This series contains published papers, notes, conference materials, and both Yale University and Massachusetts Institute of Technology examinations on the general subject of economics (with supporting materials) either gathered or created by Richard Bissell. Materials in this series appear to have been collocated together by Bissell’s office staff based on their general relation to the field of economics. In some cases, it appears as though dates have been added to previously undated papers. Document formats in this series include conference papers, examinations, published materials, notes, and correspondence. They are arranged in reverse chronological order.

The 1941 Conference in Research and Fiscal Policy was hosted by the National Bureau of Economic Research, Incorporated. The purpose of the conference was to “examine the existing state of knowledge and the prospects for research in the area of the so-called income creating effects of the Federal financing operations.” Speaking participants presented papers which were followed with discussion. Bissell attended as a guest. The meeting agenda and papers presented are included in this series.

This series also contains course content and multiple examples of examinations for the various economics courses Bissell taught at Yale University and at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). The “Economic Analysis” folders for the years 1939 through 1941 contain course content for a course in Economics that Bissell taught at Yale University. Bissell’s class notes for this course are included in the “Economics Class Notes” folder. Examination types in this series date from 1937 to 1948 and include final examinations, general course tests, “make-up” examinations, and departmental examinations. There also exists a solitary example of a 1929 Yale University mathematics exam sheet for “Mathematics 11 – Introduction to Calculus,” a course in which Bissell was enrolled while an undergraduate at Yale University.

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