

**Charles James Rhoads Papers**  
**1883-1929**  
**Mss.B.R34**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	American Philosophical Society
<b>Creator</b>	Rhoads, Charles James, 1872-1956.
<b>Title</b>	Charles James Rhoads Papers
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	1883-1929
<b>Call number</b>	Mss.B.R34
<b>Extent</b>	1.0 Linear feet
<b>Location</b>	LH-B-22-2
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Abstract</b>	Letters and telegrams, mostly of congratulation, relating to Charles James Rhoads's appointment as United States Commissioner of Indian Affairs by President Hoover in 1929; with drafts of some replies. Correspondents include Emily G. Balch, Felix Frankfurter, and Herbert C. Hoover. The collection also includes several letters from James E. Rhoads to Capt. Richard H. Pratt of the Indian Training School, Carlisle, 1883-1894, and copies of a few letters from Pratt to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, 1913-1921, on Indian matters.
<b>Preferred Citation</b>	Cite as: Charles James Rhoads Papers, American Philosophical Society.

## Background note

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Charles James Rhoads was born in Germantown, Philadelphia on October 4, 1872. After attending William Penn Charter School and Haverford College, receiving his bachelors degree in 1893, Rhoads was worked in various positions with the Banking Department of the Girard Trust Company. He rose quickly in the company, becoming Treasurer at the age of twenty-eight and Vice-President four years later. He married Lillie Frishmuth in 1912.

In 1914, Rhoads was selected to become the first governor of the Federal Reserve Bank in Philadelphia, but still remained a member of the Board of Managers at Girard Trust. After the United States entered World War I in 1917, Rhoads, a member of the Society of Friends, contributed to the war effort as a civilian volunteer. He resigned from the Federal Reserve Bank and served the Y.M.C.A. by raising funds for its work, later traveling overseas as Chair of its program, Prisoners of War Relief.

Following the Armistice, Rhoads took charge of Quaker relief and construction projects in France. Subsequently, he returned to America and became President of the Central National Bank. In 1929, President Herbert Hoover requested Rhoads to serve as a Commissioner of Indian Affairs. He had knowledge of Indian problems because of the interests of his father, James E. Rhoads who helped establish the Indian Rights Association. His lifelong friend J.Henry Scattergood, who assisted him in France, accompanied Charles Rhoads to Washington as Assistant Commissioner of Indian Affairs. Their policies emphasized the home and community as the center of Indian life and education. Rhoads again took an active role in Indian affairs in 1948 as a member of the Hoover Commission.

Charles Rhoads was a devoted member of the Society of Friends, and very active within the Philadelphia area business and academic communities. For thirty-six years he served as a member of the Boards of the Provident Mutual Life Insurance and the Philadelphia Savings Fund Society. His association with Bryn Mawr College began in 1907 when he was elected a Member of the Trustees and later in 1936 became President of the Trustees and Chairman of the Board of Directors. He held both offices until his death in 1956 whereon the College was the beneficiary of his "residuary" estate.

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## Scope & content

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The Rhoads Papers consists of two distinctly different parts, the first pertaining to the appointment of Charles James Rhoads as Commissioner of Indian Affairs in 1929, and the second relating to his and his father's interests in Indians. Among the latter are several personal letters from R. H. Pratt, Superintendent of the Indian Training School at Carlisle Barracks, Pa., to James Rhoads; printed material related to Indian affairs and problems; handwritten notes and typed essays regarding Indian affairs.

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Series I. Correspondence	1929	0.75 linear feet
Series II. James E. Rhoads Papers	1883-1921	0.25 linear feet
Series III. Miscellaneous notes on Indian affairs	n.d.	1 folder

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## **Administrative Information**

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### **Publication Information**

American Philosophical Society 2002

## **Provenance**

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### **Acquisition Information**

The Rhoads Papers came to the American Philosophical Society Library in 1965 as a gift of Brown Brothers, Harriman and Company (Philadelphia, Pa.), through Mrs. Thatcher Brown III.

### **Processing Information**

Catalogued by Lawrence Novelli, 1991.

