

Archives and Special Collections

Dickinson College

Carlisle, PA

**COLLECTION REGISTER**

Name: **Prince, Leon Cushing (1875-1937)** **MC 1998.7**

Material: Papers (1790-1937)

Volume: 2 linear feet (Document Boxes 1-4 and 2 Oversized Boxes)

Donation: Gift of Mary Prince (Mrs. Jack Hughes Caum), 1955

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**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE**

Leon Cushing Prince was born on May 15, 1875 to Morris Watson and Katherine Buck (Farham) Prince in Concord, New Hampshire. His father was a Methodist Minister, and Leon was also planning to become a minister. Leon studied at the Bordentown Military Academy in Bordentown, New Jersey and later at New York University where he became a member of Zeta Psi Fraternity. At nineteen, he was stricken with muscular atrophy and he had only partial usage of his legs.. He used a wheelchair for the remainder of his life. In 1897, after three years at New York University, Leon transferred to Dickinson College, where his father was a professor.

At Dickinson, Leon was a member of the Belles Lettres Society and Phi Beta Kappa. He graduated from Dickinson in 1898. He obtained his law degree from Dickinson Law School in 1900. In the same year, he became a member of the Pennsylvania Bar, the New York East Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and a faculty member in the History Department of Dickinson College. From 1903, until his death in 1937, Leon served as a faculty member of both the History Department and the Economics Department; he also served as chair of the History Department. Professor Prince also served as an advisor to the Belles Lettres Society and the Debating Team for many years.

On May 31, 1910, Leon married Julie Cecilia Delavan of Brooklyn, New York, one of his students. Julie only attended Dickinson for one year before their marriage. She was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority.

Professor Prince was a well-known author, who wrote many books including, A Bird's Eye View of History (1907) and A Man Who Dares (1920). He also edited selective speeches of Abraham Lincoln with Professor Lewis H. Chrisman that were published in 1912. In 1917, he received an honorary doctorate in literature from Albright College. From 1917 to 1918, he served as a Four Minute Man of the Committee on Public Information. Also during World WarI, he was a member of the Cumberland County Committee on Public Safety.

In 1928, running on the Republican ticket, Leon was elected as the state senator from the

31<sup>st</sup> District in Pennsylvania. He was re-elected for a second term in 1932, but was defeated in his bid for a third term in 1936. He fought to clean up the leadership of the Republican Party during his two terms as senator.

Prince was a member of the American Bar Association, the American Historical Association and the American Society of International Law. Professor Prince was also an early advocate of compulsory military training in schools and colleges, and because of this he was given a distinguished service certificate from the American Legion. He lectured in the area, speaking at local graduations, banquets, and conferences. He also preached at local churches on various occasions. Due to his admirable speaking ability, Leon gained recognition in the area. He was a devoted member of the Kiwanis Club in Carlisle. On January 31, 1937, Leon Cushing Prince died of a heart attack, leaving his wife, Julia and his daughter, Mary Prince Caum.

## COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

The Leon Cushing Prince Collection is arranged into seven categories as follows: Correspondence; Legal Documents; Research Notes; Sermons; Speeches; Articles, Essays and Manuscripts; and Miscellaneous Materials. Within each category the material is arranged either chronologically or alphabetically. Also contained within the collection are two scrapbooks stored in oversized boxes. This collection documents the public life of Leon Cushing Prince after his graduation from Dickinson College in 1898. The majority of the collection is composed of his sermons and speeches.

The Correspondence includes mostly letters written to Leon Prince concerning his lectures and publications. This correspondence is arranged chronologically, with undated letters arranged to the front. They are mainly letters of admiration or thanks for speaking at particular events. There are also letters asking literary advice from Professor Prince. Also, in the Correspondence section are letters to his wife, Julie Delavan Prince and Mary Prince Caum offering condolences after the death of Leon Prince.

