

Suffolk University Archives

Gleason Leonard Archer Personal Papers: A Finding Aid

Descriptive Summary

Repository: Suffolk University Archives, Suffolk University, Boston MA

Location: Archives

Call No.: MS 108

Creator: Archer, Gleason, 1880-1966

Title: Archer, Gleason Leonard Personal Papers

Date(s): 1894-1980

Quantity: 25 boxes, 15 cubic ft.

Abstract: This collection consists of the personal papers of Gleason L. Archer, the founder of Suffolk Law School; its first dean (1906-1937); and the first president of Suffolk University (1937-1948). The types of materials include manuscripts and typescripts of his published writings, unpublished writings (includes journals, articles, speeches, and radio addresses); correspondence; biographical materials; materials relating to his early years; photographs; and personal artifacts.

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions: None

Use Restrictions: None

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Related Collections: The records pertaining to Archer's administration of the Suffolk School of Law and Suffolk University, including his tenures as dean and president located within the Suffolk University Records Collection: Presidential Papers Series.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Gleason Leonard Archer was born into rural poverty on October 29, 1880, in the wilderness hamlet of Great Pond, Maine, thirty-five miles northeast of Bangor. Like his brothers before him, he was sent off to work in a nearby lumber camp. He was a slightly built thirteen-year-old, so he was assigned cooking duties. Young Archer became a voracious reader and writer, in the spare time afforded him while at the camp. His intense desire for education led to an uncle's providing him an opportunity to enroll at Sabattus High School in October 1899. Archer graduated from Sabattus in June 1902, valedictorian in a class of six, and enrolled at Boston University in 1902.

A fortuitous meeting with a Boston businessman gave young Archer the impetus to provide educational opportunities for others lacking financial means or access to higher

education. Archer was en route to Boston to receive medical attention for a knee injury sustained at his summer job on Cape Cod when he met George Frost on the train. Frost was charmed by Archer and immediately offered to cover his medical expenses and provide him with loans to complete his education. With these loans from Frost, Archer transferred to the Law School division at Boston University. He completed the three-year program in two years, graduating in June 1906. Frost never sought any monetary repayment, but asked only that if Archer “ever had a chance to pass this favor along to other boys, do it for me.”(1)

Archer soon did just that. The first class of his “Archer’s Evening Law School” was held on September 19, 1906, at his apartment at 6 Alpine Street in Roxbury, Massachusetts. The school grew rapidly and by June of 1907 had moved to Archer’s downtown Boston law offices at 53 Tremont Street. By December 1908, one of his students had passed the bar exam, enrollment increased, and Archer decided to give up his law practice to devote all of his energies to his renamed Suffolk School of Law.

Archer saw enrollment jump again when his school was granted the right to confer degrees in 1914. He became president when the Suffolk School of Law, the College of Liberal Studies, and the School of Business Administration, became incorporated as Suffolk University in 1937. Archer remained at Suffolk University until 1948, when he retired.

Archer wrote prolifically, and, by 1931, a majority of the courses at Suffolk Law School used textbooks he had written. Among his fourteen published law textbooks were *Law Office and Court Procedure* (1910), *Ethical Obligations of the Lawyer* (1910), and *The Law of Contracts* (1911). Archer became a popular radio broadcaster for NBC in the late 1920s and early 1930s, where one of his most popular series was entitled *Laws that Safeguard Society*. He wrote the first comprehensive history of the early days of radio, *History of Radio to 1926* (1938), as well as *Big Business in Radio* (1939). Archer, an amateur historian, also wrote many historical articles for various journals and was especially interested in colonial New England history. He also was passionately interested in politics and considered himself to be a Progressive. Like other Progressives of the time, he was an outspoken critic of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt and the New Deal, which he viewed warily as a dangerous mixture of socialistic and monopolistic programs and ideologies. By 1936, Archer had associated himself with the National Jeffersonian Democratic Party, an anti-Roosevelt splinter organization. Archer wrote the volume *On the Cuff* (1944), a vitriolic attack on the New Deal and its programs.

