

**Harry W. Frantz Papers**  
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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Harry W. Frantz Papers

**Inclusive Dates:** 1893-1968

**Bulk Dates:** 1929-1964

**ID No.:** MSS84190

**Creator:** Frantz, Harry W. (Harry Warner), 1891-1982

**Extent:** 5,075 items

**Extent:** 22 containers plus 17 oversize

**Extent:** 8.6 linear feet

**Language:** Collection material in English, with Spanish

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

**LC Catalog record:** <https://lccn.loc.gov/mm98084190>

**Summary:** Journalist. Scrapbooks, articles, press materials, reports, maps, photographs, reference material, and other printed matter primarily related to aviation and Antarctica, two fields Frantz covered for United Press International.

## 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

Amundsen, Roald, 1872-1928.

Curtis, Arthur E.--Correspondence.

Dufek, George J. (George John), 1903-1977.

Frantz, Harry W. (Harry Warner), 1891-1982.

Gould, Laurence McKinley, 1896-1995.

Howard, Roy Wilson, 1883-1964--Correspondence.

Manduley, Manuel de Jesus, 1909-1989--Correspondence.

McCandlish, B. V. (Benjamin Vaughan), 1886-1975--Correspondence.

Reedy, James R. (James Robert), 1910-

Ronne, Finn.

Van Dusen, William, 1901-1976.

### Organizations

Operation Deep Freeze.

Pan American Airways Corporation.

United Press International.

United States. Naval Support Force, Antarctica.

United States. Navy. Task Force 43.

### Subjects

Aeronautics, Commercial--Freight.

Aeronautics, Commercial.

Aeronautics--Flights.

Aeronautics--History.

Airlines--Public relations.

Airlines.

Endurance flights.

International Geophysical Year, 1957-1958.

International relations.

Journalism, Aeronautical.

Journalism--Antarctica.

Natural resources.

Scientific expeditions--Antarctica.

**Places**

Antarctica--Discovery and exploration.

**Titles**

*Antarctic Treaty (1959 December 1)*

**Occupations**

Journalists.

## Acquisition Information

The papers of Harry W. Frantz, journalist, were transferred to the Library of Congress from the Historian's Office of the United States Coast Guard in 1998. Additional materials were transferred from the Historian's Office of the United States Coast Guard in 2004.

## Processing History

The papers of Harry W. Frantz were arranged and described by Joseph K. Brooks in 2007. An addition was processed and the finding aid revised in 2023 by Emilia Schrier.

## Transfers

Maps have been transferred to the Geography and Map Division where they are identified as part of the Harry W. Frantz Papers. Patrons are encouraged to contact the Geography and Map Division in advance of a research visit.

## Other Repositories

Other papers of Harry W. Frantz can be found in the Cornell University Library, the Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library, the Harry S. Truman Library, the Rockefeller Archive Center, and Stanford University Archives.

## Related Material

The American National Red Cross Photograph Collection in the Prints and Photographs Division of the Library of Congress contains a 1919 photograph of Harry W. Frantz (see <https://lccn.loc.gov/2017669946>).

## Copyright Status

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

## Access and Restrictions

The papers of Harry W. Frantz 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, Harry W. Frantz Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## Biographical Note

Date	Event
1891, Nov. 5	Born, Cerro Gordo, Ill.
1913-1915, 1919	Attended Stanford University, Stanford, Calif.
1917-1918	Served in Stanford Ambulance Section with French Army on Albanian-Serbian front, World War I
1918-1919	Secretary of American Red Cross Commission to Serbia
1920-1941	Correspondent, United Press International
1923	Director of publicity, Yellowstone National Park
1924	Married Kathleen Hargrave
1936	Passenger correspondent, Pan American Airways inaugural transpacific <i>China Clipper</i> press flight, Alameda, Calif., to Manila, Philippines
1939	Passenger correspondent, Pan American Airways inaugural transatlantic <i>Yankee Clipper</i> press flight, New York, N.Y., to Marseilles, France
1941-1944	Press director, Office of Inter-American Affairs, State Department
1944-1945	Information officer, Assistant Secretary of State for American Republics
1945-1964	Special correspondent, United Press International
1982, Apr. 26	Died, Ithaca, N.Y.

