supply Priorities and Allocations Board established.

Dec. 17. EDB became Board of Economic Warfare.


Mar.–Apr. Latin American trip.

July 15. Board of Economic Warfare abolished.

1944. Democracy Reborn.

May–July Siberia-China trip.


Bought Farvue Farm, South Salem, New York.

Jan. 20. End of vice-presidential term; nominated as Secretary of Commerce.

Mar. 2. Took oath of office as Secretary of Commerce.
1946.  

Soviet Asia Mission.


Sept. 20.  Resigned as Secretary of Commerce.

Dec. 16.  Editor of the New Republic.

1947.  


1948.  

Toward World Peace.

July 19.  Resigned as contributing editor of the New Republic.


Nov. 2.  Received ca. 1,157,000 votes.

1950.  


1954.  

Feb. 11.  Uncle, Daniel A. Wallace, died.

1956.  

Corn and Its Early Fathers (with William L. Brown).

1965.  

Nov. 18.  Died at Danbury, Connecticut.

Nov. 22.  Final rites at Des Moines, Iowa, following a funeral service at Ridgefield, Connecticut, two days earlier, with interment of ashes at Glendale Cemetery, Des Moines, the following day.

Brief Bibliography


Microfilm Reel Notes

Reel 1  


Subjects include Wallaces' Farmer, hybrid corn, hog prices, grain marketing, and livestock marketing.

Reel 2  

Correspondents include O. S. Bowman, Chester C. Davis, Tage Ellinger, Samuel R. Guard, Gilbert N. Haugen, William Hirth, Fred W. Lehmann, Jr., H. E. Miles, Burton M. Peek, George N. Peek, John Jones Smith, and Henry C. Taylor.

Subjects include speaking invitations, European trip, cornstalks as wood substitute (Davis and Peek brothers), weather statistics, and Foreign Agricultural Service.

Reel 3  


Subjects include Wallaces' Farmer, drought, International Conference of Agricultural Economists at Cornell University, George W. Russell (AE) lecture tour, weather cycles, speaking invitations, Collins Farms Company, hybrid corn, swine breeding, American farmers in Russia, and Federal Farm Board.

Reel 4  

Correspondents include Earl N. Bressman, H. C. M. Case, Tage Ellinger,
November, 1930-January 8, 1931


Subjects include Federal Farm Board, Wallaces’ Farmer on farm economic conditions and farm practices, hybrid corn, livestock prices, grain prices, and the Depression.

Reel 5

January 9-

Correspondents include E. F. Ferrin and Daniel McKee.

February 17, 1931

Subjects include Wallaces’ Farmer, monetary policy, speaking invitations, hybrid corn, weather cycles, and planetary positions.

Reel 6

February 18-


April 24, 1931

Subjects include Wallaces’ Farmer, hybrid corn, and speaking invitations.

Reel 7

April 25-

Correspondents include Newton D. Baker, William E. Borah, O. S. Bowman, Joseph S. Davis, Clark M. Eichelberger, Julien N. Friant, Clifford V. Gregory, Mark Hyde, Alexander Legge, Daniel McKee, George N. Peek, Dana J. Tinnes, and George F. Warren.

May 21, 1931

Subjects include Wallaces’ Farmer, hybrid corn, Federal Farm Board, and monetary policy.

Reel 8

June 22-

Correspondents include Albert G. Black, John D. Black, O. S. Bowman, O. B. Burtness, E. A. Duddy, Clifford V. Gregory, Lowell Hoit, Daniel McKee, Gifford Pinchot, and Dana J. Tinnes.

August 20, 1931

Subjects include federal land banks, Wallaces’ Farmer, monetary policy, and speaking invitations.

Reel 9

August 21-

Correspondents include Albert G. Black, Samuel Crowther, Chester C. Davis, E. A. Duddy, E. D. Funk, Clifford V. Gregory, Harold D. Hughes, Frank O. Lowden, Charles Roos, Juanita Roos, George W. Russell (AE), Carl Snyder, and Ralph Snyder.