The Legal Documents section is also arranged chronologically. It is comprised of the contracts for the publication of A Bird's Eye View of American History, Selections from the Speeches and Letters of Abraham Lincoln, The Man Who Dares, and The Pharaoh's Question. This section also includes the resolutions and memorials passed by the Pennsylvania Senate and other organizations honoring Professor Prince after his death in 1937.

The Research Notes section highlights the extensive preparation that Professor Prince put into his speeches and sermons. This section is arranged alphabetically by folder title. Most of these notes were for speeches that he presented to service clubs, organizations in which he was highly involved, the Kiwanis Club of Carlisle in particular.

The Sermons section of the collection is the largest section in the collection, including over sixty sermons that Professor Prince delivered to various congregations throughout his life. The Sermons are arranged alphabetically by the biblical passage on which they are based, miscellaneous sermons being arranged to the rear.

The next section of the collection is Professor Prince's Speeches, which are arranged chronologically, undated miscellaneous material being arranged to the front. The majority of these speeches are for patriotic celebrations, like Washington's Birthday or Memorial Day. This section also includes speeches he made to the Dickinson College community and addresses given at various commencements. This section of the collection highlights Professor Prince's extensive speaking career. He began his public speaking career only a few years after his

graduation from Dickinson in 1898.

The Articles, Essays, and Manuscripts section details the writings of Professor Prince. The dated material in this section is arranged chronologically, and the undated material is arranged alphabetically after the dated material. The articles and essays that Prince wrote concerned various topics including attacks on socialism, discussions on internationalism, the present state of the Methodist Church, historical topics such as the Middle Ages and the Continental Congress, and comments on the current politics of Pennsylvania. This section also includes the manuscripts of The Man Who Dares, An Eye for an Eye, and a novel “minus a name.”

The Miscellaneous Material section includes a variety of Prince family papers. The materials are arranged alphabetically by folder title. Family items include an account book of Pyam Prince from 1783-1805 and a marriage certificate of Ammi Prince dated 1790. There are also a number of leaflets advertising Professor Prince’s books and lectures. The majority of this section is newspaper clippings from 1904 until 1937. One folder is dedicated to obituaries of Professor Prince. His personal copy of the New Testament is also located in this section.

Also included in the Leon Cushing Prince Collection are two oversized scrapbooks, one dating from 1889 to 1915 and the other dating from 1912 to 1924. The scrapbooks include newspaper clippings about Prince, articles by Prince, miscellaneous correspondence and campaign materials. These scrapbooks are independently housed in oversized boxes.

## COLLECTION INVENTORY

### BOX 1 - MC 1998.7

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Folder 01)	Undated	From Captain John Hanlon Atkinson, regarding appearance
	Undated	To a friend, condolences on the death of a son
Folder 02)	12/31/1906	From Charles H. Smiley, theft of college bell
	4/2/1907	From Thomas Dixon, Jr., thanks for <u>A Bird’s Eye View</u>
	9/27/1920	From W.J. Thompson, regarding <u>A Man Who Dares</u>
	10/6/1920	From Thomas J. Fagan, regarding <u>A Man Who Dares</u>
	10/15/1920	From Frank E. Masland, Jr., Kiwanis Club
	3/5/1921	From P.A. Kennedy, speaking appearance
	9/29/1922	From George Clarke Peck, expresses admiration
	3/23/1923	From Haines Hallock Lippincott, asks literary advice
Folder 03)	6/25/1923	From E.G. Pratt, regarding Speakers Clearance Bureau
	7/11/1923	From John E. Kinneman, speaking appearance
	7/16/1923	From W. LeRue Shaub, regarding sermon
	8/1923	Postcards from Europe
	9/4/1923	From William Valentine Kelley, expressing admiration
	9/14/1923	From Gilbert G. Jacobsky, regarding lecture
	1/2/1924	From E.P. Welley, requesting lecture
	2/26/1924	From Daniel N. Casey, Washington’s Birthday Speech
	6/9/1924	From Edwin E. Sparks, Penn State Baccalaureate Address

