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HAROLD B. GILBRETH PAPERS

I

The Harold B. Gilbreth Fraudulent Diploma Collection was deposited with the Archives by Harold B. Gilbreth on 14 May 1981.

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Scope and Content Note: **The Harold B. Gilbreth Papers consist of diplomas, correspondence, promotional literature, newspaper clippings and magazine articles pertaining to “diploma mills” offering college degrees via mail. The collection also consists of college catalogs, applications, state laws and manuscripts related to “diploma Mills” which Dr. Gilbreth began collecting in 1968 as a personal hobby. Dr. Harold Brite Gilbreth (1908-1988) worked at Winthrop College from 1935-1974 as a professor of Business, Chairman of the Department of Business and Economics, and as the Director of Graduate Studies.**

Related Collections: None

Transfer of items: None

II

DESCRIPTION OF SERIES

| <u>Box(es)</u> | <u>Folder(s)</u> | <u>Series</u> | <u>Year(s)</u> |
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| 1, 6 | 1 | MANUSCRIPTS Included are rough drafts, revisions, and final copies of two writings by Dr. Harold B. Gilbreth. One work, entitled <i>Mail Order Ordination</i> , pertains to individuals who seek religious degrees through correspondence schools for professional advancement. The second article, <i>We Are Still Being Fleeced by Diploma Mills</i> , is very similar however gives a more detailed account of the legal rights of correspondence schools. Box six contains three bound volumes, one is a thesis titled <i>A Study to Determine the Status of Business Education in the Public High Schools for White Children in Georgia</i> (1935), a second thesis titled <i>A Study of Student Teaching in Business Subjects in State Teachers Colleges, State Colleges and Universities, and Selected Private Colleges and Universities</i> (1941), and a survey sent to counties in South Carolina to collect data on their school systems. | 1935, 1941, nd |
| 1 | 2 | PUBLICATION CORRESPONDENCE Consists of letters from various editors of leading national newspapers concerning the publication rights of Dr. Gilbreth's manuscripts. Included are correspondence from <i>Reader's Digest</i> , <i>Atlantic Monthly</i> , <i>True</i> , <i>Kiwanis</i> , <i>Harpers Magazine</i> , <i>Popular Mechanics</i> , and several religious affiliated periodicals. In chronological order. | 1971-1978 |
| 1-3 | 3-10 | PROMOTIONAL LITERATURE Consists of brochures, pamphlets, leaflets, price lists, applications, and letters pertaining to various mail order degree advertisements. In chronological order. | 1958-1985, nd |
| 3 | 11 | CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS Consists of classified advertisements dealing with the legal sale of academic diplomas through correspondence schools. The advertisements offer a variety of honorary degrees that can be obtained through non-study programs which grant "full accreditation." Names of schools and addresses have been provided. In chronological order. | 1971-1985 |
| 4 | 12 | DIPLOMAS Consists of a collection of fraudulent diplomas that were obtained by mail order with correspondence schools. Included is a degree from Fruetta High School, an undergraduate degree from Steven Crandall Institute and several diplomas from a variety of graduate schools and seminaries. In chronological order. | 1971-1981 |

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DESCRIPTION OF SERIES (cont.)

| <u>Box(es)</u> | <u>Folder(s)</u> | <u>Series</u> | <u>Year(s)</u> |
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| 4 | 13 | PAPERS RELATING TO "DIPLOMA MILL" LEGISLATION Consists of state laws from various Boards of Education relating to the legal aspects of the fraudulent mail order schools. Several legislative acts, statues, and state amendments have been provided. In chronological order. | 1967-1978 |
| 4 | 14 | MAGAZINE ARTICLES Included are articles from <i>People</i> , <i>Money</i> , <i>Christianity Today</i> , <i>Educational Record</i> , and <i>U.S. News and World Reports</i> which pertain to individuals that gain social and occupational advancement through fraudulent diplomas. Also included are photocopies from <i>Reader's Digest</i> which deal with the history behind correspondence schools and their legal rights. In chronological order. | 1960-1985 |
| 4 | 15 | NEWSPAPER ARTICLES Included are a variety of newspaper articles relating to religious "Diploma Mills." Topics concern the conviction of individuals who have received honorary Doctor of Divinity degrees in violation of state educational codes. Also included are clippings from the <i>Charlotte Observer</i> , <i>The State</i> , and the <i>Rock Hill Evening Herald</i> , that pertain to local and national scandals involving correspondence schools. Several editions of <i>Universal Life</i> , a bulletin of the Universal Life Church, have also been included. In chronological order. | 1971-1985 |
| 5 | 16 | AWARDS 1. Doctorate of Education, New York University, 1941. 2. Distinguished Professor Citation, 1961 and 1974. 3. "Going that extra mile" Award Banquet at Winthrop College, 1979. 4. Half Century Club, from Western Kentucky University, 1980. 5. Legion of Honor Award for 45 Years of Membership in the Kiwanis Club of Rock Hill, 1981. 6. Western Kentucky University, Alumni Award, 1985. 7. Legion of Honor Award for 50 Years of Membership in the Kiwanis Club of Rock Hill, 1986. | 1941-1986 |
| 5 | 17 | ADVERTISEMENTS AND MEDIA MATERIALS Advertisements, media materials, and correspondence related to "Diploma Mills." | 1986 |

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DESCRIPTION OF SERIES (cont.)