October 5, 1931

Subjects include corn prices, Wallaces’ Farmer, monetary conferences and policy, tax reform, and speaking invitations.

Reel 10

October 6-


November 25, 1931

Subjects include monetary policy, farm prices, Wallaces Farmer, mysticism, and federal land banks.

Reel 11

November 26, 1931-January 13, 1932


Subjects include Wallaces’ Farmer, monetary policy, speaking invitations, and astrology.
Subjects include monetary policy, *Wallaces' Farmer*, speaking invitations, astrology, and state taxes.

Subjects include astrology, *Wallaces' Farmer*, state taxes, county agents, monetary policy, and the domestic allotment plan.

Subjects include the domestic allotment plan, speaking invitations, the Amana Society, monetary policy, and religion.

Subjects include monetary policy, *Wallaces' Farmer*, astrology, speaking invitations, cigarette advertising, and 1932 presidential campaign.

Subjects include 1932 presidential campaign, joint-stock land banks, farm mortgages, tariff, cigarette advertising, and speaking invitations.

Subjects include 1932 presidential campaign, speaking invitations, tariff, advocacy of HAW as Secretary of Agriculture, prohibition, monetary policy, and the domestic allotment plan.

Subjects include the domestic allotment plan, speaking invitations, advocacy of HAW as Secretary of Agriculture, Maizewood firm, farm debts, Committee for the Nation To Rebuild Prices and Purchasing Power, Pioneer firm, USDA budget problems with Lewis Douglas, congratulations on appointment as Secretary of Agriculture, and Nicholas Roerich's banner of peace.

Subjects include Paul H. Appleby, John H. Bankhead, Earl N. Bressman,

Subjects include Roerich Pact, Russian loan proposal, HAW's books *America Must Choose* and *New Frontiers*, farm legislation, Roerich expedition, Chicago Tribune questions about HAW and his Pioneer firm, and 1934 drought.

Reel 20
August, 1935-
January, 1937

Correspondents include Paul H. Appleby, Earl N. Bressman, Chester C. Davis, Curtice N. Hitchcock, Louis L. Horch, Arthur Krock, Fred W. Lehmann, Jr., Donald R. Murphy, Dante M. Pierce, Frederick D. Richey, Georges de Roerich, Nicholas Roerich, and Daniel A. Wallace.

Subjects include Roerich expedition, Roerich Pact, Supreme Court invalidation of AAA, Nicholas Roerich and dispute among his followers, books by HAW, HAW's corn profits, USDA affairs, and 1936 presidential campaign.

Reel 21
February, 1937-
June, 1940


Subjects include access to HAW by his bureau chiefs and their comments, books and articles by HAW, poultry breeding, the approach of war, Pan-American relations, rubber supplies, and the third term issue.

Reel 22
July, 1940-
October, 1941


Subjects include vice-presidential nomination, memoranda from bureau chiefs on what HAW meant to them as Secretary of Agriculture, books and articles by HAW, 1940 presidential campaign, inaugural of Avila Camacho as President of Mexico, Pan-American relations, nutrition, and the approach of war.

Reel 23
November, 1941-
October, 1942


Subjects include the death of Clifford V. Gregory, Supply Priorities and Allocations Board, Board of Economic Warfare, patronage, Martin Dies, Iowa Democratic Party finances, formal statements, public health, rubber supplies, Pan-American relations, and political advice from Charles E. Marsh.

Reel 24
November, 1942-
July 15, 1943


Subjects include 1942 election, formal statements, Board of Economic Warfare,
public health, rubber supplies, political advice from Charles E. Marsh, and controversy with Jesse H. Jones ending with abolition of Board of Economic Warfare.

Reel 25
July 16, 1943-February, 1944

Subjects include reactions to Board of Economic Warfare controversy, formal statements, books, articles, and speeches by HAW, political advice from Charles E. Marsh, rubber supplies, and China.