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Folder 03)	7/1/1924	From Boyd Lee Spahr, alumni gift for auto purchase
	10/12/1925	From Dan Smith, Jr., regarding newspaper request
	10/28/1925	From J. Edgar Washbaugh, regarding speaking appearance
Folder 04)	11/21/1925	From J.E. Dubel, regarding speaking appearance
	8/30/1926	From Joseph R. Wilson, regarding speaking appearance
	2/15/1927	From Charles I. Reid, regarding lecture tours
	12/25/1927	From Morris Watson Prince
	7/26/1928	C.R. Reynolds, regarding speaking appearance
	12/3/1928	From Republican Party, regarding speaking appearance
	12/12/1931	From William A. Gunter, regarding speaking appearance
	3/14/1932	To friend, expressing condolences
Folder 05)	1/6/1935	To Anne Lewis, thanks for gift
	2/7/1937	From J. Ross Stonesifer to Mrs. Prince, condolences
	3/16/1937	From William Wilcox Edel to Mary Prince, condolences
	4/2/1937	From J. L. McCaskey to Mrs. Prince, condolences
	8/16/1937	From Chester Warren Quimby to Mrs. Prince, condolences

### LEGAL DOCUMENTS

Folder 06)	12/26/1906	Contract for <u>A Bird's Eye View of American History</u>
	2/8/1912	Contract for <u>Selections from the Speeches and Letters of Abraham Lincoln</u>
Folder 07)	2/18/1920	Contract for <u>The Man Who Dares</u>
	12/17/1926	Contract for <u>Pharaoh's Question</u>
	1937	Resolutions, Memorials in Honor of Leon Cushing Prince

### RESEARCH NOTES

Folder 08)	American Legion
Folder 09)	Christmas
Folder 10)	The Church, the Child and the Sunday School
Folder 11)	The Fire Department
	Matriculations
Folder 12)	Political Notes, miscellaneous
	Political Notes 1924-1934
Folder 13)	Service Clubs, miscellaneous
	Service Clubs, 1920-1922
	Service Clubs, 1924
Folder 14)	Service Clubs, 1925-1926
Folder 15)	Service Clubs, 1927-1929
Folder 16)	Service Clubs, 1930-1936
Folder 17)	The Story of a Great (Living) American

### SERMONS

Folder 18)	Acts 1:11	Why Stand Ye Gazing Up Into Heaven
	Acts 9:15	Paul, An Apostle of Jesus Christ

### BOX 1 - MC 1998.7 (cont.)

Folder 18)	Acts 17:23 Acts 26:25	To An Unknown God Paul and Festus: A Study In Contrasts
Folder 19)	Colossians 3:1-19	For The Wisdom of the World is Foolishness With God
	I Corinthians 1:22-24	Unto the Jews a Stumbling Rock
	I Corinthian 13:9	We Know In Part
Folder 20)	I Corinthian 16:13 Daniel 6:10	Quit You Like New--Be Strong Windows Open Toward Jerusalem
Folder 21)	Deuteronomy 34:4	
	Ecclesiastes 7:10	Yesterday and Today
Folder 22)	Exodus 3:3 Exodus 20 Ezekiel 46:9	The Burning Bush The Ten Commandments The North and South Gates of the Temple
Folder 23)	Galatians 6:7 Genesis 13:11-12	Divine Judgment
	Genesis 32:27	Jacob: A Study in Character Growth
Folder 24)	Genesis 47:8 Habakkuk 3:4 Hebrews 11:1-6	How Old Art Thou? And There Was Hiding in His Power By Faith
Folder 25)	Hebrews 11:39-40 Isaiah 1:5 Isaiah 6:1	Promise and Fulfillment Sick Industry Needs the Great Physician The Vision in the Temple

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#### SERMONS (cont.)