## Scope and Content Note

The papers of Harry W. Frantz (1891-1982) span the years 1893-1968, with the bulk of the material concentrated in the period 1929-1964. Much of the collection is focused on aviation, a field Frantz covered as a correspondent for United Press International (UPI), and documents pioneering long-distance and endurance flights and the early history of the Pan American Airways Corporation and other commercial passenger and freight air carriers. The 2023 Addition focuses on topics related to Antarctica, another field covered by Frantz as a UPI correspondent. These topics include exploration, natural resources, international policy, and scientific discovery.

The papers comprise four series, [Scrapbooks](#), [Printed Matter](#), [2023 Addition](#), and [Oversize](#). The [Scrapbooks](#) are organized in a numerical system of Frantz's devising. Loose-leaf scrapbooks have been dismantled and the contents foldered in the original page order. Hardbound scrapbooks are in [Oversize](#). The monographs, pamphlets, reports, serials, publicity material, and other print and near-print material that comprise the [Printed Matter](#) are arranged chronologically under United States, other countries, and Pan American Airways Corporation headings. Volumes 19-21 of the [Scrapbooks](#) consist of Pan American Airways publicity director William Van Dusen's "Dear Señor" letters, an informal newsletter (1937-1940) disseminating inside information on such topics as routes, personnel, technological progress, and the latest developments in the *Clipper* and *Stratoliner* programs. Other correspondents include Arthur E. Curtis, Roy Wilson Howard, Manuel de Jesus Manduley, and B.V. McCandlish.

The [2023 Addition](#) comprises material generated and collected during the years Frantz reported on Antarctica, primarily from the late 1950s to the mid-1960s, and does not relate to topics covered in the rest of the collection. The material includes a chronological file of articles, press kits on the various Deep Freeze operations to Antarctica, and other printed matter; a file on the organization of and scientific advancements achieved during the International Geophysical Year (IGY) from July 1957 to December 1958; and a reference file on related topics including continental shelves, fisheries, oceans, petroleum, and outer space. Other topics in the addition include politics, legislation, and international relations, most notably in Frantz's reporting on the 1959 Antarctic Treaty. Lastly, the addition contains background information and articles on individuals such as George J. Dufek, commander of Task Force 43, James R. Reedy, commander of United States Naval Support Force, Antarctica, and explorers Finn Ronne, Roald Amundsen, and Laurence McKinley Gould.

## Arrangement of the Collection

This collection is arranged in four series:

- [Scrapbooks, 1923-1954](#)

- Printed Matter, 1919-1965
- 2023 Addition, 1893-1968
- Oversize, 1923-1954

## Description of Series

Container	Series
BOX 1-4	<p><b><u>Scrapbooks, 1923-1954</u></b></p> <p>Scrapbooks containing correspondence, book jackets, newspaper clippings, magazine articles, pamphlets, photographs, and miscellaneous printed matter. Arranged in a numerical order established by Frantz.</p>
BOX 4-8	<p><b><u>Printed Matter, 1919-1965</u></b></p> <p>Monographs, pamphlets, reports, schedules, magazines, and other material. Arranged by subject and thereunder chronologically.</p>
BOX 9-22	<p><b><u>2023 Addition, 1893-1968</u></b></p> <p>Articles, press releases, reports, maps, photographs, and other printed matter on topics primarily related to Antarctica. Arranged alphabetically by subject or type of material.</p>
BOX OV 1-OV 17	<p><b><u>Oversize, 1923-1954</u></b></p> <p>Scrapbooks. Arranged and described according to the series, containers, and folders from which they were removed.</p>

