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Biography

Richard Munthe Brace was born in Alameda, California on August 11, 1915. He took all his degrees at the University of California, Berkeley: B.A. (1936), M.A. (1937), and Ph.D. (1940).

From 1941 to 1943 Bruce taught history at the University of Maine. During the latter part of World War II he taught at Pomona College (California) where he was also director of the European language and area program (France and Spain) for the U.S. Army. Brace then taught at the University of Colorado from 1945 to 1947. In the latter year he accepted an invitation to join the Northwestern University faculty as an associate professor of history. Northwestern promoted him to professor in 1957. Brace held this position until 1965 when he moved to Oakland University (a branch of Michigan State University, in Rochester, Michigan) as professor and chairman of its history department. His research and teaching interests centered on French and modern European history.

Brace spent 1968-1969 as a visiting professor at the University of California, San Diego. In the fall of 1969 he returned to Oakland University. He remained on the Oakland faculty until his death in June, 1977.

In 1939 Brace married Joan Tilden von Schmidt; the couple had two children: Geoffrey R. (born ca. 1943) and Pamela, later Mrs. Douglas Holcomb (born ca. 1945).

Often accompanied by his wife, Brace frequently traveled to France and Algeria. In 1961 the Braces founded the Algerian Children's Fund and were active in its fundraising and administration during the five years of its existence. Their goal, successfully achieved, was the establishment of a home for Algerian children orphaned during the revolution against French rule.

Description of the Papers (Boxes 1-10)

The Richard Brace Papers, filling 10 boxes and spanning the period 1933 to 1977, are arranged in eight subseries: biographical materials, education files, correspondence, teaching files, research and consulting files, professional organizations files, speeches and papers, and publications.

The biographical materials include several curriculum vitae, bibliographies, and news clippings. A folder pertaining to Mrs. Brace includes her draft of a short story and the text of a book review as well as correspondence, clippings, and related items pertaining to her art work and exhibitions. A folder of items relating to Geoffrey Brace includes mainly student papers from his work at college.

The education files, arranged Largely by course number, consist primarily of reading and lecture

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notes, with some exams and a few papers from Brace's undergraduate and graduate studies at Berkeley.

General correspondence, arranged both in chronological and subject folders, deals mostly with Brace's teaching, writing, and speaking activities. Of particular interest are several letters to and from George McGovern regarding Brace's attempts to secure a diplomatic post with the Carter administration during the mid-1970s (Box 3, Folder 19).

The teaching files include lecture and reading notes, syllabi, a few student papers, and grade sheets. Also here are the texts for two radio broadcasts Brace gave for the University of Colorado series, "History in the Making," in 1947. These texts deal largely with European diplomatic and political developments and with U.S. relations with Vichy France. The teaching files are organized in sequence first according to the chronological order of Brace's academic appointments and then by course number and course title.

Research and consulting files include correspondence, notes, and reports relating to Brace's applications for financial support and his work as a consultant to several granting agencies. The files are arranged alphabetically by title of agency or organization.

The professional organizations files consist of correspondence, brief manuscripts, and notes primarily pertaining to conferences at which Brace served as a moderator or panelist.

The speeches and papers includes correspondence and a few manuscripts. Of special interest is Brace's address, "France During the First Year of World War II," given at Chico State College on October 3, 1940. The three versions of this speech provide a reflection of his personal experiences in France. Brace exhorted Americans to press for government support to the Allies.

The publications files are divided into folders relating first to books and then to chapters and articles written by Brace or co-authored by Brace and his wife. Primarily, the files include correspondence with publishers well as some contractual materials and proposals for book projects never completed. Some of Brace's major publications are represented in the files including *Bordeaux and the Gironde* (1947), an outgrowth of his doctoral dissertation. The first edition of his, *The Making of the Modern World* (1955), is represented by the typescripts for chapters 19-27.

Provenance: Mrs. Joan Brace donated these records to the University Archives on November 7w 1979 (Accession 079-223).

Restrictions: Housed in a half box, as an addition to the Brace Papers, are letters, primarily recommendations for students, selected from the Department of History Graduate Student files by Professor Richard W. Leopold and conveyed to the University Archives by Professor Leopold in 1985 (Accession 085-152). These letters may be consulted only with the written permission of the chair of the History Department. Teaching files (Box 4, Folder 2 through Box 7, Folder 11)

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may be used only with permission of the University Archivist.