Reel 26
March-July, 1944
Correspondents include Eugene C. Auchter, Carsun Chang, Robert S. Harris, Sidney Hillman, Mary Huss, Russell Lord, Jake More, Donald R. Murphy, Boris Pregel, Arthur I. Saul, John Carter Vincent, and Harold H. Young.

Subjects include formal statements, speeches by HAW, China-Siberia trip, rubber supplies, book publishing, 1944 Democratic vice-presidential nomination, and nutrition.

Reel 27
August, 1944-January 22, 1945
Correspondents include Eugene C. Auchter, Jo Davidson, Mary Huss, Russell Lord, Charles E. Marsh, Jake More, Donald R. Murphy, Addison M. Parker, Arthur I. Saul, Andrew J. Steiger, John Carter Vincent, and Harold H. Young.

Subjects include 1944 presidential campaign, China-Siberia trip, formal statements, speeches and books by HAW, loss of vice-presidential nomination, appointment as Secretary of Commerce, and Jesse H. Jones.

Reel 28
January 23-27, 1945
Correspondents include Ellis G. Arnall.

Subjects include congratulations on appointment as Secretary of Commerce, Reconstruction Finance Corporation, the George Bill to remove the Reconstruction Finance Corporation from the Commerce appointment, and Jesse H. Jones.

Reel 29
January 28-31, 1945
Correspondents include Mary Huss.

Subjects include congratulations on and support for appointment as Secretary of Commerce, Reconstruction Finance Corporation, the George Bill to remove the Reconstruction Finance Corporation from the Commerce appointment, and Jesse H. Jones.

Reel 30
February 1-11, 1945
Correspondents include James H. McGill, Donald R. Murphy, and Addison M. Parker.

Subjects include congratulations on and support for appointment as Secretary of Commerce, Reconstruction Finance Corporation, the George Bill to remove the Reconstruction Finance Corporation from the Commerce appointment, Jesse H. Jones, and speaking invitations.

Reel 31
February 12-28, 1945
Correspondents include Mary Huss, James H. McGill, and P. W. Reeves.

Subjects include congratulations on and support for appointment as Secretary of Commerce.

Reel 32
March 1-
19, 1945  Subjects include congratulations on confirmation as Secretary of Commerce, HAW's thanks for congratulations, speaking invitations, and Reader's Digest article.

Reel 33 Correspondents include Paul de Kruif, Mildred M. Eaton, and Curtice N. Hitchcock.

March 20- April 15, 1945 Subjects include HAW's thanks for congratulations and Department of Commerce affairs (inventions, job requests, employment plans, governmental regulatory problems, and foreign trade).

Reel 34 Correspondents include Mildred M. Eaton, Curtice N. Hitchcock, and Boris Pregel.

April 16- May, 1945 Subjects include HAW's thanks for congratulations, Department of Commerce affairs, Small Business Advisory Committee, and the death of Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Reel 35 Correspondents include Mildred M. Eaton, Curtice N. Hitchcock, and Andrew J. Steiger.

June- July 21, 1945 Subjects include Department of Commerce affairs, Surplus Property Board, Reader's Digest article, and HAW's books Sixty Million Jobs and Soviet Asia Mission.

Reel 36 Correspondents include Mildred M. Eaton, Curtice N. Hitchcock, and Alexander Sachs.

July 23- September, 1945 Subjects include Department of Commerce affairs, Sixty Million Jobs, atomic bomb, speaking invitations, and Farrvue Farm.

Reel 37 Correspondents include Paul de Kruif, Mildred M. Eaton, and Alexander Sachs.

October- November 21, 1945 Subjects include Department of Commerce affairs, Sixty Million Jobs, requests for release from military service, atomic energy, speaking invitations, and Farrvue Farm.

Reel 38 Correspondents include Mildred M. Eaton, Roris Pregel, and Harry S. Truman.

November 23, 1945- January, 1946 Subjects include Department of Commerce affairs, Busines Advisory Council, speaking invitations, film version of Sixty Million Jobs, and Farrvue Farm (including gladiolus and poultry orders).

