

National Press Club Archives

Finding Aid for the Henry Sweinhart Collection (1903-1940)

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Summary Information

Creator: Henry Sweinhart
Title: Henry Sweinhart Collection
Inclusive Dates: 1903-1940
Extent: ¼ Linear Foot
Language: All materials are in English
Repository: National Press Club Archives
Accession Number: N/A
Collection Number: MSS 11

Access and Use

Acquisition Information: Unknown
Access Restrictions: None
Copyright: National Press Club

History

Henry Lee Sweinhart graduated fourth best in his class from Yale in 1902 with a Bachelor of Arts degree. He went on to work as a correspondent for a French news agency called the *Havas News Agency*.

As 1925 National Press Club President, Sweinhart took momentous steps to finding the NPC a new home. One of his first acts as president was appointing a special committee to put together a building plan. The committee set events in motion for the ten million dollar National Press Club building. Construction began a year later in 1926. Also during his presidency, the Club paid off its five thousand dollar debt on the Albee Building quarters.

He had the honor, as retiring president of the Club, of removing the first brick of the old Ebbitt Hotel on January 7, 1926, to make room for the new site of the National Press Club.

Henry was elected in 1926 as the Vice President of the National Press Building Corporation, a group that administered the National Press Building from 1926 to 2004.

He was an active member of the National Press Club until his death on March 15, 1949.

Arrangement

The materials arranged alphabetically by subject.

Collection Scope and Content Note

The Henry Sweinhart Collection (1903-1940) consists of one box of clippings, personal papers, and other documents of National Press Club significance. This collection includes the pen President Coolidge used to sign the bill that permitted the National Press Building to be erected in 1926.

Box List

Box	Folder
1	Articles, speeches, misc.
1	Books
1	Clippings
1	Correspondence
1	Pen used by Coolidge
1	Photo
1	Programs, invitations
1	Scrapbook 1925-1928
1	NPC 1913 Yearbook
1	NPC 1914 Yearbook
1	NPC 1924 Yearbook
1	NPC 1936 Yearbook