| <u>Box(es)</u> | <u>Folder(s)</u> | <u>Series</u> | <u>Year(s)</u> |
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| 5 | 18 | PERSONAL ITEMS A recipe belonging to Mrs. Georgia Gilbreth, wife of Harold Gilbreth. A photograph of a young Harold Brite Gilbreth. | nd |
| 7-10 | -- | MAGAZINES Included in this collection are full magazines that contain articles written by Harold Gilbreth. The full list of the magazines and article titles are listed in table 1. Boxes 9 and 10 contain magazines in which Gilbreth did not publish an article, however, Gilbreth was the editor of the publications. The titles of these magazines include <i>UBEA Forum</i> . | 1935-1967 |

| Name of Publication | Issue Date | Title of Article | Page |
|--|-------------------|--|-------------|
| <i>Modern Business Education</i> | March 1935 | “Business Education in Georgia Public High Schools” | 9-11 |
| <i>The Journal of Business Education</i> | November 1936 | “Procedures in Making Shorthand Home Work Assignments: Types of Reading and Writing Exercises” | 21-23 |
| <i>The Journal of Business Education</i> | December 1936 | “Procedures in Making Shorthand Home Work Assignments: Current Practices in Teacher-Training Institutions” | 11-12 |
| <i>Modern Business Education</i> | November 1940 | “Selected Principles for Evaluating Students Teaching in Business Subjects” | 5-7 |
| <i>The National Association of Business Bulletin</i> | January 1942 | “A Study of Student Teaching in Business Subjects in State Teachers Colleges, State Colleges and Universities, and Selected Private Colleges and Universities” | All |
| <i>Modern Business Education</i> | May 1942 | “High School, Fort Mill, South Carolina” | 29-31 |
| <i>Modern Business Education</i> | November 1942 | “The Impact of the War on a Business Education in South Carolina” | 20-22 |
| <i>The Balance Sheet</i> | March 1943 | “Techniques for Teaching Business World Studies” | 298-299 |
| <i>Modern Business Education</i> | March 1944 | “The Short Business Course in Publicly Supported Colleges in the South” | 6-9 |
| <i>The Business Education World</i> | September 1944 | “What Student Teachers Say About Their Training” | 11-14 |
| <i>The Journal of Business Education</i> | April 1945 | “Trends in Teaching Economics” | 15-16 |
| <i>Modern Business Education</i> | November 1945 | “New Certification Requirements for South Carolina Business Teachers” | 2-5 |
| <i>The Balance Sheet</i> | January 1946 | “Classroom and Professional News” | 204 |
| <i>The Journal of Business Education</i> | February 1946 | “Teaching Economic Geography” | 11-12 |
| <i>The Balance Sheet</i> | March 1946 | “Responsibility of the Business Educator Toward Employee Attitude” | 275 |
| <i>The Journal of Business Education</i> | June 1946 | “Interesting Insurance Incidents” | 23-24 |
| <i>The Business Education World</i> | September 1946 | “How Well are the Liberal Arts Defended?” | 6-10,61 |
| <i>The Journal of Business Education</i> | October 1946 | “The Problems of the Small High School – A Neglected Area” | 11 |
| <i>Modern Business Education</i> | November 1946 | “The Columbia Convention” | 2-3 |
| <i>The Business Education World</i> | February 1947 | “Join the Jury: Does Work Experience Merit Salary Increases?” – An Interview | 316-320 |
| <i>UBEA Forum</i> | March 1947 | “Basic Business Service” – Editor’s Note | 17-18 |
| <i>UBEA Forum</i> | May 1947 | “Basic Business Service” – Editor’s Note | 14-17 |
| <i>UBEA Forum</i> | December 1947 | “Significant Statements About Basic Business Subjects” | 11-12 |
| <i>UBEA Forum</i> | February 1948 | “Consumer Education in Your School” | 8-9 |

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| <i>UBEA Forum</i> | March 1948 | “The Basic Business Editor Comments” | 7 |
| <i>UBEA Forum</i> | January 1949 | “State Departments of Education Examine Basic Business Education” | 15-16 |
| <i>UBEA Forum</i> | March 1949 | “The Basic Business Editor Comments” | 7 |
| <i>UBEA Forum</i> | March 1950 | “Business Education Forum Editorial Statement” | 7 |
| <i>Business Education World</i> | December 1950 | “Outline for a Pupil-Activities Unit on ‘Fire Insurance’” | 189 |
| <i>Modern Business Education</i> | January 1951 | “General Principles Involved in Motivating Basic Business” | 2 |
| <i>UBEA Forum</i> | March 1951 | “Basic Business Education in Times of Stress” | 9 |
| <i>UBEA Forum</i> | April 1951 | “Community Centered Motivating Devices and Procedures” | 33 |
| <i>The High School Business Library</i> | May 1953 | “Consumer Economics and Business Principles” | 214- 224 |
| <i>The Bulletin</i> | January 1957 | “How Does the Principal Evaluate the Effectiveness of the Teaching of Basic Business?” | 132- 136 |
| <i>Business Education Forum</i> | March 1963 | “Basic Business Education: Its Immediate Past and Future as Non-Business Educators See It” | 7-9 |
| <i>Winthrop Alumnae Magazine</i> | Nov-Dec 1967 | “It’s Much Easier Than You Think... for you to go back to college. A report on Winthrop’s expanding graduate program.” | 6-7 |

Table 1: *Titles of publications with articles written by Harold Gilbreth.*