Processor: William K. Beatty; July and August, 1985.

Separations: Approximately ten linear inches of correspondence, documents, clippings, and notes relating to the Algerian Children's Fund have been transferred to the Northwestern University Library Africans Department. Another five linear inches of publications and manuscripts, primarily papers given at conferences and pertaining to African countries and issues, also have also been sent to the Africans Department.

Description of the Addition, Box 11 (1953-1977):

The addition comprises one folder of correspondence with Northwestern University graduate students, taken from History Department Graduate Student files, chiefly from the 1950s; and one folder of photocopies of correspondence between Brace and his student James Laux (1953-63). There are photocopies as well of Letters from G. T. Romani, a card from Gray Boyce, and one letter to L. S. Stavrianos, with a holograph reply.

Provenance: Accession #85-152 was received July 23, 1985, from R. W. Leopold; accession #86-26 was received March 10, 1986, from James Laux via R. W. Leopold.

Restrictions: Correspondence from the Graduate Student files can be consulted only with written permission of the chair of the History Department. Photocopies may be consulted with the permission of R. W. Leopold.

Description of the Addition (1964-1967):

The addition comprises six letters from Richard Brace to Michael C. Reynolds, dating from 1964 to 1967 (11/29/64, 7/14/65, 9/23/65, 11/29/65, 9/27/66, 10/2/67).

Provenance: Donated to the University Archives by Michael C. Reynolds. (Accession #86-279)

Restrictions: Cannot be consulted without the permission of Professor Leopold.

Description of the Addition, Boxes 12-14 (1943-1983):

This addition to the Richard M. brace papers fills three boxes, spans the period 1943-1983, and includes the following: biographical materials, correspondence, teaching materials, speech files, and publication files.

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Biographical materials are comprised mainly of bank and financial records but also include clippings, vitas, and obituaries.

Correspondence is arranged chronologically and includes, for the most part, letters of condolence to Joan Brace, with her responses, upon the death of her husband. Other family matters and concerns are reflected also in the correspondence.

One folder of teaching materials and three folders of notes, drafts, and correspondence concerning Brace's speeches as well as publication files complete the addition. The publication files include article drafts, journal and newspaper reviews, and reviews of the Braces' book, *Ordeal in Algeria*.

Provenance: The addition was donated to the University Archives by Mrs. Joan Brace (Accession #87-97).

Restrictions: Biographical materials and correspondence may be used only with permission of the University Archivist.

Processor: William B. Beatty; March-April, 1987.

Separations: Approximately five linear inches of non-relevant material and a small amount of duplicate material have been discarded.

Description of the Addition, Box 15 (1949-1986):

The material in this one box addition falls in six categories: biographical materials, correspondence, teaching files, research materials, professional organizations, and publications. Some of the materials pertain to Richard's widow Joan.

The biographical materials include a 1972 curriculum vita and some tax and personal expense records.

Correspondence includes letters from historians Gray Boyce and Oscar Handlin.

The teaching files contain a small amount of material related, for the most part, to student demonstrations at the University of California, San Diego during the period 1968—1969 when Brace was a visiting professor there.

Research files include bibliographic cards, a research grant application, and notes.

The materials relating to professional organizations include notes, programs, and correspondence concerning the first and second consortia on French colonial history held in 1975 and 1976.

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Materials concerning publications consist of the typescript for an article, a review of the Braces' *Ordeal in Algeria*, and a few royalty statements.

Provenance: Joan Brace donated these materials to the University Archives on May 22, 1987 (Accession 1187—97).

Restrictions: None.

Processor: William B. Beatty; July, 1987.

