**The Benedict Crowell Papers**

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**Biography**

Benedict Crowell (1869-1952)

Born October 21, 1869 in Cleveland, Ohio; son of William and Mary; Ph.D. Yale, 1891, MA, 1891; married Julia Cobb December, 1904; Died September 8, 1952 in Cleveland, Ohio. Prominent Cleveland business man, civic leader, Brigadier General, U.S. Army; Assistant Secretary of War and Director of Munitions during the World War I.

**Scope and Content Note**

The collection consists largely of the war-time papers of Crowell in his capacity as Assistant Secretary of War. Weekly statistical reports of the War Department, some correspondence, departmental bulletins, and reports on various topics related to the army and the war effort comprise the greater part of the collection. The collection is arranged by material type, and within type, arranged numerically.

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