After retiring from Suffolk University in 1948, Gleason Archer established a successful blueberry farm in Pembroke, Massachusetts, where he founded the Massachusetts Cultivated Blueberry Association and was appointed director of the Pembroke Historical Society. He also remained an active writer. Archer was stricken with cancer in 1965 and died on June 28, 1966.

Notes

1. A History of Suffolk University 1906-1996 (1996) by: David L. Robbins. P. 23.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Gleason Archer personal papers constitute approximately 15 cubic feet and cover the period from 1894 to 1980. They document the activities of the founder and driving force behind the Suffolk School of Law and Suffolk University, who served as the university's first president. He also was a prolific writer and popular radio broadcaster.

The records are arranged in six series: Series I. Writings, 1925-1962, n.d.; Series II. Radio materials, 1929-1940, n.d.; Series III. Correspondence, 1898-1980, n.d.; Series IV. Personal, 1894-1979, n.d.; Series V. Photographs, 1890s-1960s, n.d.; Series VI: Special Materials, 1900s-1965, n.d.

The bulk of the collection consists of Archer's writings and radio-related materials. These materials include manuscript and typescript drafts of his books, journal articles, speeches, promotional pamphlets, unpublished materials, and for many of his radio broadcasts. As such, the bulk of the material dates between 1925 and 1962. Other sections of the collection contain correspondence; biographical materials; photographs; scrapbooks; funeral notices and obituary clippings; personal artifacts, including his Suffolk ring, desk and briefcase; and several audio recordings of his radio broadcasts.

The most significant topics and events documented by the materials in this collection include Archer's role as a prolific writer, not only of law textbooks, but on a wide and diverse number of topics, including colonial history, radio, and politics, as well as about Suffolk University itself. The collection also illuminates the personal side and early years of Archer's life, through his personal journals and correspondence with friends and family. The collection also contains correspondence to Archer from former President Calvin Coolidge and former mayor of Boston John B. Hynes.

In addition to the topics mentioned above, this collection provides insight into the personal life and scholarly pursuits of an educational maverick; the early history of Suffolk University; the early history of radio; radio personalities in the late 1920s and early 1930s; early colonial New England history; politics, especially concerning the New Deal era; and biographical material on Archer and his family.

Abbreviations used in this document:

- GLA : Gleason Leonard Archer
- MSS: manuscript
- TMS: typed manuscript

Added Entries

- Archer, Gleason Leonard, 1880-1966
- Archer Family
- Radio broadcasting -- History
- Suffolk University. Law School
- Williams Family

ARRANGEMENT

Series I: Writings, 1925-1962

- Sub-series A: Works -- Published
- Sub-series B: Works -- Unpublished
- Sub-series C: Articles and Speeches

Series II: Radio materials, 1929-1940

Series III: Correspondence, 1898-1980

Series IV: Personal, 1894-1979

- Sub-series A: Journals
- Sub-series B: Biographical Materials
- Sub-series C: Early Life

Series V: Photographs, 1890s-1960s

Series VI: Special Materials, 1900s-1965

CONTAINER LIST

Series I: Writings, 1925-1962

Description: The Writings series is divided into three sub-series: Works -- Published, Works -- Unpublished and Articles and Speeches. The Works -- Published sub-series contains manuscript and typescript materials for some of the law textbooks Archer wrote and for several books dealing with colonial New England history, as well as materials relating to his two published books about radio. *History of Radio to 1926* is historically important, as it was the first comprehensive history of radio to be published at the time. This subseries also contains some scrapbooks relating to the early history of colonial New England. Many of GLA's published works are available at the Suffolk University library. The Works -- Unpublished sub-series contains a great deal of autobiographical material, unpublished historical writings relating to early-American and New England history, children's stories written by Archer, and a chapter he was working on for a book on television. The Articles and Speeches sub-series contains various journal and magazine articles, a short story, and speeches given on a wide range of subjects, though most are of a historical, legal or political nature.

Arrangement: Manuscript, typed manuscript, promotional pamphlets, photocopied materials, and scrapbooks related to the published books are listed in the first two boxes of the subseries. Materials in the Works -- Unpublished series are listed in alphabetical order by title. Articles and Speeches are listed chronologically with the undated materials at the end.

