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notes, writings, newspaper clippings, receipts, printed material, maps, and photographs pertaining primarily to Riggs's unpublished book, "Drake of the Seven Seas."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, approximately 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.
Lugo Lovatón, Ramón--Correspondence.
McNeill, William Hardy, 1917-2016--Correspondence.
Portack, Hans--Correspondence.
Restrepo Jaramillo, Gonzalo, 1895--Correspondence.
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The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Arthur Stanley Riggs is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).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
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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*
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 Archaeology*
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.


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.


**Arrangement of the Papers**

The collection is organized by type of material.
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