# Container List

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BOX 1-4	<b>Scrapbooks, 1923-1954</b> Scrapbooks containing correspondence, book jackets, newspaper clippings, magazine articles, pamphlets, photographs, and miscellaneous printed matter. Arranged in a numerical order established by Frantz.
BOX 1	Vol. 1, re books by and about aviators, 1928-1931, undated <i>See Container OV 1, same heading</i>
BOX 1	Vol. 2, pioneering flights, biographical material re pilots, and summaries of aviation progress, 1927-1954, undated
BOX 1	Vol. 3, United States Army around-the-world flight of 1924, 1924-1931
BOX 1	Vol. 4, articles by Frantz and others, correspondence, and memorabilia, 1937-1954, undated (2 folders)
BOX 1	Vol. 5, aviation before the Charles A. Lindbergh transatlantic flight, clippings, articles, maps, charts, and printed matter, 1923-1929, undated <i>See Container OV 2, same heading</i>
BOX 1	Vol. 6, Latin American aviation, 1926-1948, undated (2 folders)
BOX 2	Vol. 7, United States civil aviation, 1929-1944, undated (2 folders)
BOX 2	Vol. 8, pioneering flights, 1927-1928 <i>See Container OV 3, same heading</i>
BOX 2	Vol. 9, pioneering flights, 1927-1928 <i>See Container OV 4, same heading</i>
BOX 2	Vol. 10, pioneering flights, 1927-1928 <i>See Container OV 5, same heading</i>
BOX 2	Vol. 11, Richard E. Byrd, Antarctic expedition and flight over South Pole, 1928-1929 <i>See Container OV 6, same heading</i>
BOX 2	Vol. 12, Richard E. Byrd and others, Antarctic flights and exploration, 1929-1930 <i>See Container OV 7, same heading</i>
BOX 2	Vol. 13, pioneering flights, 1929, 1939 <i>See Container OV 8, same heading</i>
BOX 2	Vol. 14, pioneering flights, 1929, 1939 <i>See Container OV 9, same heading</i>
BOX 2	Vol. 15, Pan American Airways Corp., pioneering transpacific Clipper flights, 1936-1945, undated
BOX 2	Vol. 16, pioneering transatlantic passenger flights, 1937-1941, undated
BOX 2	Vol. 17, pioneering transpacific flights, 1936-1939, undated
BOX 2	Vol. 18, Pan American Airways Corp., miscellaneous material, 1930-1940, undated
BOX 3	Vols. 19-21, Pan American Airways Corp., William Van Dusen, (director of public relations), background correspondence, 1937-1940 (5 folders)
BOX 3	Vol. 22, bibliographic and scientific material, 1929-1938, undated (2 folders)
BOX 3	Vol. 23, Richard E. Byrd and others, pioneering flights, 1927, undated <i>See Container OV 10, same heading</i>
BOX 3	Vol. 24, miscellaneous flights, 1929-1930, undated <i>See Container OV 11, same heading</i>
BOX 3	Vol. 25, miscellaneous flights, 1929-1930, undated <i>See Container OV 12, same heading</i>
BOX 3	Vol. 26, miscellaneous flights, 1929-1930, undated <i>See Container OV 13, same heading</i>
BOX 3	Vol. 27, re books by and about aviators, 1928-1931, undated <i>See Container OV 14, same heading</i>

## Scrapbooks, 1923-1954

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BOX 3	Vol. 28, re books by and about aviators, 1928-1931, undated <i>See Container OV 15, same heading</i>
BOX 3	Vol. 29, re books by and about aviators, 1928-1931, undated <i>See Container OV 16, same heading</i>
BOX 3	Vol. 30, miscellaneous flights, 1929-1930, undated <i>See Container OV 17, same heading</i>
BOX 4	Vol. 31, Wiley Post and Harold Gatty, around the world flight, 1930
BOX 4-8	<b>Printed Matter, 1919-1965</b> Monographs, pamphlets, reports, schedules, magazines, and other material. Arranged by subject and thereunder chronologically.
BOX 4	Aviation literature
BOX 4	United States
BOX 4	1921-1937 (6 folders)
BOX 5	1938-1965 (5 folders)
BOX 5	Undated
BOX 6	Undated
BOX 6	Other countries
BOX 6	1919-1939 (5 folders)
BOX 6	Undated
BOX 7	Pan American Airways Corp.
BOX 7	Miscellany, 1936-1939, undated (3 folders)
BOX 7	<i>New Horizons</i> , 1940-1943, undated
BOX 7	<i>Pan American Air Ways</i>
BOX 7	1936-1937 (2 folders)
BOX 7	1936-1937 (2 folders)
BOX 8	1938-1939 (2 folders)
BOX 8	Trippe, Juan T., 1937-1941
BOX 9-22	<b>2023 Addition, 1893-1968</b> Articles, press releases, reports, maps, photographs, and other printed matter on topics primarily related to Antarctica. Arranged alphabetically by subject or type of material.
BOX 9	Articles and press releases by Frantz, 1946-1964, undated (5 folders)
BOX 10	Chronological file
BOX 10	1927-1958 (5 folders)
BOX 11	1959-1963 (6 folders)