Sub-series A: Works -- Published, 1930-1959

Box #	Folder Title	Dates
1	"Announcing the History of Radio to 1926", promotional pamphlet for GLA book, 8 pp.	n.d.
1	<i>History of Radio to 1926</i> and <i>Big Business and Radio</i> related correspondence and reviews; tms., mss. and news clippings (Folder 1 of 2)	1938-1940
1	<i>History of Radio to 1926</i> and <i>Big Business and Radio</i> related correspondence and reviews; tms., mss. and news clippings (Folder 2 of 2)	1938-1959
1	<i>The Impossible Task</i> , photocopied materials, 6 pp.	n.d.
1	<i>Law Office and Court Procedure</i> , mss (Folder 1 of 2)	n.d.
1	<i>Law Office and Court Procedure</i> , mss (Folder 2 of 2)	n.d.
1	<i>Law Office and Court Procedure</i> , promotional materials, 2pp.	n.d.
1	<i>Plymouth Pioneers</i> (aka Pilgrim Pioneers), tms with annotations by GLA, pp. 1-172	n.d.
1	<i>With Axe and Musket at Plymouth</i> , related news clip review	1937
2	<i>Plymouth Pioneers</i> , scrapbook with news clippings, correspondence and a copy of the version published in a magazine, 18 pp. (double-sided), 12 x 13 x 1.5 in., fair condition	1955-1956

Box #	Folder Title	Dates
2	<i>Mayflower Heroes</i> , scrapbook with news clippings, correspondence and reviews, 22 pp. (double-sided), 11 x 12.5 x 0.75 in, fair condition	1930-1932

Sub-series B: Works -- Unpublished, 1939-1962

Box #	Folder Title	Dates
3	America 1620-1932, mss, pp. 1-199 plus TOC (Folder 1 of 3)	1950-1951
3	America 1620-1932, mss, pp. 200-395 (Folder 2 of 3)	1950-1951
3	America 1620-1932, mss, pp. 396-560 (Folder 3 of 3)	1950-1951
3	New England in America (part of America 1620-1932), tms with annotations by GLA, 264 pp.	1950-1951
3	Jim Williams, tms with annotations by GLA, 149 pp.	n.d.
4	Jim Williams, mss, 155 pp.	1953
4	Lumber Camp to College, mss, pp.1-124 (Folder 1 of 5)	1947
4	Lumber Camp to College, mss, pp. 125-237a (Folder 2 of 5)	1947
4	Lumber Camp to College, mss, pp. 238-393 (Folder 3 of 5)	1947
4	Lumber Camp to College, mss, pp. 394-517 (Folder 4 of 5)	1947
4	Lumber Camp to College, mss, pp. 518-652 (Folder 5 of 5)	1947
5	Lumber Camp to College, photocopies of mss, pp. 1-95 (Folder 1 of 6)	1947
5	Lumber Camp to College, photocopies of mss, pp. 96-200 (Folder 2 of 6)	1947
5	Lumber Camp to College, photocopies of mss, pp. 201-313 (Folder 3 of 6)	1947
5	Lumber Camp to College, photocopies of mss, pp. 314-436 (Folder 4 of 6)	1947
5	Lumber Camp to College, photocopies of mss, pp. 437-549 Folder 5 of 6)	1947
5	Lumber Camp to College, photocopies of mss, pp. 550-652 (Folder 6 of 6)	1947
5	Lumber Camp Land, tms with annotations by GLA, pp. 202-386	n.d.
6	Lumber Camp Land, photocopies of tms, pp. 202-300 (Folder 1 of 2)	n.d.
6	Lumber Camp Land, photocopies of tms, pp. 301-386 (Folder 2 of 2)	n.d.
6	Lumber Camp Land, photocopy of tms with annotations by GLA, pp. 202-386	n.d.
6	Lumberjack to Lawyer, mss, pp. 1-129 (Folder 1 of 2)	1959
6	Lumberjack to Lawyer, mss, pp. 130-247 (Folder 2 of 2)	1959
6	Lumberjack to Lawyer, photocopy of mss, pp. 1-101 (Folder 1 of 2)	1959
6	Lumberjack to Lawyer, photocopy of mss, pp. 102-246 (Folder 2 of 2)	1959
7	The New England Colonies:1628-1692, tms, pp. 1-174	1953
7	Prayer written by GLA, mss, 1 pp.	n.d.
7	Princess Magda's Embattled Trout Brook, mss and tms materials, pp. 1-127 (Approx.)	1962
7	Princess Magda's Embattled Trout Brook, tms, pp. 1-127	1962
7	Rainbow Trail, mss, pp. 1-7	n.d.
7	Rainbow Trail, mss, pp. 1-509	ca. 1959
7	Rainbow Trail, photocopy of tms, pp. 1-224 (Folder 1 of 3)	ca. 1959
8	Rainbow Trail, photocopy of tms, pp. 225-365 (Folder 2 of 3)	ca. 1959