Reel 39 Correspondents include Bruce Catton, Homer Croy, Paul de Kruif, Mildred M. Eaton, Curtice N. Hitchcock, Andrew J. Steiger, Harry S. Truman, and Daniel A. Wallace.

February- April 3, 1946 Subjects include Department of Commerce affairs, speaking invitations, Farrvue Farm (including gladiolus, poultry, and strawberry orders), early corn breeding, Soviet Asia Mission, and world food shortage.

Reel 40 Correspondents include Joseph Alsop, Mildred M. Eaton, and Daniel A. Wallace.

April 4- May, 1946 Subjects include Department of Commerce affairs, speaking invitations, world food shortage, continuation of Office of Price Administration, atomic energy legislation, Kiplinger Washington Newsletter attack on Secretary of Commerce, and the little pigs story.

Reel 41 Correspondents include Mildred M. Eaton, Fred W. Lehmann, Jr., Boris Pregel, and Harry S. Truman.

June-
August 8, 1946
Subjects include Department of Commerce affairs, speaking invitations, world food shortage, Soviet Asia Mission, liberal political activity, Office of Price Administration, and National Science Foundation bill.

Reel 42
August 9, 1946- January, 1947
Correspondents include Anita McCormick Elaie, Paul de Kruif, Mildred M. Eaton, Albert Einstein, Bernard L. Gladieux, Fred W. Lehmann, Jr., Kingsley Martin, Boris Pregel, M. W. Thatcher, and Harold H. Young.
Subjects include Department of Commerce affairs, speaking invitations, Mexican trip, Madison Square Garden speech, resignation as Secretary of Commerce, and New Republic.

Reel 43
February- April, 1947
Correspondents include Kingsley Martin, Michael Straight, and Harold H. Young.
Subjects include European trip and opposition to Truman doctrine.

Reel 44
May, 1947- May, 1948
Correspondents include George M. Darrow, Lewis C. Frank, Jr., Robert W. Kenny, Donald R. Murphy, Boris Pregel, Harold H. Young, and Konni Zillicacus.
Subjects include Progressive Citizens of America, Palestine trip, requests for exit visas for Russian wives of American citizens, 1948 presidential campaign, and death of HAW’s mother.

Reel 45
June, 1948- March, 1949
Correspondents include Anita McCormick Blaine, Mabel A. Cooney, James S. Crutchfield, Lewis C. Frank, Jr., Samuel M. Goodman, and Boris Pregel.
Subjects include 1948 presidential campaign, foreign policy, Progressive Party, plant breeding, Lysenko controversy, and criticism of the Roman Catholic Church.

Reel 46
April, 1949- July, 1950
Correspondents include C. B. Baldwin, Anita McCormick Blaine, James S. Crutchfield, Walter Freedman, and Alexander Panyushkin.
Subjects include plant and poultry breeding, Progressive Party, foreign policy, North Atlantic Pact, congressional hearings on uranium shipments to Russia, and Korean War.

Reel 47
August, 1950- January, 1951
Subjects include Korean War, Progressive Party, HAW’s resignation from the Progressive Party, and proposed article by Alfred Kohlberg.

Reel 48
February, 1951- August, 1952
Subjects include uranium shipments to Russia, The Freeman, Magadan (Siberian prison camp), 1944 China trip, September 21, 1945, cabinet meeting on atomic bomb, and genetics (corn, gladiolus, poultry, and strawberry breeding).

Reel 49
September, 1952-
Correspondents include Dean Albertson, Raymond F. Baker, Simon Casady, James S. Crutchfield, Milton S. Eisenhower,

Subjects include 1952 presidential campaign, Communist charges, genetics (corn, gladiolus, and poultry breeding, DNA, and blood types), and flexible farm price supports.

Reel 50

Subjects include genetics (corn and poultry breeding and blood types), farm programs, political career, and Charolais cattle.

Reel 51


Reel 52

Subjects include strawberries, corn, 1958 European trip on plant breeding, farm programs, 1960 presidential campaign, and editing HAW's diary.

