

The Charles F. Seabrook Manuscript Collection

Collection Summary

Creator: Seabrook, Charles Franklin, 1881-1964
Dates: 1994-1995
Extent: 1 box (0.4 linear feet)
Language(s): English
Repository: Princeton Theological Seminary Libraries. Special Collections.

Chronology

1881	Born
1911-1912	Bought his father's farm in Bridgeton, New Jersey
1924	Files for bankruptcy
1930	Begins quick freezing vegetables for General Foods
1943	Seabrook Farms begins selling its own brand of frozen food.
1964	Died

Biographical Information

Mr. Charles F. Seabrook (1881-1964) was a pioneer in the "quick-frozen" food business. He has been called the "Henry Ford of Agriculture." Soon after taking control of the family farm in Bridgeton, New Jersey, Seabrook worked with Clarence Birdseye to develop a technique which made them the leading frozen food venture in the world.

Mr. Seabrook, a dedicated Presbyterian layman, used his considerable resources to support many institutions which were particularly dear to him, including Princeton Seminary. As a result, the Seminary established the position of C.F. Seabrook Director of Music and Lecturer in Church Music in his honor.

Scope and Content

This collection consists of printed and video items about Mr. Seabrook, his farm, his family, and the New Jersey town named for him. Princeton Seminary established the C.F. Seabrook Director of Music and Lecturer in Church Music position in his honor.

Subjects

Seabrook, Charles F., 1881-1964--Manuscripts.

Princeton Theological Seminary. Library. Manuscript collections.

Administrative Information

Processing Information

This collection of materials relating to Charles Seabrook was donated to the Seminary Libraries in May of 1996 by his son, John Seabrook. The collection was organized and the original finding aid was written in May of 1996, by Raymond D. Cannata, under the direction of William O. Harris, Archivist. The finding aid was edited by Sarah Seraphin and Daved Anthony Schmidt in June of 2009.

Access

There are no special restrictions to the access of this collection. It may be examined by library patrons under the normal rules and conditions of Special Collections.

Use of Materials

The following is the acceptable citation for publication: The Charles F. Seabrook Manuscript Collection. Special Collections, Princeton Theological Seminary Library.

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 - 1:5 *The Henry Ford of Agriculture: Charles F. Seabrook*, Seabrook Educational and Cultural Center, New Jersey. 1995
 - 1:6 "The War at Home: Japanese-Americans at Seabrook Farms," *Humanities*, vol. 16, no. 2. March/April 1995
 - 1:7 "The Spinach King," by John Seabrook, *New Yorker*, pp. 222-235. February 20, 1995
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