Box #	Folder Title	Dates
8	Rainbow Trail, photocopy tms, pp. 366-508 (Folder 3 of 3)	ca. 1959
8	Television (chapter within book on topic), tms and promotional pamphlets, pp. 1-4 (actual chapter pp.)	1939
8	The Tudor Dynasty, tms with annotations by GLA, pp.1- 227 plus TOC	1961

Sub-series C: Articles and Speeches, 1925-1958

Box #	Folder Title	Dates
8	Leniency Due to Several Factors (from Traveler journal), photocopy of published article, 1pp.	1925
8	Facts and Implications of College Monopoly of Legal Education (ABA Meeting address), photocopy of transcript, 22 pp.	1929
8	"The Jones Law and its Application in Massachusetts", tms, 4 pp. total (some pages missing)	1929
8	"Remarks before Executive Committee of the American Bar Association at Miami, Florida", tms, 6 pp.	1929
8	"Communist Experiments in America," mss, 20 pp.	1931
8	Amazing Conduct of Bar Examiners, published form, 15 pp.	1932
8	Control of Admission to Bar by Supreme Court or Legislature?, tms, 4 pp.	1932
8	Commencement Address: "The Necessity of Courage", mss, 6 pp.	1932
8	Law class outlines: Notes on the Canons of Legal Ethics, tms, pp. 1-21	1934
8	"Early Days of the Library of Congress," mss and tms, 14 pp. (mss) and 16 pp. (tms)	1943
8	"Our Present Duty...1944 Edition," photocopy and reprint of pamphlet, 8 pp.	1944
8	How American Self-Government Originated (Rejected series of articles submitted to <i>Think</i> magazine), mss, tms, and correspondence, 8pp. (tms), 1pp. (mss)	1952
8	"The Port of Boston" (from <i>Think</i> magazine), mss, tms and published drafts, 5 pp. (mss), 5 pp. each (2 tms drafts), 3 pp. (published)	1952
9	"The Port of Boston" (from <i>Think</i> magazine), related correspondence, research materials and revision notes, varied pagination, 1952 (correspondence and revisions) 1949-1950 (some research materials)	1949-1952
9	"Fifty Years of Suffolk University", tms (2 copies, 1 of which has annotations by GLA), 12 pp. (each)	1956
9	"Fifty Years of Suffolk University", published in pamphlet form (2 copies), 8 pp. (each)	1956
9	"How Suffolk University was Captured," pamphlet form (2 copies), 16 pp. (each)	4/30/1956
9	"Elder William Brewster," tms, 12 pp.	1958
9	"Elder William Brewster," mss and tms, 11 pp. (mss) and 12 pp. (tms)	1958

Box #	Folder Title	Dates
9	Ancient Liberties and Modern Laws, tms, 17 pp.	n.d.
9	"The Homesick Indian Bride" (short story), mss and tms pages, 28 pp. total (17 pp. mss, 11 pp. tms)	n.d.
9	The Lincoln-Douglas Debates, tms, 2 pp.	n.d.
9	President Archer's Column: "Our Own Adventure with "Planned Economy" (Number 5), mss and tms pages, 6 pp. total	n.d.
9	President Archer's Column: "Plymouth Colony and the Poor" (Number 6), tms and mss pages, 6 pp. total	n.d.
9	President Archer's Column: "How the Pilgrims paid their 'National Debt' " (Number 7), tms and mss pages, 6 pp. total	n.d.
9	"The Romantic Story of Suffolk University", tms, 20 pp.	n.d.
9	"The Water Snakes of Brimstone Corner", tms, 7 pp.	n.d.
9	"Webster's Reply to Hayne", mss, 7 pp.	n.d.
9	"What is wrong with the Section on Legal Education?", published form, 24 pp.	n.d.

