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# Finding aid for the Percy E. Foxworth / Chambers Collection

## MUM00192

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### SUMMARY INFORMATION

**Repository**

University of Mississippi Libraries

**Creator**

Foxworth, Percy E., 1906-1943

**Title**

Percy E. Foxworth / Chambers / Roberts Collection

**ID**

MUM00192

**Date**

1930s-1980s

**Extent**

9 boxes

**Abstract:**

Collection of correspondence, miscellaneous documents, diaries and newspaper clippings related to Percy E. Foxworth.

**Preferred Citation**

Percy E. Foxworth / Chambers / Roberts Collection, 1930s-1980s, Archives and Special Collections, J.D. Williams Library, The University of Mississippi

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### BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Percy E. Foxworth was born on 29 November 1906 in Purvis, Mississippi. He received his early education in the grade and high schools of Poplarville and Derby,

Mississippi. He attended the Pearl River Junior College for two years and then began his accounting studies at the Walton School of Commerce and the LaSalle Extension University. In 1926 he entered the employ of the Edward Hines Western Pine Company at Poplarville, Mississippi, and later was transferred to the company's offices at Burne, Oregon where he allegedly picked up the nickname "Sam".

Foxworth applied to enter the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on 21 March 1932. After completing his initial training he was assigned to FBI field offices located at Jacksonville, FL, Oklahoma City, OK, New York City and Washington, D.C. He served as an Administrative Assistant to J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the FBI from 8 April 1935 until June 1939, when he was made Special Agent in Charge of the New York Field Division of the FBI. From June 1940 until 9 April 1941 Foxworth was assigned at the Washington headquarters of the FBI as an Assistant Director in charge of the FBI's New York City Field Office.

Foxworth was killed in the line of duty on 15 January 1943 when his plane crashed in Suriname, Dutch Guiana. The FBI Memorial Star was given posthumously to Foxworth in 1991.

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## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

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The Percy E. Foxworth / Chambers / Roberts Collection contains correspondence from Percy Foxworth to Ann Foxworth; correspondence from J. Edgar Hoover to Percy Foxworth; F.B.I., Navy, Financial and General Documents, Ann Foxworth's Diaries and Newspaper Clippings. Photographs from the collection have been removed for preservation.

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## **ARRANGEMENT**

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The collection contains 9 boxes which are split into various series

1. [Series I. Correspondence with Ann Foxworth](#)
2. [Series II. Correspondence with J. Edgar Hoover](#)
3. [Series III. General Correspondence](#)
4. [Series IV. Documents](#)
5. [Series V. Photographs](#)
6. [Series VI. Ann Holliday Foxworth's Diaries](#)
7. [Series VII. Newspapers](#)

## **ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

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### **Publication Information**

University of Mississippi Libraries

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### **Additions**

No further additions are expected to this collection.

### **Acquisition Information**

Collection donated by Mary Jane Chambers.

### **Processing Information**

Collection processed by Archives and Special Collections staff. Finding aid encoded by Jason Kovari, 21 May 2009.

## **RELATED MATERIALS**

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### **Resources at the University of Mississippi**

Percy E. Foxworth Collection (MUM00191). Collections have been kept separate due to different donors.

### **Separated Material**

Folder 5.8: Photographs have been removed to Collections Photographs, Box 38, Folders 27-29 for preservation

purposes.

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## CONTROLLED ACCESS HEADINGS

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### Corporate Name(s)

- United States. Federal Bureau of Investigation -- Officials and employees

### Format(s)

- clippings (information artifacts)
- correspondence
- diaries

### Personal Name(s)

- Foxworth, Ann Holliday, 1906-1992
- Hoover, J. Edgar (John Edgar), 1895-1972

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## COLLECTION INVENTORY

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### Series I. Correspondence to Ann Foxworth

#### Folder 1.1 Undated-1937

ALS. Undated. Sam to "Dearest Susan." San Salvador. (2pp.)

ALS. . Sam to "Dearest Susan." San Salvador. Undated (3pp.)

ALS. . Sam to "Dearest Susan." Lima Peru. Undated

TL. . Sam to "Dearest Susan." Undated

ALS. . Sam to "Dearest Susan." Undated (2pp.)

ALS. . Sam to "Dearest Susan." Undated

ACS. . Sam to "Dearest Susan." Undated

TLS. . Sam to "Dear Susan." Undated

ALS. . Sam to "Dearest Susan." Undated (2pp.)