Folder 01)	Isaiah 35:8-10 Job 14:14 John 4:4	The Return of the Ransomed Hereafter And He Must Needs Go Through Samaria
Folder 02)	John 4:6 John 6:9 John 8:7	The Boy Who Helped Jesus Work A Miracle Other People's Sins
Folder 03)	John 8:32 John 9:4 John 9:16	What Is Freedom The Gospel of Work Three Standards of Judgment
Folder 04)	John 12:21 John 15:12 John 20:29	Sir, We Would See Jesus The New Commandments Doubting Thomas
Folder 05)	Joshua 14:12 I Kings 20:40 II Kings 5:12	An Incident In the Conquest of Canaan As Thy Servant Was Busy
Folder 06)	II Kings 9:31 Luke 8:28 Luke 10:28	Had Zimri Peace? Everybody's Question The Good Samaritan

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Folder 06)	Luke 14: 28-32	The Parable of the Tower
Folder 07)	Luke 15:2	Jesus and Some of his Questionable Friends
	Luke 16:8	Common Sense Religion
	Luke 18:10	The Pharisee and The Plebian
Folder 08)	Mark 10:17-22	A Young Man Who Made the Wrong Choice
	Mark 14:61	The Speaking Savior-Jesus
	Matthew 4:1	The Temptation
Folder 09)	Matthew 13:31	The Kingdom of Heaven
	Matthew 14:24	Head Winds
	Matthew 16:13	Who Is the Son of Man
	Matthew 16:15	The Supreme Question
Folder 10)	Matthew 18:1	The Christian Standard of Greatness
	Matthew 26:25	The Question Judas Asked
	Numbers 23:9	Israel: The Miracle of History
Folder 11)	Philippians 3:10	The Impressive Power of Immortality
	Philippians 4:12	
	Proverbs 2:1-5	If Thou Wilt Receive My Words
Folder 12)	Psalms 8:4	When I Consider Heaven
	Psalms 105:17	Joseph
	Romans 1:15-16	
	I Samuel 1:22	Personal and Domestic
Folder 13)	Zechariah 9:9	Behold, Thy Kingdom Cometh
Folder 14)	Miscellaneous Prayers	
Folder 15)	Miscellaneous Sermons	

## SPEECHES

Folder 16)	Miscellaneous Addresses
Folder 17)	Miscellaneous Political Addresses
Folder 18)	6/8/1898 Alumni Dinner
	5/30/1899 Memorial Day Oration for the Grand Army of the Republic
Folder 19)	11/20/1899 Anglo-Saxon Superiority

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## SPEECHES (cont.)

Folder 01)	9/16/1902	Arnold of Rugby
Folder 02)	5/31/1906	Socialism
Folder 03)	2/22/1909	Washington's Birthday Banquet
	1/29/1910	Freshman Banquet
	2/22/1910	Washington's Birthday Address
	1/14/1911	Address to the Dickinson College Smoker
	3/16/1911	Alumni Dinner
Folder 04)	5/1911	Square Pegs in Round Holes- New Cumberland Commencement