Reel 53

Subjects include strawberries, editing HAW's diary, Dean Albertson biography of Claude R. Wickard, and Caribbean agricultural development.

Reel 54

Subjects include Caribbean and Central American agricultural development, strawberries, gladiolus, editing HAW's diary, 1964 Guatemalan trip, Dominican Republic, and centennial of West High School, Des Moines.

Reel 55

Subjects include centennial of West High School, Des Moines, Caribbean and Central American agricultural development, Dominican Republic, 1965 Caribbean trip, strawberries, day lilies, editing HAW's diary, sinus and tonsil condition, and amyotrophic lateral sclerosis.
Correspondence Supplement

Reel 56
1912-1928
Correspondents include Raymond F. Baker, Earl N. Bressman, Earle Houghton, Harold D. Hughes, Donald F. Jones, and Stuart N. Smith.

Subjects include corn breeding.

Reel 57
1929-April, 1930

Subjects include corn and poultry breeding, corn drier construction, and Wallace genealogy.

Reel 58
May, 1930-
November, 1931

Subjects include corn and poultry breeding, corn drier construction, and monetary policy.

Reel 59
December, 1931-1964
Correspondents include Raymond F. Baker, John M. Evvard, Roswell Garst, C. W. Knox, Frederick D. Richey, Charles Roos, Franklin D. Roosevelt, and Ross R. Salmon.

Subjects include corn and poultry breeding, the domestic allotment plan, and Board of Economic Warfare.

Appointment Books

Reel 60
1933-1935
There are two appointment books for 1933 on this reel. They partially overlap in coverage of time. 1934 and 1935 are in one book each. Loose sheets were microfilmed as they appeared in this and the following three reels.

Reel 61
1936-1939
There are four books, one for each year, on this reel.

Reel 62
1940-1942
There are three books, one for each year, on this reel.

Reel 63
1943-1945
There are three books, one for each year, on this reel. In the appointment book for 1945, the last entry appears on the page for May 26.

Schedules

Reel 64
Daily Schedules, March 2, 1945-
September 20, 1946;
Trip Schedules, 1941-1946
The typed daily schedules continue the coverage of the appointment books, with some overlap in early 1945, from Wallace's swearing in as Secretary of Commerce to his resignation from that position. The typed trip schedules are those found in a separate section of the Wallace Papers. Other trip schedules for the above and other years may be found among the correspondence microfilmed in reels 1-59.

Telephone Conversations

Reel 65 ca. March 22-
December 29, 1945
Reel 66 January 2-
These two reels include notes of telephone conversations in Wallace's office while he was Secretary of Commerce. Notes of occasional earlier telephone conversations while Wallace was in government service,
Miscellaneous

Reel 67

Reel 67 includes several manuscripts of several pages each, by
Henry A. Wallace, in his handwriting, and with titles supplied by him. Documents by
Wallace and others include "Abstract of Conversation with Mr. John Maynard
Keynes," 1936; statements on the Board of Economic Warfare and the
Reconstruction Finance Corporation, June-July, 1943; a list of Wallace
delegates, August 11, 1944; "Miscellaneous Recollections of the Interment
Train, April 14-15, 1945" (Roosevelt funeral); cabinet meeting papers, August-
September, 1945; "Korea, Trygvie Lie and the Progressive Party from July 6 to
12, 1950"; personnel information on certain former USDA attorneys,
economists, and others, 1951 (?); "The Last [Truman] Cabinet Dinner,
December 4,1952, The End of an Era"; Wallace's notes on private meeting with
Ezra Taft Benson, discussion with Marquis Childs, and Gridiron Dinner,
Washington, D.C., December 8,1956; Wallace's notes on Truman Committee
21st Anniversary Dinner, February 13, 1962; "Truman's 80th Birthday
Celebration, May 8" (Truman Committee, 23rd Anniversary Dinner, 1964); and
"Amateur Growing of Strawberries from Seed" (1965?).