## **Related Materials**

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The Records of the Indian Rights Association are housed at the Historical Society of Pennsylvania (Collection 1523).

## **Indexing Terms**

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### **Corporate Name(s)**

- United States. Commissioner of Indian Affairs

### **Genre(s)**

- Telegrams

**Personal Name(s)**

- Balch, Emily Greene, 1867-1961
- Frankfurter, Felix, 1882-1965
- Hoover, Herbert, 1874-1964
- Pratt, Richard Henry, 1840-1924
- Rhoads, James E., (James Evans), 1828-1895

**Subject(s)**

- Indians of North America

## Series I. Correspondence

## Collection Inventory

## Series I. Correspondence

1929

0.75 lin. feet

This series is arranged alphabetically by correspondent. Where there are multiple letters by the same correspondent, those letters are arranged chronologically. The date or date span of the correspondence is noted after the name of the correspondent. Additionally, in Series I there is a folder titled: Unidentified correspondence and illegible signatures.

Abeel, Neilson	April 19, 1929	Box 1
Anderson, Mr. & Mrs. J.P.	April 19, 1929	Box 1
Ashbridge, Mary	April 17, 1929	Box 1
Bachman, Ida	April 25/?	Box 1
Balch, Emily	May 11, 1929	Box 1
Bennett, Katerine	April 12, 1929	Box 1
Biddle, Edith	May 27, 1929	Box 1
Biddle, Francis	April 22, 1929	Box 1
Biddle, William	April 11, 1929	Box 1
Billikoff, J.	April 18, 1929	Box 1
Bishop, William	April 17, 1929	Box 1
Brown, Thatcher	April 12, 1929	Box 1
Brownlee, Fred	April 12, 1929	Box 1
Bullard, Ethel	n.d.	Box 1
Burleson, Hugh	May 20, 1929	Box 1



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Cadbury, Henry	May 1, 1929	Box 1
Canby, William	June 11, 1929	Box 1
Chapman, Ellword	April 12, 1929	Box 1
Chorley, Kenneth	April 11, 1929	Box 1
Cloud, H.R.	April 11, 1929	Box 1
Coffin, W.V.	April 23, 1929	Box 1
Collier, John	April 12, 1929	Box 1
Collins, A.M.	April 26, 1929	Box 1
Comfort, W.W.	April 19-5/1, 1929	Box 1
Conrad, C.W.	April 30, 1929	Box 1
County, A.J.	April 18-5/11, 1929	Box 1
Crumbine, S.J.	April 11, 1929	Box 1
Curtis, Bridgeham	April 11, 1929	Box 1
Curtis, Louis Jr.	May 20, 1929	Box 1
Dale, E.E.	April 22, 1929	Box 1
Davis, Carroll	April 13, 1929	Box 1
Dawson, Emily F.	April 17, 1929	Box 1
Dennis, William	April 17, 1929	Box 1
Duane, Richard	April 28, 1929	Box 1
Eliot, Samuel	April 13, 1929	Box 1
Elliot, C.L.	April 29, 1929	Box 1

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Evans, Chas.	May 19, 1929	Box 1
Evans, Edward	April 22, 1929	Box 1
Evans, Harold	April 19, 1929	Box 1
Delano, Moreau	April 15, 1929	Box 1
Dodson, Alan	April 17, 1929	Box 1
Farnam, Henry	April 17, 1929	Box 1
Fawcett, James	June 7, 1929	Box 1
Fisher, Galen	April 26, 1929	Box 1
Fox, Logan	April 17, 1929	Box 1
Frankfurter, Felix	June 6, 1929	Box 1
Friedberg, Ralph	May 18, 1929	Box 1
Garrett, Helen	April 17, 1929	Box 1
Goodhart, Howard	May 2, 1929	Box 1
Grant, Elihu	April 26, 1929	Box 1
Gregg, James	April 12, 1929	Box 1
Griffin, Frederick	April 17, 1929	Box 1
Grinnell, G.	April 26, 1929	Box 1
Fry, Ruth	February 22, 1929	Box 1
Gummere, Richard	April 20, 1929	Box 1
Hagerman, Herbert	April 29, 1929	Box 1
Hawkins, Nana	June 11, 1929	Box 1