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TLS. . Sam to "Dearest Susan." Undated

TLS. . Sam to "Dearest Susan." Undated

ALS. . Sam to "Dearest Sug." 1937 (3pp.)

TL. . Sam to "Dearest Sug." 9 July 1937

TL. . Sam to "Dearest Ann." 13 July 1937

TLS. . Sam to "Dear Susan." 15 August 1937

TLS. . Sam to "Dear Ann." 22 August 1937

TLS. . Sam to "Dearest Ann." Oklahoma City, OK. 23 August 1937 (2pp.)

TL. . Sam to "Dear Susan." Memphis, TN 2 September 1937

TL. . Sam to "Dearest Susan." Memphis TN. 5 September 1937

TLS.. Sam to "Dearest Sug." Newark, NJ 3 October 1937

TL. . Sam to "Dear Sug." Newark, NJ 4 October 1937

TL. . Sam to "Dearest Sug." Newark, N.J. 5 October 1937 (3pp.)

TLS. . Sam to "Dearest Ann." Cincinnati, OH. 22 October 1937

TLS. . Sam to "Dearest Susan." Cincinnati, OH. 23 October 1937

TLS. . Sam to "My Dearest Susan." Atlanta, GA 31 October 1937

### **Folder 1.2** 1938-10 October 1940

ALS. . Sam to "My Dear Babe." 24 January 1938 (4pp.)

ALS. . Sam to "Dear Babe." 28 January 1938 (7pp.)

TLS. . Sam to "Dearest Sug." 11 February 1938

TLS. . Sam to "Dearest Susan." 5 March 1939 (2pp.)

TLS. . Sam to "Dearest Susan." 7 March 1939

TLS. . Sam to "Dearest Susan." 9 March 1939

ALS. . Sam to "Dearest Susan." 13 March 1939 (2pp.)

TL. . Sam to "Dear Susan." Guatemala City. 2 September 1940

TL. . Sam to "Dearest Susan." Buenos Aires. [September 1940]

TLS. . Sam to "Dearest Susan." San Salvador. 24 September 1940 (2pp.)

TLS. . Sam to "Dearest Susan." Tegucigalpa, Honduras. 25 September 1940

TLS. . Sam to "Dear Susan." Tegucigalpa, Honduras. 26 September 1940 (2pp.)

TLS. . Sam to "Dear Susan." Managua, Nicaragua. 27 September 1940

TLS. . Sam to "Dear Susan." San Jose, Costa Rica. 1 October 1940 (2pp.)

TLS. . Sam to "Dear Susan." Panama City, Panama. 4 October 1940

TLS. . Sam to "Dear Susan." Bogot Columbia. 9 October 1940 (4pp.)

ALS. . Sam to "Dearest Babe." 10 October 1940 (3pp.)

**Folder 1.3** 15 October 1940-25 November 1940

ALS. . Sam to "Dear Susan." 15 October 1940 (2pp.)

ALS. . Sam to "Dearest Susan." 16 October 1940 (2pp.)

ALS. . Sam to "Dearest Susan." Lima, Peru. 20 October 1940

ALS. . Sam to "Dearest Susan." Lima, Peru. 24 October 1940

ALS. . Sam to "Dearest Susan." La Paz, Bolivia. 26 October 1940

ALS. . Sam to "Dearest Susan." Chile. 27 October 1940

TLS. . Sam to "Dear Susan." Santiago, Chile. 31 October 1940 (2pp.)

TLS. . Sam to "Dearest Susan." Santiago, Chile. 2

November 1940

TLS. . Sam to "Dearest Susan." Santiago, Chile. 4  
November 1940 (2pp.)

TL. . Sam to "Dear Susan." Buenos Aires, Argentina. 7  
November 1940 (2pp.)

TLS. . Sam to "Dear Susan." Montevideo, Uruguay. 11  
November 1940

ALS. . Sam to "Dearest Susan." Buenos Aires. 15  
November 1940

ALS. . Sam to "Dearest Susan." Buenos Aires. 15  
November 1940

TLS. . Sam to "Dearest Susan." Porto Alegre, Brazil. 16  
November 1940

TLS. . Sam to "Dear Susan." Porto Alegre, Brazil. 18  
November 1940

TLS. . Sam to "Dear Susan." Sao Paulo, Brazil. 21  
November 1940

ALS. . Sam to "Dear Babe." 25 November 1940 (2pp.)