Series II: Radio Materials, 1929-1940

Description: The Radio Materials series consists of manuscript and typed manuscripts of various radio addresses given by Archer, including the long-running and popular series *Laws that Safeguard Society*, for various radio networks. In addition to some of his law-themed series, there are also some historical-themed series, including *Beginnings of Democracy in America*, the *New England Series*, and *Liberty Speaking*. Additionally, there are several radio-related scrapbooks in this series, mostly consisting of fan mail written to Archer.

Arrangement: The materials relating to series of radio addresses are listed first in alphabetical order by title of series. Individual radio addresses not related to any particular series are listed next in alphabetical order by title of address. Finally, radio addresses of unknown title or series, fan mail, and radio-related scrapbooks are listed last.

Box #	Folder Title	Dates
1	"Dramatic Happenings in Virginia" (Part of <i>Beginnings of Democracy in America Series</i>), tms., 6 pp.	n.d.
1	"Why the Pilgrims Signed a Compact" (Part of <i>Beginnings of Democracy in America Series</i>), tms., 7 pp.	n.d.
1	"The Bay Company, an Insolvent Debtor" (Chapter 1 of multi-chapter radio address for WBZ), tms., pp. 1-13	1933
1	"A Preacher Points the Way" (Chapter 2 of multi-chapter radio address for WBZ), tms., pp. 14-22	1933

Box #	Folder Title	Dates
1	"A Reluctant Decision" (Chapter 3 of multi-chapter radio address for WBZ), tms., pp. 23-32	1933
1	"Third Episode (untitled)" (From <i>Constitution Convention of 1787 - In Action Series</i>), tms. 11 pp.	n.d.
1	"She Married the 'Hired' Man" (from <i>Dean Archer's Stories</i> series, WJZ), tms, 6 pp.	1932
1	"Franklin Flies a Kite" (<i>History of Radio Series: Broadcast No. 1</i> , unknown network), tms. 7 pp.	n.d.
1	"An Artist Invents the Telegraph" (<i>History of Radio Series: Broadcast No. 2</i> , unknown network), tms, 5 pp.	n.d.
1	<i>The Law and the Home Series</i> (First 7 broadcasts, 1 unnumbered broadcast and series index), tms, pagination varies	n.d.
1	<i>Laws that Safeguard Society Series: No. 37-71</i> , tms. and mss. materials, pagination varies	1931
1	<i>Laws that Safeguard Society Series: No. 72-124</i> , tms. and mss. materials, pagination varies	1931-1933
1	"Wife's Property to Pay Husband's Debt" (<i>Laws that Safeguard Society Series: No.99</i>), tms, 6 pp.	1932
2	<i>Laws that Safeguard Society</i> , scrapbook with news clippings, correspondence and radio network schedules, 20 pp. (double-sided), 9 x 11.5 x 1 in., fair condition	1932-1933
3	<i>Liberty Speaking (Series)</i> - "Episode I: Struggle for a Quorum", tms (2 copies) 23 pp. (1st) and 22 pp. (2nd)	n.d.
3	<i>Liberty Speaking (Series)</i> - "Episode II: Amend the Old or Create Anew", tms (3 copies plus misc. pages), 17 pp. (1st) and 22 pp. (2nd) and 12 pp. (3rd)	n.d.
3	<i>Liberty Speaking (Series)</i> - "Episode III: First Great Debate", tms (2 copies), 18 pp. (1st) and 18 pp. (2nd)	n.d.
3	<i>Liberty Speaking (Series)</i> - "Episode IV: Congressmen to Be Elected by the People", tms (2 copies), 15 pp. (1st) and 16 pp. (2nd)	n.d.
3	<i>Liberty Speaking (Series)</i> - "Episode V: Length of Term of President", tms, 16 pp.	n.d.
3	<i>Liberty Speaking (Series)</i> - "Episode VI: The People to Elect the Executive", tms, 17 pp.	n.d.