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Hendrick, Ellwood	April 11, 1929	Box 1
Hendy, Dora	April 20, 1929	Box 1
Hertz, Randolph	June 10, 1929	Box 1
Hilles, S.	May 4, 1929	Box 1
Hood, E.G.	May 10, 1929	Box 1
Hoover, Herbert	April 9, 1929	Box 1
Howland, Chas.	April 18, 1929	Box 1
Hudson, M. O.	April 12, 1929	Box 1
Hughes, William	May 9, 1929	Box 1
Hutchinson, M.	April 23, 1929	Box 1
Ingersoll, E.	n.d.	Box 1
Kane, Francis	April 17, 1929	Box 1
Keen, W.W.	April 12-4/17, 1929	Box 1
Kenworthy, Murray	May 9-5/21, 1929	Box 1
Kimber, Natalie	April 19, 1929	Box 1
King, Clyde	April 12, 1929	Box 1
Kirkbride, Franklin	April 20, 1929	Box 1
Jackson, Lucy	April 17, 1929	Box 1
Jackson, Percy	April 11, 1929	Box 1
Jastrow, Helen	April 15, 1929	Box 1
Jenkins, Chas.	April 18, 1929	Box 1

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Johnson, H.A.	April 17, 1929	Box 1
Jones, T.J.	April 11-4/19, 1929	Box 1
Laughlin, S.B.	April 20, 1929	Box 1
Lathrop, Julia C.	April 24-4/30, 1929	Box 1
Leach, A.B.	May 7, 1929	Box 1
Libby, Fred	May 14, 1929	Box 1
Lindquist, G. E.	April 29, 1929	Box 1
Lippmann, W.	May 3, 1929	Box 1
Livingood, Chas.	April 16, 1929	Box 1
McCouch, Gordon	April 18/?	Box 1
McDonald, James	April 22, 1929	Box 1
Mack, Elmer	April 17, 1929	Box 1
McKittrick, M.	June 11, 1929	Box 1
Magill, James	April 30, 1929	Box 1
Maier, Paul	April 23, 1929	Box 1
Marvel, J.	April 23, 1929	Box 1
Martin, Elizabeth	April 12, 1929	Box 1
Maule, Margaret	April 17, 1929	Box 1
Mengert, Ulric	April 19, 1929	Box 1
Meriam, Lewis	April 12, 1929	Box 1
Moor, G.C.	April 12, 1929	Box 1

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Morris, Lawrence	May 27, 1929	Box 1
Morris, S.W.	April 19, 1929	Box 1
Moulton, H.G.	April 11-4/25, 1929	Box 1
Mustard, W.P.	April 13, 1929	Box 1
N.Y.C. Indian Assn.	April 15, 1929	Box 2
Norris, George W.	April 18, 1929	Box 2
Norton, Marion	n.d.	Box 2
Patterson, Ernest	May 13, 1929	Box 2
Pease, Henry	April 20, 1929	Box 2
Peabody, G.	April 17, 1929	Box 2
Pennington, Levi	May 21, 1929	Box 2
Pfaelzer, E.L.	April 17, 1929	Box 2
Pickett, Clarence	May 23, 1929	Box 2
Pinchot, Gifford	May 8, 1929	Box 2
Rhoads, Alex	May 1, 1929	Box 2
Rhoads, Chas. J.	April 14-4/17, 1929	Box 2
Rhoads, George	May 1, 1929	Box 2
Rice, William	May 21, 1929	Box 2
Richie, H.	April 22, 1929	Box 2
Robertson, J.	April 20, 1929	Box 2
Robins, Margaret	April 15, 1929	Box 2

