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Collection Summary

Title: Constance McLaughlin Green Papers

Span Dates: 1920-1969

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1953-1963)

ID No.: MSS51292

Creator: Green, Constance McLaughlin, 1897-1975

Extent: 22,000 items ; 17 containers plus 1 oversize ; 6.8 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Summary: Historian and author. Correspondence, drafts, galleys, and page proofs of writings, notes, printed and near-print material, clippings, speeches, and other papers relating primarily to Green's research on the history of Washington, D.C., and the publication of her two-volume Pulitzer Prize-winning book, *Washington* (1962-1963).

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

Bailey, Herbert Smith--Correspondence.

Brownlow, Louis, 1879-1963--Correspondence.

Crawford, M. D. C. (Morris De Camp), 1882-1949--Correspondence.

Fahs, Charles B. (Charles Burton), 1908-1980--Correspondence.

Franklin, John Hope, 1915-2009--Correspondence.

Green, Constance McLaughlin, 1897-1975.

Green, Constance McLaughlin, 1897-1975. *Washington* (1962-1963)

Ihlder, John, 1876-1958--Correspondence.

Indritz, Phineas, 1916-1997--Correspondence.

James, Edward T.--Correspondence.

Lindbergh, Charles A. (Charles Augustus), 1902-1974--Correspondence.

Robertson, David Allan, 1880-1961--Correspondence.

Organizations

Project Vanguard.

Subjects

African Americans--Washington (D.C.)

Cities and towns--Connecticut.

Cities and towns--History.

Cities and towns--Massachusetts.

Cities and towns--Study and teaching.

Pulitzer Prizes.

Rockets (Aeronautics)

Places

Holyoke (Mass.)--History.

Naugatuck (Conn.)--History.

Washington (D.C.)--History.

Occupations

Authors.

Historians.

Administrative Information

Provenance

The papers of Constance McLaughlin Green, historian and author, were given to the Library of Congress by Green in 1966 and 1970.

Processing History

The papers of Constance McLaughlin Green were arranged and described in 1977. The finding aid was revised in 2012.

Transfers

Photographs have been transferred to the Library's Prints and Photographs Division where they are identified as part of these papers.

Copyright Status

Copyright in the unpublished writings of Constance McLaughlin Green in these papers and in other collections of papers in the custody of the Library of Congress has been dedicated to the public.

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Constance McLaughlin Green 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, Constance McLaughlin Green Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1897, Aug. 21	Born, Ann Arbor, Mich.
1919	A.B., Smith College, Northampton, Mass.
1919-1920	Taught, University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill.
1921	Married Donald Ross Green
1925	M.A., Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, Mass.
1925-1932	Taught, Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, Mass.
1937	Ph.D., Yale University, New Haven, Conn.
1939-1947	Taught, Smith College, Northampton, Mass.
1942-1945	Historian, Army Ordnance Department, Springfield, Mass.
1947-1948	Consulting historian, American Red Cross
1948-1951	Chief historian, Ordnance, Army History Division, Department of Defense

1951-1954	Historian, Research and Development Board, Office of the Secretary of Defense
1954-1960	Director, Washington, D.C., history project
1962-1963	Published <i>Washington</i> . Princeton, N.J.: Princeton University Press. 2 vols.
1963	Awarded Pulitzer Prize
1975, Dec. 5	Died, Annapolis Md.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Constance McLaughlin Green (1897-1975) span the years 1920-1969, with the bulk of the material concentrated in the period between 1953 and 1963 when Green researched and wrote her Pulitzer Prize-winning history of Washington, D.C. Published in 1962-1963 by Princeton University Press, the two-volume work, *Washington, Village and Capital, 1800-1878* and *Washington, Capital City, 1879-1950*, was the product of a ten-year undertaking that Green completed with the aid of foundation grants and the administrative support of American University. The collection contains drafts and galley proofs of the work, voluminous research notes arranged according to the chronological blocks established by Green, and subject files that contain reports and correspondence pertaining to the editing and publishing of both volumes. Papers unrelated to the Washington project are limited to correspondence and to miscellaneous speeches and writings. The collection is organized into five series: [Correspondence](#), [Subject File](#), [Speeches and Writings File](#), [Research File](#), and [Oversize](#).

As a historian and author, Green's career ranged from teaching positions at Mount Holyoke and Smith colleges to the post of chief historian, Ordnance, Army History Division, at the Department of Defense. Most noteworthy, however, was her pioneering insistence on the significance of the city in American history. Green's portrayal of the social reality of nineteenth and twentieth century urban life in Washington, D.C., can be traced in detail in the research notes in this collection. Together with her manuscript drafts, the note cards in these papers are a supplementary guide to the social practices, economic policies, racial attitudes, and political and legal standards that prevailed in the capital during its first one hundred fifty years. Absent from the papers are the transcripts or notes of interviews Green obtained from persons who lived in Washington during the years covered by the second volume. Brief recollections of a personal nature, however, are in the correspondence folder in the subject files of the Washington history project. Among those who offered their personal reminiscences of important episodes and conditions in the history of the city were Rayford Logan, Louis Brownlow, and Ulysses Simpson Grant (1864-1953).

Other writings in the collection include her doctoral dissertation published as *Holyoke, Massachusetts; A Case History of the Industrial Revolution in America* (New Haven, Yale University Press, 1939.). Also in the writings are speeches on such diverse themes as "Project Vanguard" and New England's contribution to America's economic progress. Additional items include notes and drafts of journal articles; notes and related material for her published book on urban history relating to Naugatuck, Connecticut; manuscripts of encyclopedia entries on the subject of Washington, D.C.; and a book review of Morton and Lucia White's *The Intellectuals Versus the City*.

Correspondence on subjects other than Washington, D.C., is slight. Important exceptions are letters from Charles A. Lindbergh concerning the manuscript of a book Green coauthored with Milton Lomask entitled *Vanguard; A History* (Washington, D.C.: Scientific and Technical Information Division, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, 1970) for which Lindbergh wrote an introduction, and a small group of letters relating to Green's advisory role in the publication of *Notable American Women*.

Correspondents include Herbert Smith Bailey, Louis Brownlow, M. D. C. Crawford, Charles B. Fahs, John Hope Franklin, Phineas Indritz, John Ihlder, Edward T. James, and David Allan Robertson.

Arrangement of the Papers

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Description of Series

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Arranged alphabetically by name of sender or subject of correspondence.

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Subject File, 1945-1964

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Speeches and Writings File, 1920-1969

Holograph, typewritten, and near-print notes and manuscripts of Green's speeches and writings. Also original, revised, amended, and annotated versions of near-print and typewritten drafts of Green's Washington, as well as corrected galleys and marked page proofs of the same work.

Organized into a general file arranged alphabetically by title or topic and a Washington file arranged generally in the order in which the work was advanced to publication.

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Research File: Washington

Note cards of research material for the writing of Washington.

Arranged in chronological units with some additional divisions between information collected on the white and black communities in the city.

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BOX 2	The development of cities, speech, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., Urban History Conference, 1969
BOX 2	"History of Holyoke, Massachusetts, a Case History of the Industrial Revolution in America," doctoral dissertation, Yale University, New Haven, Conn., 1937
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