Arthur Stanley Riggs Papers

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Collection Summary

Title: Arthur Stanley Riggs Papers
Span Dates: 1929-1952
Bulk Dates: (bulk 1949-1951)
ID No.: MSS52928
Creator: Riggs, Arthur Stanley, 1879-1952
Extent: 900 items ; 3 containers plus 1 oversize ; 2 linear feet
Language: Collection material in English, with Spanish
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
Summary: Naval reserve officer, author, editor, and historian. Correspondence, notes, writings, newspaper clippings, receipts, printed material, maps, and photographs pertaining primarily to Riggs's unpublished book, "Drake of the Seven Seas."

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

People
Alfaro, Ricardo J. (Ricardo Joaquín), 1882-1971--Correspondence.
Bolton, Herbert Eugene, 1870-1953--Correspondence.
Bye, George T.--Correspondence.
Cam, Helen M. (Helen Maud), 1885-1968--Correspondence.
Canter, Jacob, 1911-2000--Correspondence.
Chambers, David Laurance, 1879-1963--Correspondence.
Cucurullo, Oscar--Correspondence.
Drake, Francis, 1540?-1596.
Guillén y Tato, Julio F., 1897-1972--Correspondence.
Hamilton, John A. (Cultural attaché), active 1941-1952--Correspondence.
Harvey, E. Newton (Edmund Newton), 1887-1959--Correspondence.
Horn, Roy de S.--Correspondence.
Loeb, Leonard B. (Leonard Benedict), 1891-1978--Correspondence.
Lugo Lovatón, Ramón--Correspondence.
McNeill, William Hardy, 1917- --Correspondence.
Portack, Hans--Correspondence.
Restrepo Jaramillo, Gonzalo, 1895- --Correspondence.
Riggs, Arthur Stanley, 1879-1952.
Rowan, Stephen C. (Stephen Clegg), 1882-1958--Correspondence.
Stevens, John F. (John Frank), 1853-1943--Correspondence.
Titus, Earle O. (Cultural attaché)--Correspondence.
Young, Arthur E.--Correspondence.

Places
Great Britain--History, Naval.

Occupations
Authors.
Editors.
Historians.
Naval officers.

Administrative Information

Provenance

The papers of Arthur Stanley Riggs, naval reserve officer, author, editor, and historian, were deposited in the Library of Congress in 1955 by the Naval Historical Foundation and converted to a gift in 1998.

Processing History

The papers of Arthur Stanley Riggs were processed in 1970. The finding aid was revised in 2011.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Arthur Stanley Riggs is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Arthur Stanley Riggs are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Arthur Stanley Riggs Papers, Naval Historical Foundation Collection, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

Date	*Event*
1879, Apr. 8	Born, Cranford, N. J.
1898	Duty in United States Naval Auxiliary Force
1900	Reporter, *New York Times*
1901	Married Elizabeth Adams Corey
1902-1903	Editor, *Manila Daily Bulletin*
1903-1904	Editor, *Manila Freedom*
1911	Published *Vistas in Sicily*. New York: McBride, Nast & Co.
1913	Published *France form Sea to Sea*. New York: McBride & Nast & Co.
1918	Published *With Three Armies on and behind the Western Front*. Indianapolis: Bobbs-Merrill Co.
1925-1935	Director and secretary, Archaeological Society, Washington, D.C. Director and editor, *Art and Archaelogy*
1928	Published *The Spanish Pageant*. Indianapolis: Bobbs-Merrill Co.

1938	Published *The Romance of Human Progress*. Indianapolis Bobbs-Merrill Co.
1941	Librarian, United States Navy, Office of Censorship, Washington, D.C.
1946	Published *Titan the Magnificent*. Indianapolis: Bobbs-Merrill Co.
1947	Published *Velázquez: Painter of Truth and Prisoner of the King*. Indianapolis: Bobbs-Merrill Co.
1951	Edited publication on United States Navy's logistical operations in the Pacific during World War II
1952, Nov. 8	Died, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Arthur Stanley Riggs (1879-1952) span the years 1929-1952, with the bulk of the material between 1949 and 1951. The major portion of the collection concerns his unpublished book, "Drake of the Seven Seas," relating to Sir Francis Drake, and consists of the manuscript of this book, correspondence, drafts, notes, bibliography, positive and negative photographs, maps, newspaper clippings, and printed matter. Some of the notes are typed on letters received by Riggs.

Prominent correspondents include Ricardo J. Alfaro, Herbert Eugene Bolton, George T. Bye, Helen M. Cam, Jacob Canter, David Laurance Chambers, Oscar Cucurullo, Julio F. Guillén y Tato, John A. Hamilton, E. Newton Harvey, Roy de S. Horn, Leonard B. Loeb, Ramón Lugo Lovatón, William Hardy McNeill, Hans Portack, Gonzalo Restrepo Jaramillo, Stephen C. Rowan, John F. Stevens, Earl O. Titus, and Arthur E. Young.

Arrangement of the Papers

The collection is organized by type of material.

Container List

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BOX 1	Article and book file
BOX 1	"El Estado de la Arqueología, en los Estados Unidos y la Deuda de Norteamérica a España," (Madrid, Tipografía de Archivos, 1929)
BOX 1	"Did Francis Drake Land in Oregon?" *Sunday Oregonian* magazine, 1950, Feb. 2
BOX 1	"The Strategy and Tactics of Sir Francis Drake" *United States Naval Proceedings*, vol. 76, 1950, Dec.
BOX 1	"Drake of the Seven Seas"
BOX 1	Unpublished manuscript, 1951
BOX 2	Holograph, typescript notes and drafts, undated
BOX 2	Photostats of articles and portion of books, undated
BOX 2	Mimeograph copy of Sir Francis Drake's estate case and Drake's will, 1950
BOX 2	*Titan the Magnificent*, typescript copy of chapter headings, lengths, line and total words of book, 1946
BOX 2	*Velázquez: Painter of Truth and Prisoner of the King*; carbon copy of actual word count, 1947
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BOX OV 1	Eastern Entrance to the First Narrows, 23rd edition, 1948
BOX OV 1	Western Part from Punta Arenas to Cape Pillar, 27th edition, 1948
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