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Collection Summary

Title: Horace Porter Papers

Span Dates: 1853-1922

ID No.: MSS36608

Creator: Porter, Horace, 1837-1921

Extent: 1,500 items

Extent: 5 containers

Extent: 2 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

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Summary: Army officer, railroad official, and diplomat. Correspondence, diary, family papers, photographs, and speeches relating to Porter's Civil War service, Ulysses S. Grant, Porter's activities with the Pullman Company and the New York, West Shore and Buffalo Railroad, the Union League, his interest in Republican Party politics, his role in the inaugural of William McKinley, and his service as United States ambassador to France.

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

Blakeman, A. N. (Alexander Noel), 1840- --Correspondence.
Dodge, George Edward Payson, 1839-1904--Correspondence.
Duncan, James Henry, 1793-1869--Correspondence.
Grant, Ulysses S. (Ulysses Simpson), 1822-1885.
Hanna, Marcus Alonzo, 1837-1904--Correspondence.
Hay, John, 1838-1905--Correspondence.
Jones, John Paul, 1747-1792.
McKinley, William, 1843-1901--Inaugurations.
Porter family.
Porter, David Rittenhouse, 1788-1867--Correspondence.
Porter, Horace, 1837-1921.
Porter, Sophie K. McHarg, -1903--Correspondence.
Pullman, Albert B.--Correspondence.
Pullman, George Mortimer, 1831-1897--Correspondence.
Root, Elihu, 1845-1937--Correspondence

Organizations

Grant Memorial Commission.
New York, West Shore & Buffalo Railroad.
Pullman Company.
Republican Party (U.S. : 1854-)
Union League of America.

Subjects

Diplomatic and consular service, American--France.
Railroads--New York (State)

Places

France--Foreign relations--United States.
United States--Foreign relations--France.
United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.
United States--Politics and government--1865-1900.

Occupations

Army officers.
Diplomats.
Railroad officials.

Provenance

The papers of Horace Porter, Army officer, railroad official, and diplomat, were given to the Library of Congress by Horace P. Mende in 1938.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Horace Porter is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Horace Porter 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, Horace Porter Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Horace Porter (1837-1921) span the years 1853-1922 and consist of correspondence, a diary, family papers, photographs, and speeches. The papers relate to Porter's Civil War service, his activities with the Pullman Company and the New York, West Shore, & Buffalo Railroad, his service in the Union League of America, his interest in Republican politics, his role in the inaugural of William McKinley, and his service as United States ambassador to France.

The correspondence consists of letterbooks containing personal and business correspondence and letters written by Porter primarily to his family during the Civil War. The subject file consists of material relating to the search and discovery of the body of John Paul Jones and letters, photographs, and other papers relating to Ulysses S. Grant and his military campaigns. Also included are speeches, biographical material, and notes pertaining to Porter's book, *Campaigning with Grant* (1897).

Correspondents include A. N. Blakeman, George Edward Payson Dodge, James Henry Duncan, Marcus Alonzo Hanna, John Hay, David Rittenhouse Porter, Sophie K. McHarg Porter, Albert B. Pullman, George Mortimer Pullman, and Elihu Root.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material.

Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1	Diary, 1873-1890
BOX 1	Correspondence
BOX 1	1853, Apr. 27-1896, Oct. 14 (8 folders)
BOX 2	1896, Aug. 5-1897, Apr. 2 (3 folders)
BOX 3	1897, Apr. 2-1909, Feb. 7 (4 folders)
BOX 4	Subject file
BOX 4	Biographical material (11 folders)
BOX 5	Grant, Ulysses S., 1865, 1885, 1891-1897, 1922 (3 folders)
BOX 5	Jones, John Paul, 1899-1912 (6 folders)
BOX 5	League for Protection of Progress and Peace, 1908
BOX 5	Miscellany, 1908