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	3	Programs	1947-1977
	4	Financial Records	1947-1976
	5	Income Tax	1941-1949
	6	Income Tax	1951-1959
	7	Income Tax	1960-1962
	8	Insurance	1948-1950
	9	Family	1948,1975
	10	Joan Brace: Correspondence, Articles, Clippings, Notes	1960-1961
	11	Geoffrey Brace: Student Papers	1963-1968
EDUCATION FILES			
2	1	History 4	1935
	2	History 15	1934-1935
	3	History 121B	1937
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	5	History 145	n.d.
	6	History 146	1935
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3	1	History 162	n.d.
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	3	History 174b	n.d.
	4	History 5187a	1937
	5	History 241b	1937
	6	Political Science 232a	1938
	7	European Diplomacy, 1830-1853	n.d.
	8	Historiography	1937-1938
	9	U.S. Great Men.	n.d.
	10	General Exams	1933-1938
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	15	General, Letters to Michael C. Reynolds	1961-1968
	16	General	1970-1977
	17	General	n.d.
	18	Bernard, Lloyd D.	1953-1954
	19	President Garter Transition Group	1975-1977
	20	Cornell University Press	1972-1975
	21	RMB job searches	1947-1976
	4	1	Rand McNally
TEACHING FILES			
	2	Chico State College	1941
	3	University of Maine, General	n.d.
	4	University of Maine, History 4s	n.d.
	5	University of Maine, History 5	1941-1942
	6	University of Maine, History 6	n.d.
	7	University of Maine, History 23 and 24	1942-1943
	8	University of Maine, History 51-113	1941-1945
	9	Pomona College, General	1943-1944
	10	Pomona College, General	n.d.
	11	Pomona College, History 1	1943-1944
	12	Pomona College, History 114 1945	
	13	Pomona College, History 704, 706, 710-712	1943
	14	University of Colorado, General	1945-1946
	15	University of Colorado, History 1	1945-1947
	16	University of Colorado, History 143	1945-1947
	17	University of Colorado, History 147b	1946
	18	University of Colorado, History 149	1946-1947
	19	University of Colorado, "History in the Making" (Radio Program)	1947
5	1	Northwestern University, History A	1949-1957
	2	Northwestern University, History A10 and A10-1	1948-1962
	3	Northwestern University, History A10--2	1956-1962
	4	Northwestern University, History A10-3	1953-1962
	5	Northwestern University, History UA1a	n.d.
	6	Northwestern University, History C30	1947-1954
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6	1	Northwestern University, History C40-b and 2	1946-1962
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	3	Northwestern University, History C50	1944,1948,1961
	4	Northwestern University, History E2 1948	
	5	Northwestern University, History UCC30a	1948, 1956
	6	Northwestern University, History UCC35	1966
	7	Northwestern University, History UCNCL2	1950
	8	Introduction to Medieval Civilization	n.d
	9	Roman Empire	n.d.
	10	Europe: Norse Invasions through Carolingian Empire	n.d.
	11	Feudalism	n.d.
	12	France: Capetians through 1500	n.d.
	13	Feudal Monarchy	n.d.
	14	Peace Conference of Paris	n.d.
	15	18th Century through the Congress of Vienna	n.d.
	16	Italian Unification	n.d.
	17	Germany	n.d.
	18	League of Nations	n.d.
	19	Italy and Germany	n.d.
	20	USSR and Far East	n.d.
	21	France,1461-1946	n.d.
	22	B.A. Program	1947-1948
	23	Notes, 16th-18th Century	n.d
7	1	Ph.D. Exams	1935-1963
	2	Graduate Students and Teaching Assistants	1952-1953
	3	Graduate Student: Laux, James W.: French Economic Policy, Diss. Chapters 1-7	1956
	4	Graduate Student: Laux, James W.: French Economic Policy, Dias. Chapters 8-end	1956
	5	Oakland University, History 100	1973
	6	Oakland University, History 125-441	1965-1977
	7	Oakland University, Convocation Address	1966
	8	Oakland University, Academic Dishonesty	1974-1976
	9	Oakland University, Miscellaneous	1974-1976
	10	University of California, San Diego, History 141	n.d.
	11	University of California, San Diego, History 152A	1968-1969

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	14	The French Press	n.d.
	15	Guggenheim Foundation	1953-1954
	16	National Endowment for the Humanities, Consultant for Younger Scholar Fellowships	1967-1968
	17	National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities	1966
	18	North Africa in Transition	1971
	19	Northwestern University, Committee on Research	1949-1962
8	1	Public Records Office and 24 des Electeurs	n.d.
	2	Rockefeller Foundation Grant	1962-1964
	3	Social Science Research Council	1949-1964
	4	Notes	1960
PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS FILES			
	5	American Historical Association	1968-1975
	6	Association for Third World Affairs	1967
	7	Conference on Modern France	1949
	8	Consortium on Revolution	1977
	9	Newberry Library Conference on French History	1957
	10	Western Society of French History	1975
SPEECHES AND PAPERS			
	11	American Historical Association	1951-1952, 1976
	12	Arab-Israeli Relations	n.d.
	13	Chicago Council on Foreign Relations	1974-1975
	14	Chico State College	1940
	15	Nicholson Lectures	1949
PUBLICATIONS BOOKS			
	16	<i>Algerian Voices</i> (1965)	1964-1970, 1975
	17	<i>Bordeaux and the Gironde, 1789-1794</i> (1947)	1946-1947
	18	<i>The French Revolution</i> (Proposed Book)	1966-1967
	19	<i>The Making of the Modern World</i> (1955, 2nd 1961)	1967-1975
	20	<i>The Making of the Modern World</i> 1st ed., Chapter 19	1955
	21	<i>The Making of the Modern World</i> 1st ed., Chapter 20	1955
9	1	<i>The Making of the Modern World</i> 1st ed., Chapter 21	1955
	2	<i>The Making of the Modern World</i> 1st ed., Chapter 22	1955