Box #	Folder Title	Dates
3	<i>Liberty Speaking</i> (Series) - "Episode VII: One President, Not Three", mss and tms mixed, 12 pp.	n.d.
3	<i>Liberty Speaking</i> (Series) - "Episode VIII: Veto Power of President", mss and tms mixed (2 copies), 13 pp. (1st) and 21 pp. (2nd)	n.d.
3	<i>Liberty Speaking</i> (Series) - "Episode IX: The Judicial Branch", mss and tms materials (3 copies), 15 pp. (1st) and 14 pp. (2nd) and 22 pp. (3rd)	n.d.
3	<i>Liberty Speaking</i> (Series) - "Episode X: Legislature vs. People", mss and tms materials (2 copies), 16 pp. (1st) and 19 pp. (2nd)	n.d.
3	<i>Liberty Speaking</i> (Series) - "Episode XI: How Shall Senators Be Chosen?", mss and tms materials (2 copies), 13 pp. (1st) and 20 pp. (2nd)	n.d.
3	<i>Liberty Speaking</i> (Series) - "Episode XII: May Congress Veto State Laws?", mss and tms materials (2 copies plus misc. pages), 13 pp. (1st) and 23 pp. (2nd)	n.d.
3	<i>Liberty Speaking</i> (Series) - "Episode XIII: Convention Faces Disaster", mss and tms materials (2 copies), 11 pp. (1st) and 16 pp. (2nd)	n.d.
3	"The Boston Tercentenary: the Bradford History and the Winthrop Journal" (Introduction to the <i>New England Series</i> for WNAC), tms., 6 pp.	1930
3	"Myles Standish and the Redskins" (<i>New England Series</i> : Broadcast No. 1), tms. and mss. materials, 9 pp. (including foreword)	1930
3	"Death Stalks the Pilgrim Fathers" (<i>New England Series</i> : Broadcast No. 2), tms. with annotations by GLA, 7 pp.	1930
3	"Haunted by Skulking Savages" (<i>New England Series</i> : Broadcast No. 3), tms (with annotations by GLA), 8 pp.	1930
3	"Massasoit Makes Peace" (<i>New England Series</i> : Broadcast No. 4), tms with annotations by GLA, 8 pp.	1930
3	<i>Suffolk University Scholarships Series</i> : No. 2-6, 9-12, 14-15 (aka <i>Suffolk University Broadcasts</i> . Part of series for WNAC and WBZ/WBZA), mss. and tms., pagination varies	1939
3	"Bar Exam of January 1932" (Address over WBZ), tms, 4 pp.	1932
4	"Equality of Opportunity" (radio address over WBZ), tms. (2 copies, 10 pp. each	1929
4	"Innocence on the Gallows", tms., 9 pp.	1932
4	"May One Kill an Escaping Burglar?" (unknown network, tms., 9 pp.	1932

Box #	Folder Title	Dates
4	"Thrift and Individual Initiative" (No. 2 in a series for WBZ-WBZA, tms. 7 pp.	1939
4	"Top of the Ladder" (No. 7 in a new series for WBZ-WBZA, tms. Of transcript (3 copies), 4 pp. each	1940
4	Radio broadcast (unknown title or series), tms., pp. 2-4 (rest is missing)	n.d.
4	Radio transcripts from educational series by GLA on historical subjects, photocopies from the <i>Boston Herald</i> , 10 pp. total	1930
4	Radio related fan mail for GLA, tms. and mss., 2 pp.	1931
5	Radio Scrapbook No.1, fan mail, 50 pp. (double-sided), yellow cover, 10.5 x 12.25 x 1.25, good condition	1931
5	Radio Scrapbook No. 2, correspondence, news clippings and broadcast information, 52 pp. (double-sided), green cover, 12.5x11x2, good condition	1931-1932
6	Radio Scrapbook No. 3, fan mail, correspondence, 49 pp. (double-sided), blue cover, 12.5 x 11 x 1.25, fair condition	1931
6	Radio Scrapbook No. 4, fan mail, correspondence, 25 pp. (double-sided), blue cover, 12.5 x 10.75 x 1.5, fair condition	1930-1931
7	Radio Scrapbook No. 5, fan mail, correspondence, 48 pp. (double-sided), blue cover, 11.25 x 9 x 1.5, very fragile condition	1932
8	Radio Scrapbook No. 6, fan mail, correspondence, 50 pp. (double-sided), black cover, 11.5 x 9.25 x 1.5, very fragile condition	1932

Series III: Correspondence, 1898-1980

Description: The Correspondence series contains Archer's personal correspondence to his family, lawsuit-related correspondence and news clippings from the late 1930s through the late 1940s. The series also contains some noteworthy correspondence from former President Calvin Coolidge and former Mayor of Boston John B. Hynes.