TLS. . Sam to "Dear Susan." Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. 26  
November 1940

**Folder 1.4** [2 March 1941]-15 June 1942

ALS. . Sam to "Dear Susan." [2 March 1941]

ALS. . Sam to "Dear Susan." 16 May 1942 (2pp.)

ALS. . Sam to "Dearest Susan." 19 May 1942 (2pp.)

TLS. . Sam to "Dearest Susan." 23 May 1942

ALS. . Sam to "Dearest Susan." 25 May 1942

TL. . Sam to "Dearest Susan." Montevideo. 1 June 1942

TL. . Sam to "Dearest Susan." Santiago de Chile. 9 June  
1942

ALS. . Sam to "Dearest Susan." 15 June 1942



## Series II. J.Edgar Hoover Correspondence

### Folder 1.5 8 January 1932-17 May 1937

TLS. . J.E. Hoover to Honorable Robert R. Butler. Re: interest in Percy Foxworth as a possible Special Agent. 8 January 1932

TLS. . J.E. Hoover to P.E. Foxworth. Re: Description of the job and notification that his application will receive consideration. 27 January 1932

TLS. . J.E. Hoover to Percy E. Foxworth. Re: appointment as special agent in the United States Bureau of Investigation. 25 February 1932

TLS. . J.E. Hoover to Percy E. Foxworth. Re: Percy's acceptance for the position. 2 March 1932

TLS. . J.E. Hoover to P.E. Foxworth. Re: travel for official duties and reimbursement. 22 March 1932

TLS. . J.E. Hoover to Percy E. Foxworth. Re: Travel to Jacksonville, Florida to report to Special Agent in Charge there for assignment. 13 April 1932

TLS. . J.E. Hoover to P.E. Foxworth. Re: Suggestions for better service. 16 May 1932

TLS. . J.E. Hoover to P.E. Foxworth. Re: directed to proceed to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma for new assignment. 14 September 1932

TLS. . J.E. Hoover to P.E. Foxworth. Re: directed to proceed to Los Angeles, CA for new assignment. 24 October 1932

TLS. . J.E. Hoover to P.E. Foxworth. Re: Thanking Percy for submitting a suggestion. 7 November 1932

TLS. . J.E. Hoover to P.E. Foxworth. Re: directed to proceed to New York for a new assignment. 13 June 1933

TLS. . J. Edgar Hoover to P.E. Foxworth. Re: Promotion. 8 March 1934

TLS. . J.E. Hoover to P.E. Foxworth. Re: directed to proceed to Washington, D.C. for a new assignment. 8 October 1934

TLS. . J.E. Hoover to P.E. Foxworth. Re: Suggestions for the Bureau. 8 January 1935

TLS. . J.Edgar Hoover to P.E. Foxworth. Re: Promotion. 18 February 1935

TLS. . J.Edgar Hoover to P.E. Foxworth. Promotion. 24 April 1935

TLS. . J.E. Hoover to P.E. Foxworth. Re: Promotion. 8 August 1935

. J. Edgar Hoover to P.E. Foxworth. Re: Promotion. 10 September 1935

TLS. . J.E. Hoover to Percy E. Foxworth. Re: Promotion. 28 December 1935

TLS. . J.E. Hoover to P.E. Foxworth. Re: Physical examination. 23 March 1936

TLS. . J. Edgar Hoover to P.E. Foxworth. Re: Appreciation for the "excellent manner in which you handled to work in the Investigative Division during the absence of Mr. Tamm and the execution of Bruno Richard Hauptmann. 6 April 1936

TLS. . J.Edgar Hoover to Percy E. Foxworth. Re: Promotion. 20 April 1936

TLS. . J.E. Hoover to Percy E. Foxworth. Re: Promotion. 17 June 1936

TLS. . J. Edgar Hoover to Percy E. Foxworth. Re: Death of Percy's father. 1 July 1936

TLS. . J.E. Hoover to P.E. Foxworth. Re: appointment of Woodrow Roberts to the Bureau's clerk typist position. Percy had expressed an interest in his getting a position with the Bureau. 25 November 1936

TLS. . J.Edgar Hoover to Percy E. Foxworth. Re: Promotion. 3 February 1937

TLS. . J. Edgar Hoover to Percy E. Foxworth. Re: Promotion. 17 May 1937

**Folder 1.6** 28 July 1937-23 September 1941

TLS. . J.Edgar Hoover to "Sam" (Foxworth). Re: Thanks for the gold badge which Percy gave to Hoover on the occasion of his twentieth anniversary with the Bureau. 28 July 1937

