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**Biographical/Historical Sketch**

Dr. Townsend was hired by the University of Toledo as an administrator and teacher in 1930, while its present main campus was still under construction. While heading the History Department, Dr. Townsend also taught all periods in American history, but later came to specialize in twentieth-century American History, the history of American foreign relations, and the United Nations.

In 1932, Townsend was appointed dean of the College of Arts And Science. His thirty-year tenure as dean from 1932 to 1962, was the longest of anyone in the University's history.

Dr. Townsend earned a BA and BS in education in 1916 at Ohio State University. He also attended Columbia University and Western Reserve, where he was awarded a Master of the Arts Degree. In 1927, he earned a Ph.D. in history at the University of Chicago. Dr. Townsend began his career in education in 1912 as a teacher, holding many positions in Ohio high schools. He was also an instructor at Land Technical High School and the Chicago Normal School.

At the University of Toledo, Townsend was a member of the American Historical and Mississippi Valley Historical association, the Historical Association of Northwest Ohio, American Academy of Political Science, and the American Association of University Professors (AAUP). He was also a president of the Toledo United Nations Association and active in many civic-minded community groups including the International Torch Club and the Collingwood Presbyterian Church.

In 1963, Dr. Townsend retires, and in 1964, moved with his wife, Florence, to the rural community of Waverly Ohio. He dies in California in April, 1987, at the age of 93.

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**Scope and Content Note**

This collection consists of notes and typescripts of various speeches given by Andrew J. Townsend, as well as autobiographical and other writings by him and his wife, Florence, Ravenaugh Townsend. Townsend was a professor of history from 1929-1964, and Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, 1932-1962. Topics include post-revolutionary U.S. history, post-U.S./international relations history, Toledo history, the college of arts and sciences, and the role of universities during war. Files are listed alphabetically by series, but for writings on World War II, in chronological order.

Series 1 contains texts of thirty speeches, the largest portion of the collection, Series 2 includes autobiographical and historical writings by Townsend, while series 3 contains a largely autobiographical work by Mrs. Townsend. Series 4 contains a small amount of research materials and Series 5 a small portion of Townsend's professional correspondence.

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2	3	Writings by A.J.T.- WWII- "Pearl Harbor and the Western Hemisphere"
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2	7	Writings by Mrs. A.J.T. (Florence)-"The Storyteller" 1973
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