Richard H. Anthony papers
1923-1958 (bulk 1923-1929)

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Collection overview

Title: Richard H. Anthony papers

Date range: 1923-1958, (bulk 1923-1929)

Creator: Anthony, Richard H., 1903-

Extent: 6 items (0.25 linear feet)

Abstract: Richard H. Anthony was a Providence, Rhode Island native and Brown University graduate, class of 1925. His distinguished career included working as a journalist in Paris for the European edition of the New York Herald Tribune, where he covered the landings of Charles E. Lindbergh and Richard E. Byrd on their respective transatlantic flights in 1927. These papers include letters, family memorabilia, and a collection of autographs of Richard E. Byrd, and co-pilots Bernt Balchen, Bertand B. Acosta and George O. Noville, who accompanied him on his historic flight from New York to the coast of Normandy on July 1, 1927.

Language of materials: English

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Scope & content

The Richard H. Anthony papers, a small collection consisting of only six items, the bulk of which covers the first half of the twentieth century, includes two letters written to Anthony: one, dated October 6, 1923, from Charles Evans Hughes (Brown class of 1881) when he was United States Secretary of State; and the other, dated April 28, 1958, from Bernt Balchen, a renown aviation pioneer. Other items of interest in this collection include an original presentation copy of The American’s Creed, inscribed by William Tyler Page to Anthony and a small collection of autographs of Richard E. Byrd, a pioneering American polar explorer, aviator, and recipient of the Medal of Honor, and the co-pilots, Bernt
Balchen, Bertand B. Acosta and George O. Noville, who accompanied Byrd on his famous transatlantic flight from New York to Normandy in 1927.

The collection also contains a tidbit of early Anthony family memorabilia: a personal, handwritten document, with an affixed, hand-made illustrated seal of the House of Anthony, signed by Anthony and his brother Gardiner when they were children, officially declaring their intention of respecting each other’s property rights. In addition, the collection includes a sales receipt from the car dealership, Dutee W. Flint of Providence, Inc., recording Anthony’s purchase of a Model A Ford Coupe on February 11, 1929.

**Arrangement**

The dated materials are arranged chronologically in ascending order. The undated materials follow.

**Biographical Note**

Richard H. Anthony was born in Providence, Rhode Island on June 20, 1903, son of Frank J. Anthony, a well-known architect, and Lilias Hall Anthony. He was educated at various grammar schools in Providence, graduating from Hope High School in 1921. Subsequently he graduated from Brown University in 1925, and from Georgetown Law School in 1933.

Soon after graduating from Brown, Anthony moved to New York and joined the staff of the *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*, where he eventually became assistant literary editor. About a year later, in 1926, he traveled to Paris to join the staff of the *New York Herald*, the European edition of the *New York Herald-Tribune*. While in Paris, Anthony covered the landings of Charles E. Lindburgh and Richard E. Byrd on their historic transatlantic flights. Also, while in Paris, he met Beulah Brown of Detroit, Michigan, who was a member of the *Paris Herald* staff. They were married in Paris on February 4, 1928, and eventually moved to Providence, Rhode Island where Anthony joined the staff of the *Providence Journal*.

Anthony’s professional life continued to be both distinguished and multi-faceted. Most notably, he was secretary to United States Senator Felix Hebert, field representative of the Massachusetts Society for Social Hygiene, epidemiologist for the Massachusetts State Department of Health, and president of the Southern New York State Division of the United Nations Association of the United States of America.

Anthony died on March 1, 1995.
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About the collection


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Search terms

Names: Acosta, Bertrand B.
Anthony, Richard H., 1903-
Balchen, Bernt, 1899-1973
Byrd, Richard Evelyn, 1888-1957
Noville, George O.

Subjects: American letters--20th century
Journalists--United States--Biography
Lawyers--United States--Biography

Types of materials: Autographs (manuscripts)
Bills of sale
Ephemera
Letters (correspondence)

Occupations: Journalists
Inventory