TLS. . J. Edgar Hoover to Percy E. Foxworth. Re: Promotion. 30 August 1937

TLS. . J. Edgar Hoover to "Sam" (Foxworth). Re: Thanks for the message of sympathy. 26 February 1938

TLS. . J.E. Hoover to P.E. Foxworth. Re: Physical examination. 2 June 1938

TLS. . J. Edgar Hoover to P.E. Foxworth. Re: Thanks for the letter of congratulations on the 21st anniversary of Hoover joining the Bureau. 19 August 1938

TLS. . J.E. Hoover to Percy E. Foxworth. Re: Promotion. 3 September 1928

TLS. . J.E. Hoover to P.E. Foxworth. Re: Directions to proceed to Washington, D.C. for a new assignment. 31 May 1940

TLS. . J. Edgar Hoover to Percy E. Foxworth. Re: Promotion. 8 June 1940

TLS. . J. Edgar Hoover to "Sam" (Foxworth). Re: moving to a new address. 18 June 1940

TLS. . J.E. Hoover to P.E. Foxworth. Re: results of physical examination. 4 January 1941

TLS. . Edgar to "Dear Hap" (Horace C. Flanigan). Re: introduction of Percy Foxworth. 12 February 1941

TLS. . J. Edgar Hoover to Percy E. Foxworth. Re: Directions to travel to New York for a new assignment. 23 September 1941

**Folder 1.7** 26 June 1942-12 May 1945

TLS. . J.E. Hoover to Percy E. Foxworth. Re: Occupational questionnaire. 26 June 1942

TLS. . J. Edgar Hoover to Percy E. Foxworth. Re: Thanks for the gifts sent in commemoration of Hoover's 25th anniversary of joining the Bureau. 27 July 1942

TLS. . J.E. Hoover to Mr. Edgar K. Legg (Chairman, Local Board Number 8, Selective Service System). Re: Giving Foxworth additional deferment from Selective Service. 7 December 1942

TLS. . J. Edgar Hoover to Mrs. P.E. Foxworth. Re: Condolence cards. 6 February 1943

TLS. . J. Edgar Hoover to Mrs. P.E. Foxworth. Re: Possibility of awarding Mrs. Foxworth \$5000. 10 February 1943

TLS. . J. Edgar Hoover to Mrs. P.E. Foxworth. Re: Bill providing \$5,000 for Mrs. Foxworth passed the U.S. House of Representatives. 12 April 1943

TLS. . J. Edgar Hoover to Mrs. P.E. Foxworth. Re: Bill passing the Senate. 5 July 1943

TLS. . J. Edgar Hoover to Mrs. P.E. Foxworth. Re: Bill rejected by the President. 20 July 1943

TLS. . J. Edgar Hoover to Mrs. P.E. Foxworth. Re: Memorial service for Percy at the New York office; memorial plaque; and the naming of a keel of a Liberty ship after Sam. 19 January 1944

TLS. . J. Edgar Hoover to Mrs. Ann Holliday Foxworth. Re: Promotion to a higher grade of Artist-Illustrator. 12 May 1945

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### Series III. General Correspondence

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**Folder 3.2** Transcripts of speeches Undated-1939

**Fodler 3.3** Memorandum Undated-1943

**Folder 3.4** Miscellaneous materials related to the death of Percy E. Foxworth

**Folder 3.5** Miscellaneous

**Folder 3.6** Documents related to the Navy, Undated-1941

**Folder 3.7** Documents related to the Navy, Undated-1941

**Folder 3.8** Documents related to the Navy, Undated-1941

**Miscellaneous**

**Folder 4.1** Empty envelopes

**Folder 4.2** Empty envelopes

**Folder 4.3** General miscellaneous

**Folder 4.4** General miscellaneous

**Folder 4.5** General miscellaneous

**Folder 4.6** Genealogical materials

**Folder 4.7** Certificates, Undated-1943

**Financial**

**Folder 5.1** Invoices and Receipts

**Folder 5.2** Invoices and Receipts

**Folder 5.3** Invoices and Receipts

**Folder 5.4** Miscellaneous

**Folder 5.5** Tax return information

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**Box 6** Cancelled Checks and Bank Statements

**Box 7** Cancelled Checks and Bank Statements

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**Series V. Photographs**

**Folder 5.8** Photographs

**Separated Materials note**

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**Series VI. F.B.I. Publications**

**Box 8** FBI Publications and Ann Holliday Foxworth's diaries

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**Series VII. Newspaper Clippings**

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