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BOX 12	1963-1965 (6 folders)
BOX 13	Conference on Antarctica and Antarctic Treaty, 1958-1961 (6 folders)
BOX 13	Correspondence, 1958-1968
BOX 13	Department of Commerce publications
BOX 13	1957-1959
BOX 14	1959-1966 (4 folders)
BOX 14	Department of Defense press releases, 1956-1962
BOX 15	Geographic names of Antarctica, 1947-1963
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BOX 15	International Geophysical Year (IGY)
BOX 15	Articles and press releases, 1954-1960 (2 folders)
BOX 15	Conferences, 1956-1957
BOX 15	General, 1955-1959
BOX 15	Personnel information, 1955-1957
BOX 16	Reports and publications, 1954-1959 (3 folders)
BOX 16	Satellites, 1957-1958
BOX 17	Speeches, 1955-1958
BOX 17	International Year of the Quiet Sun (IYQS), 1963-1964
BOX 17	Legislation, 1951-1962
BOX 17	Maps, 1955-1963, undated
BOX 17	Name file, 1955-1966 (2 folders)
BOX 17	Newspaper clippings
BOX 17	1935-1957
BOX 18	1958-1969, undated
BOX 18	Notes, 1947-1950, undated
BOX 18	Organizations, 1961-1968
BOX 18	Pamphlets, brochures, and other publications, 1893-1909, 1938-1967 (4 folders)
BOX 18	Photographs, 1957-1964
BOX 19	Reference files
BOX 19	Continental shelves, 1951-1962
BOX 19	Fisheries, 1943-1963 (2 folders)
BOX 19	Oceans, 1955-1963 (2 folders)
BOX 19	Petroleum, coal, and mineral resources, 1953-1964
BOX 20	Petroleum, coal, and mineral resources, 1953-1964
BOX 20	Soviet Antarctic studies, 1956-1961
BOX 20	Space, 1955-1961 (4 folders)
BOX 21	Speeches, 1958, 1961

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<b>Container</b>	<b>Contents</b>
BOX 21	Symposium on the Antarctic, Washington, D.C., April 26-27, 1956
BOX 21	Territorial claims on Antarctica, 1939-1959
BOX 21	United States Antarctic Projects Office
BOX 21	1956-1961 (4 folders)
BOX 22	1962-1964, undated (2 folders)
BOX OV 1-OV 17	<b>Oversize, 1923-1954</b> Scrapbooks. Arranged and described according to the series, containers, and folders from which they were removed.
BOX OV 1	Scrapbooks
BOX OV 1	Vol. 1, 1927-1954, undated (Container 1)
BOX OV 2	Vol. 5, 1923-1929, undated (Container 1)
BOX OV 3	Vol. 8, 1927-1928 (Container 2)
BOX OV 4	Vol. 9, 1927-1928 (Container 2)
BOX OV 5	Vol. 10, 1927-1928 (Container 2)
BOX OV 6	Vol. 11, 1928-1929 (Container 2)
BOX OV 7	Vol. 12, 1929-1930 (Container 2)
BOX OV 8	Vol. 13, 1929 (Container 2)
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BOX OV 10	Vol. 23, 1927, undated (Container 3)
BOX OV 11	Vol. 24, 1929-1930, undated (Container 3)
BOX OV 12	Vol. 25, 1929, undated (Container 3)
BOX OV 13	Vol. 26, 1930, undated (Container 3)
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BOX OV 15	Vol. 28, 1930, undated (Container 3)
BOX OV 16	Vol. 29, 1930-1931, undated (Container 3)
BOX OV 17	Vol. 30, 1929-1930 (Container 3)