Arrangement: The materials are listed in chronological order.

Box #	Folder Title	Dates
1	Correspondence to brother Hiram (found inside "Announcing History of Radio" pamphlets), mss., 4 pp.	1898
1	Correspondence to Reverend L.S. Williams (uncle of GLA), postcard (Digital image available: SUA-0172, SUA-0173)	1906

Box #	Folder Title	Dates
1	Correspondence from (and about) former President Calvin Coolidge to GLA, mss. and tms. materials, 2 pp.	1930, n.d.
1	Lawsuit: correspondence from GLA to those involved in the case, tms.	1938, 1946- 1948
1	Legal correspondence and contract involving GLA, tms. and mss. Materials	1941
1	Lawsuit: Evans Bill (S. 433) background file; pamphlets, tms. and news clippings	1947- 1948
1	Lawsuit: related news clippings	1947- 1948
1	Correspondence from former Mayor of Boston John B. Hynes to GLA, tms. with signature, 1 pp.	1959
1	Correspondence to unknown recipient regarding legal matter, mss., 1 pp.	1962
1	Correspondence and invoices relating to Dick Jones's efforts to acquire GLA's personal papers, tms. and photocopied materials	1972- 1973
1	Archer family file, various materials relating to GLA's family members (includes correspondence)	1960- 1980

Series IV: Personal

Description: The Personal series is divided into three subseries: Journals, Biographical Materials, and Early Life. The Journals sub-series contains the three personal journals written by Gleason L. Archer, in the form of photocopies of the manuscripts and a transcript. The Biographical Materials sub-series consists of biographical writings about GLA; some of Archer's Boston University ephemera, numerous items related to Archer's death in 1963. The Early Life sub-series contains records relating to Archer's formative years in Maine, including an early report card.

Arrangement: The Journals sub-series is arranged chronologically; the Biographical Materials sub-series is arranged alphabetically by folder title; and the biographical writings within are arranged alphabetically by author. Materials in the Early Life sub-series are arranged chronologically by date.

Sub-series A: Journals

Box #	Folder Title	Dates
1	Journal I, photocopy of mss, pp. 1-149 (Folder 1 of 2)	1917- 1918
1	Journal I, photocopy of mss, pp. 150-294 (Folder 2 of 2)	1917- 1918
1	Journal II, photocopy of mss, pp. 1-155 (Folder 1 of 3)	1920- 1931
1	Journal II, photocopy of mss, pp. 156-303 (Folder 2 of 3)	1920-

		1931
1	Journal II, photocopy of mss, pp. 304-401 (Folder 3 of 3)	1920-1931
1	Journal II, transcript (removed from binder), 163 pp. including cover	1920-1931
2	Journal III, photocopy of mss, pp. 1-105 (Folder 1 of 2)	1932-1934
2	Journal III, photocopy of mss, pp. 102-236 (Folder 2 of 2)	1932-1934

Sub-series B: Biographical Materials

Box #	Folder Title	Dates
2	Biographical material about GLA from the <i>Biographical Dictionary of American Educators</i> , photocopy from book, 2 pp.	1978
2	Biography of GLA by Dick Jones, tms., 10 pp.	1977
2	Biography of GLA by Dick Jones, photocopy of tms., 10 pp.	1977
2	Biography of GLA by Dick Jones, photocopies of tms. (4 copies); 26 pp. each (copy 1-3), 25 pp. (copy 4)	1979
2	Biography of GLA by Gurdon Mead, tms., 4 pp.	n.d.
2	Biographical material about GLA by NBC, photocopy of tms., 2 pp.	1931
2	Biography of GLA by David Robbins, photocopy of tms., 33 pp.	n.d.
2	Biographical material about GLA, no author given, photocopy, 1 pp.	n.d.
2	Boston University Catalog and Circular Program, 52 pp.	1902-1904
2	Boston University Law School notebook owned by GLA	1904
2	"Branching out with Blueberries", magazine article about GLA from <i>Profitable Hobbies</i> magazine, reprint of magazine article, 4 pp.	1952
2	GLA funeral notices and death-related news clippings from various Massachusetts newspapers, 4 clips in total	1966
2	GLA obituary, news clipping from the Patriot-Ledger (Quincy, MA), 1 pp.	6/29/1966

