Collection Summary
Title: E. Alexander Powell Papers
Span Dates: 1893-1957
ID No.: MSS36723
Creator: Powell, E. Alexander (Edward Alexander), 1879-1957
Extent: 4,300 items
Extent: 12 containers plus 1 oversize
Extent: 4.8 linear feet
Language: Collection material in English
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
LC Catalog record: https://lccn.loc.gov/mm82036723
Summary: Author. Family papers, general correspondence, literary material, and miscellany relating to Powell's personal life, writings, and travel.

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
Bigelow, Poultney, 1855--Correspondence.
Bryan, William Jennings, 1860-1925--Correspondence.
Jusserand, J. J. (Jean Jules), 1855-1932--Correspondence.
Northrup family.
Pershing, John J. (John Joseph), 1860-1948--Correspondence.
Powell family.
Powell, E. Alexander (Edward Alexander), 1879-1957.
Powell, Edward A.--Correspondence.
Powell, Jessie Northrup--Correspondence.
Powell, Jessie Northrup--Diaries.
Powell, Lucy--Correspondence.
Pulitzer, Ralph, 1879-1939--Correspondence.
Roosevelt, Theodore, 1858-1919--Correspondence.
Sedgwick, Ellery, 1872-1960--Correspondence.
Wood, Leonard, 1860-1927--Correspondence.

Subjects
Travel writing.
Voyages and travels.

Occupations
Authors.

Provenance
The papers of E. Alexander Powell, author, were given to the Library of Congress by his wife, Jessie Northrup Powell, in 1964.

Processing History
The papers of E. Alexander Powell were processed in 1972. A finding aid was created in 2005.
Transfers

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

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of E. Alexander Powell is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of E. Alexander Powell 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, E. Alexander Powell Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

Date               Event
1879, Aug. 16      Born, Syracuse, N.Y.
1898-1899          Worked for Syracuse Journal
1902               Became editor of Craftsman
1905-1906          Served in Near East as a correspondent for British and American publications
1906-1909          Consular official in Syria and Egypt
1912               Published The Last Frontier. New York, C. Scribner's Sons
1913-1955          Traveled in Europe and Mexico
                    Published books on World War I and on travel and adventure, including Brothers in Arms, Boston
                    and New York, Houghton Mifflin Co. (1917); Fighting in Flanders, New York, C. Scribner's Sons (1914);
                    Thunder Over Europe, New York, I. Wishburn (1931)
1957, Nov. 14      Died, Falls Village, Conn.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of E. Alexander Powell (1879-1957) span the period 1893-1957 and consist of family and general correspondence, diaries, articles, book proofs, poetry, a speech, biographical materials, drawings, photographs, an award, notes, menus, memorabilia and clippings and other printed matter.

The Family Papers consist chiefly of letters Powell wrote to his parents, Edward A. and Lucy Powell, while he was in Europe. There are also letters from Powell to his wife, Jessie Northrup Powell, and letters she wrote to her parents. Also included are diaries of trips Jessie Powell took with her husband.

The Literary File contains articles, book proofs, and poems. The Miscellany contains biographical material, drawings, photographs, clippings relating to various members of the Powell and Northrup families, a report on Powell at Antwerp, Belgium, and printed matter relating to Powell.

Organization of the Papers

The collection is arranged in five series:

- Family Papers, 1893-1957
- General Correspondence, 1904-1933
- Literary File, 1907-1922
- Miscellany, 1904-1957
- Oversize, undated
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Northrup, Lillian, 1903  
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Powell, Betty, 1899, 1910, 1918-1922, 1928-1941, 1956-1957  
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1906-1911  
(10 folders) |
| BOX 2  | 1912-1921  
(12 folders) |
| BOX 3  | 1922-1927, undated  
(11 folders) |
| BOX 5  | Powell, Jessie Northrup (wife)  
Diaries, 1916, 1922, 1926, undated  
(4 folders)  
Letters to and from her parents  
1896-1903  
(2 folders)  
1904  
Jan.-July |
| BOX 6  | Aug.-Dec.  
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(9 folders)  
Miscellaneous, 1900, 1957, undated  
Unidentified, undated |
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**BOX 8**

**Literary File, 1907-1922**

Book proofs and typescripts of articles, poems, and a speech. Arranged alphabetically by type of material.

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**Articles**

"Americans Abroad," undated
"Boots; A Soldier of the Union," undated
"Carnival of Terror That Ruled Milan," 1915
"The Commander of the Faithful," undated
"The Ireland of the East," 1922
"A Lass of the Lumberlands," undated
"The Last Knight of Europe," undated
"The Men Who Count in the Balkans," undated
"My Most Amusing Experience," undated
"The Most Dangerous of Them All," undated
"Nourredin and the Beautiful Persian," undated
"Our Uncomfortable Cousins," undated
"Review of Egypt's Commercial Metropolis," 1907
Synopsis of "The Mountains of Unrest," undated
Untitled and undated articles, undated
  (3 folders)

Books
  * Informal Talks on the Far Places, undated
  * A Virginia Pilgrimage, undated

Poems
  "Caravan Song," undated
  "Dilma," undated
  "The Little Turkish Maid," undated
  "My Eastern Queen," undated
  "Wanderlust," undated
  "The Yankee Schoolmarm," undated

Speech, Canadian Club, Chateau Laurier, Ottawa, 1915, Jan. 20

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**BOX 9**
Articles by Jessie Northrup Powell, undated
  (4 folders)
Award, 1921
Biographical material, 1939, 1957, undated
Calling cards and invitations, 1917-1929, undated
Charles Scribner's Sons, 1914
Clippings regarding various members of the Powell family, 1906, 1914-1916, 1942, undated
Drawings, undated
Memorabilia, n.d
Passports and other travel documents, 1915-1924
Photographs
  Album, undated

**BOX 10**
Miscellany, undated
Posters, undated *See Oversize*
Powell, Edward A., III, undated
Printed matter
  1904-1915
  (7 folders)

**BOX 11**
1915-1917
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1917-1939, 1953-1955, undated
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