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Rome, ?	April 13-7, 1929	Box 2
Rushmore, S.	May 16, 1929	Box 2
Sells, Cato	April 11-12, 1929	Box 2
Siddons, Fred	April 11, 1929	Box 2
Slade, Louis	n.d.	Box 2
Smeltzer, Robert	April 20, 1929	Box 2
Smith, Josp.	May 26-June 10, 1929	Box 2
Sparhawk, Frances	May 4, 1929	Box 2
Starlight, A.	April 11, 1929	Box 2
Stuie, John	April 21/?	Box 2
Sweetser, Arthur	April 17, 1929	Box 2
Taylor, Burgess	April 30, 1929	Box 2
Thomas, E.B.	May 23, 1929	Box 2
Thomas, Wilbur	May 1, 1929	Box 2
Tippy, Worth	April 11, 1929	Box 2
Toplitz, S.	April 13, 1929	Box 2
Trueblood, W.O.	April 28, 1929	Box 2
Tunney, Josp.	April 24, 1929	Box 2
Tuttle, Florence	April 24, 1929	Box 2
Van Loon, E.P.	April 11, 1929	Box 2
Van Schaick, John	April 22, 1929	Box 2

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Vickery, H.F.	April 12, 1929	Box 2
Villard, O.G.	April 26, 1929	Box 2
Vincent, G.E.	April 12, 1929	Box 2
Walcott, Mary	n.d.	Box 2
Wald, Lillian	May 14, 1929	Box 2
Wallerstein, D.	April 17, 1929	Box 2
Walton, G.	May 15, 1929	Box 2
Welsh, Herb.	April 16, 1929	Box 2
Weston, S.	April 20, 1929	Box 2
White, A.E.	April 11-27, 1929	Box 2
White, Daniel	April 11, 1929	Box 2
Wichersham, George	April 22, 1929	Box 2
Wilbur, Lyman Ray	March 26-April 15, 1929	Box 2
Wilbur, B.K.	April 30, 1929	Box 2
Williams, Chas.	April 23, 1929	Box 2
Willits, Josp.	May 6, 1929	Box 2
Wilson, Alan	April 22, 1929	Box 2
Wistar, E.M.	April 17, 1929	Box 2
W.B.D.M. Church	April 12, 1929	Box 2
Wood, Carolena	April 11, 1929	Box 2
Wood, L.H.	April 18/?	Box 2

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Wood, John	April 13, 1929	Box 2
Wood, Richard	April 29, 1929	Box 2
Woods, S.S.	April 17, 1929	Box 2
Woodruff, Clinton	April 11, 1929	Box 2
Woolman, Edward	May 19, 1929	Box 2
Wright, Burnet	May 29, 1929	Box 2
Wright, Minturn	April 11, 1929	Box 2
Unidentified correspondence and illegible signatures.		Box 2

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## Series II. James E. Rhoads Papers

**Series II. James E. Rhoads Papers****1883-1921****0.25 lin. feet**

The correspondence from James E. Rhoads to R.H. Pratt, head of the Indian Training School at Carlisle Barracks, Pa., are arranged chronologically; the remainder of the correspondents are arranged alphabetically.

Burke, Chas. H.	June 13, 1921	Box 2
Pratt, R.H.	May 5 1883	Box 2
Pratt, R.H.	May 22, 1883	Box 2
Pratt, R.H.	June 18, 1886	Box 2
Pratt, R.H.	June 23, 1886	Box 2
Pratt, R.H.	December 7, 1886	Box 2
Pratt, R.H.	December 6, 1889	Box 2
Pratt, R.H.	December 5, 1890	Box 2
Pratt, R.H.	December 12, 1891	Box 2
Pratt, R.H.	February 10, 1894	Box 2
Pratt, R.H.	May 26, 1894	Box 2
Pratt, R.H.	July ? 1894	Box 2
Sells, Cato	July 12, 1914	Box 2

**Series III. Correspondence**

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**Series III. Correspondence**

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**1 folder**

Various handwritten notes, and four typed essays on Indian affairs arranged alphabetically by author.

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Notes and essays related to Indian affairs

Box 2

Includes essays by: S.M. Brosius, Dr. Haven Emerson, Charles F. Jenkins, M.K. Sniffen

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