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Folder 04)	11/9/1911	Address to the Dickinson College Smoker
	5/9/1912	Dickinson College YMCA
	2/22/1915	Washington's Birthday Banquet
Folder 05)	7/5/1915	Flag Presentation- First Presbyterian, Carlisle
	5/30/1916	Memorial Day
	6/23/1916	Farewell Reception for Company G
Folder 06)	2/22/1917	Washington's Birthday Address
	2/25/1917	Welcome Home to Company G
	3/30/1917	Patriotic Rally at First Presbyterian, Carlisle
	4/15/1917	Patriotic Rally
Folder 07)	8/12/1917	The Short Cut
	11/4/1917	Allison Church Sunday School
	7/4/1918	Fourth of July Address
Folder 08)	7/21/1918	On the War
	9/5/1918	Farewell to Drafted Soldiers
	5/16/1919	The Men Who Do the Really Big Things
	12/5/1920	Memorial Address at Carlisle Lodge
Folder 09)	5/24/1921	Graduate Class of Nurses, Harrisburg Hospital
	6/14/1921	Wilson College Commencement
	1922-1927	Miscellaneous Addresses
	10/25/1923	"Some Things Worthwhile" 6 <sup>th</sup> Annual PA Kiwanis Address
Folder 10)	4/1924	Drafts Announcing Candidacy
	7/3/1924	Proceedings of the Wyoming Commemorative Association
	10/21/1924	Molly Pitcher Day
	8/2/1925	7 <sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the American Legion
	10/1925	A Word to the Churches - Welcome to the PA Synod
Folder 11)	2/11/1926	Washington and Lincoln Up-To-Date
	11/11/1927	Dedication of the Soldier's Memorial, Elizabethtown, PA
Folder 12)	1928-1931	Miscellaneous Addresses
	5/12/1930	National Hospital Day
	5/4/1931	"The Critics of Service and the Service of Critics
	1932-1936	Miscellaneous Addresses
	4/1932	"George Washington Up to Date" Washington College
Folder 13)	2/15/1934	What a Legislator Expects from his Constituents
	5/6/1934	Retrospect and Prospect
	6/8/1936	The Works Projects Administration
	1937	In Memoriam of Leon Cushing Prince Class of 1898

### ARTICLES, ESSAYS AND MANUSCRIPTS

Folder 14)	1905	Novel yet minus a name, and related correspondence
Folder 15)	12/2/1913	Letter to <u>Metropolitan</u> attacking socialism of G.B. Shaw
Folder 16)	2/28/1920	<u>The Man Who Dares</u> - manuscript
Folder 17)	7/21/1932	"The Minister- Recluse, Agitator, and Prophet in <i>Christian Advocate</i>

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Folder 18)	8/1932	“Prince Demands Elimination of Frills and Government Red Tape” in <i>The Right of Way</i>
Folder 19)	Undated	Christian Science Metaphysics
Folder 20)	Undated	Dickinson College Miscellaneous Writings
Folder 21)	Undated	Essays in Civics: The Interdependence of Mankind
Folder 22)	Undated	<u>An Eye For an Eye</u> - manuscript
Folder 23)	Undated	Letter to the <i>Chicago Tribune</i> on war and internationalism
Folder 24)	Undated	The Methodist Church
	Undated	The Middle Ages: Were They Dark?
	Undated	Poems: To A Dreamer, Puritan Grave, and Hemisphere Contrast
	Undated	Samuel Adams before the Continental Congress
Folder 25)	Undated	The Scheme of Internationalism
Folder 26)	Undated	What Happened in the Senate One Hundred Years Ago

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#### MISCELLANEOUS MATERIAL

Folder 01)	Account Book of Pyam Prince, 1783-1805
Folder 02)	Acts 2 and 3 of dramatization of trial and execution of B. O. McIntire
Folder 03)	Certificate of Honor, November 29, 1918
Folder 04)	Daniel 11:33 “The Problem of Education” by Morris Watson Prince
Folder 05)	<u>Dickinson Alumnus</u> clippings
Folder 06)	Ink Drawing of Cowboys, October, 1890
Folder 07)	<u>The Jew</u> by A.H. Tuttle, January 22, 1893
Folder 08)	Kiwanis Club Miscellany
Folder 09)	Leaflets Advertising Prince’s Books Leaflets Advertising Prince’s Lectures
Folder 10)	Marriage Certificate of Ammi Prince, Jun 3, 1790
Folder 11)	Miscellaneous Papers
Folder 12)	Newspaper Clippings 1904-1927
Folder 13)	Newspaper Clippings 1928-1936
Folder 14)	Newspaper Clippings 1937
Folder 15)	Newspaper Clippings, Undated
Folder 16)	New Testament, Leon Prince’s Personal Copy

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Box 01)	Scrapbook, 1889-1915
Box 02)	Scrapbook, 1912-1924

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