Sub-series C: Early Life

Box #	Folder Title	Dates
2	Report card of GLA, mss., 1 pp.	1894
2	<i>The Maine High School Magazine</i> (GLA served as editor), journal, 4 issues (1 duplicate), pagination varies	1900

Series V: Photographs, 1890s-1960s

Description: This series contains photographs that document Archer's personal life including formal portraits, his family and home life, and Archer's outdoor pursuits. The photographs are mainly black-and-white prints. Many of the photographs have been digitized; consult Archives for assistance.

Arrangement: The photographs are arranged alphabetically by person or subject.

Box #	Folder Title	Dates
1	Archer, Elizabeth--47th Engagement Anniversary	1950, May 20
1	Archer, Elizabeth—portraits	n.d.
1	Archer Family--group photographs	1926, 1941, n.d.
1	Archer, Gleason L.--birthday celebration portrait	1950s
1	Archer, Gleason L.--with brother Hiram	c.1960 s
1	Archer, Gleason L.--country home on Stetson Rd. in Norwell (ME)	n.d.
1	Archer, Gleason L.--GLA's fishing boat "The Queen Bess"	n.d.
1	Archer, Gleason L.--with the Granddaddies of Radio	n.d.
1	Archer, Gleason L.--outdoor portraits	1910s- 1930s
1	Archer, Gleason L.--portrait of the new Chairman of the American Democratic National Committee	1944, April 18
1	Archer, Gleason L.—portraits	1890s- 1900s
1	Archer, Gleason L.—portraits	1930s
1	Archer, Gleason L.--radio-related portraits	1930s
1	Archer, Gleason L., with wife Elizabeth and GLA Jr.--group photograph at 20 Derne St. cornerstone-laying ceremony	1920
1	Archer, Gleason L., with wife Elizabeth and Archer, Hiram--group photograph at unknown Suffolk event	n.d.
1	Archer, G.L., Jr.—portrait	1934
1	Archer, John, (b.1752-d.1830)--headstone in Great Pond cemetery	n.d.
1	Archer, Marian--childhood portrait	n.d.
1	Archer, Marian--graduation portrait	1937, June
1	Archer, Marian, and Archer, Allan--childhood portrait	n.d.
1	Great Pond (ME) Dam	n.d.

Series VI: Special Materials, 1900s-1965

Description: The Special Materials series contains Archer’s personal artifacts, including: membership cards, a briefcase, his Suffolk Law ring, a desk, and rare recordings of radio addresses given by Archer.

Box #	Folder title	Dates
1	Membership cards owned by GLA, 5 cards total	1954, 1965
2	GLA briefcase with his initials on front outside cover, brown leather with zipper, 12 H x 16 L x 1 W	n.d.
3	Gleason Archer's Suffolk Law ring with school motto "Honestas Et Diligentia" encircling the words "Suffolk Law" and a scale; diameter is 0.75", band width (bottom) is 0.125"; the prototype design for school rings that followed (Digital image available: SU-0539)	1909
4	GLA desk, used by Archer at the first meeting of his Suffolk School of Law in the living room of his apartment at 6 Alpine Street in Roxbury, MA; dimensions are 30" height x 40" width x 25.5" depth	c.1900s
5	Three ETs (metal audio records), two of which are from GLA radio series "Society of Mayflower Descendants" (1935) on WAAB, third is the Honorable Francis J. Good "National Defense" (1939) on WBZ	1935, 1939
6	Needle for metal audio recordings	n.d.
7	Archer's Evening Law School sign, glass (Digital image available: SU-0527)	n.d.

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