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	5	<i>The Making of the Modern World</i> 1st ed., Chapter 25	1955
	6	<i>The Making of the Modern World</i> 1st ed., Chapter 26	1955
	7	<i>The Making of the Modern World</i> 1st ed., Chapter 27	1955
	8	<i>Morocco. Algeria, Tunisia</i> (1964)	1962-1966, 1975
	9	<i>Ordeal in Algeria</i> (1960)	1960-1964, 1975
	10	<i>Rise and Fall of the French Union</i> (Proposed Book)	1966
	11	Fragments n.d.	
		PUBLICATIONS - CHAPTERS AND ARTICLES	
	12	"Europe between Versailles and Hitler"	1947
10	1	<i>Collier's Encyclopedia</i> , Biographies and Short Articles	1947
	2	History of France	1947
	3	Algeria- Articles	n.d.
	4	"Carnot and the Treason of Dumouriez"	1949
	5	"France Faces Another Political and Economic Crisis"	1948
	6	"French Labor Movement...1876-1886"	n.d.
	7	"Relationships between General Dumouriez and the Girondins"	1949-1950
	8	"Opportunities for Research and Writing in the Era of the French Revolution"	n.d.
	9	"Slavery in Law and Practice in France and the West Indies"	1975-1977
	10	Newspaper Article: "Small Wars...Big Blessing"	1961
	11	Book Reviews	1945-1962
	12	Reviews of Books by Brace(s)	1965
	13	Reprints	1941-1965
	14	Miscellaneous	n.d.
11	1	Correspondence with graduate students	1950s
	2	Correspondence (photocopies)	1953-1977
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12	1	General	1948-1975
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	3	Bank Deposit Slips	1969-1976
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	5	Income Tax Forms	1974-1976
	6	Salary Receipts	1969-1977
	7	Obituaries	1977
	8	Memorial Service	1977
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	9	General	1952-1976
	10	General	Jan. 2-June 7, 1977
14	1	General	Jun. 8-30, 1977
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	3	General	Aug. 1-Dec. 7, 1977
	4	General	1983
	5	Geoffrey Brace	1970-1976
	6	Trips to Algeria	1964
		TEACHING FILES	
	7	History D3; History 201	1977
		SPEECHES	
	8	Convocation Address Oakland University	Sept. 7 1966
	9	The Making of the Modern World	n.d.
	10	Some Reflections After Study of Modern Northwest Africa	n.d.
		PUBLICATIONS	
	11	The Boom in History Paperbacks	1960
	12	Chicago Sun-Times	1959
	13	Girondism and Jacobinism	n.d.
	14	Identification, Social Origins, and Economic Status of the Girondins in the National Convention	1958
	15	The Pathology of Modern Revolution	1974
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		CORRESPONDENCE	
	3	General Correspondence	1949-1986
		TEACHING FILES	
	4	Student Paper	n.d.
	5	University of California, San Diego	1968-1969
		RESEARCH FILES	
	6	French Authors	n.d.
	7	French Revolution	n.d.
	8	Historical Pessimism in the French Enlightenment	n.d.
	9	Folder 9 Medieval History	n.d.
	10	National Endowment for the Humanities: Research Proposal	1972
	11	Notes	n.d.
	12	Oakland University: Application for Research Leave	1972
	13	Roland: Notes	n.d.
		PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS	
	14	French Colonial Historical Society	1975-1976
		PUBLICATIONS	
	15	The French Communists and the Algerian War	n.d.
	16	Reviews	1960
	17	Royalty Statements	1975-1976