

W. Cameron Forbes Papers
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Collection Summary

Title: W. Cameron Forbes Papers

Span Dates: 1904-1946

ID No.: MSS20982

Creator: Forbes, W. Cameron (William Cameron), 1870-1959

Extent: 2,500 items

Extent: 11 containers

Extent: 2.2 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

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

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Summary: Business executive, government official, and diplomat. Typewritten transcripts of journals documenting Forbes's activities in the civil government of the Philippines and as a diplomat and businessman.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

People

Aguinaldo, Emilio, 1869-1964--Correspondence.
Forbes, W. Cameron (William Cameron), 1870-1959.
Greene, Warwick, 1879-1929--Correspondence.
Harding, Warren G. (Warren Gamaliel), 1865-1923--Correspondence.
Harrison, Francis Burton, 1873-1957--Correspondence.
Hatheway, Conrad--Correspondence.
Hoover, Herbert, 1874-1964--Correspondence.
McCoy, Frank Ross, 1874-1954--Correspondence.
Osmeña, Sergio, 1878-1961--Correspondence.
Roosevelt, Franklin D. (Franklin Delano), 1882-1945--Correspondence.
Roosevelt, Theodore, 1858-1919--Correspondence.
Stimson, Henry L. (Henry Lewis), 1867-1950--Correspondence.
Taft, William H. (William Howard), 1857-1930--Correspondence.
Wood, Leonard, 1860-1927--Correspondence.

Organizations

American Economic Mission to the Far East.
Brazil Railway Company.
United States. Philippine Commission (1900-1916)

Subjects

Banks and banking--United States.
Diplomatic and consular service, American--Japan.

Places

Haiti--History.
Japan--Foreign relations--United States.
Philippines--History--1898-1946.
United States--Commerce.
United States--Foreign relations--Japan.

Titles

William Cameron Forbes papers

Occupations

Businessmen.
Diplomats.
Public officials.

Provenance

The papers of W. Cameron Forbes, business executive, government official, and diplomat, were given to the Library of Congress by Forbes between 1951 and 1953.

Processing History

The collection was processed circa 1953. The finding aid was created in 2008.

Other Repositories

Originals of the collection are in the Houghton Library, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass. Typewritten transcripts are also available at the Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston, Mass.

Copyright Status

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

Access and Restrictions

The papers of W. Cameron Forbes 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, W. Cameron Forbes Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

Date	Event
1870, May 21	Born, Milton, Mass.
1892	Graduated, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.
1904-1908	Commissioner of commerce and police, Philippine government
1908-1909	Vice-governor, Philippine government
1909-1913	Governor-general of the Philippines
1921	Appointed head of Woods-Forbes Commission to investigate conditions in the Philippines
1930	Chairman of commission to investigate conditions in Haiti
1930-1932	Ambassador to Japan
1959, Dec. 24	Died, Boston, Mass.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of William Cameron Forbes (1870-1959) span the years 1904-1946. The collection consists of typewritten transcripts of journals documenting Forbes's activities in the civil government of the Philippines as secretary of commerce, vice-governor, governor-general, and member of the United States Philippine Commission, and as receiver of the Brazil Railway Company, member and chairman of presidential missions to study conditions in Haiti and the Philippines, ambassador to Japan, chairman of the American Economic Mission to the Far East, and partner or director in several American business and banking firms. Some correspondence is transcribed with the daily entries and a few printed items are tipped in to the journals.

Presidential correspondents include Theodore Roosevelt, William H. Taft, Warren G. Harding, Herbert Hoover, and Franklin D. Roosevelt. Others major correspondents are Emilio Aguinaldo, Warwick Greene, James G. Harbord, Francis Burton Harrison, Conrad Hatheway, Frank Ross McCoy, Sergio Osmeña, Henry L. Stimson, and Leonard Wood.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged in two sets arranged as received in general chronological order. Separate indexes accompany the sets.

Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1	Set A
BOX 1	Vol. I, 1904, Feb.-1906, Apr. 27
BOX 2	Vol. II, 1906, Apr. 27-1908, Apr. 16
BOX 3	Vol. III, 1908, Apr 17-1910, Mar. 4
BOX 4	Vol. IV, 1910, Mar. 4-1911, Aug. 7
BOX 5	Vol. V, 1911, Aug. 8-1913, Nov. 22
BOX 6	Index to Set A
BOX 7	Set B
BOX 7	Vol. I, 1914-1920
BOX 8	Vol. II, 1921-1929
BOX 9	Vol. III, 1930-1934
BOX 10	Vol. IV, 1929-1934
BOX 11	Vol. V and Index to Set B, 1935-1946