

Roy Tasco Davis Papers
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Collection Summary

Title: Roy Tasco Davis Papers

Span Dates: 1886-1960

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1928-1933)

ID No.: MSS51805

Creator: Davis, Roy Tasco, 1889-1975

Extent: 450 items

Extent: 2 containers plus 1 classified

Extent: 1 linear foot

Language: Collection material in English and Spanish

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

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Summary: Diplomat and educator. Correspondence, memoranda, cablegrams, reports, minutes, legal briefs, a broadside, press releases, maps, newspaper clippings, and printed matter relating to Davis's mediation of a commission to establish a provisional boundary between Honduras and Guatemala in 1928.

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

Coello, Augusto C., 1882-1941--Correspondence.

Davis, Roy Tasco, 1889-1975.

Dávila, Fausto, 1858-1928--Correspondence.

Fox, Ray (Consul)--Correspondence.

Geissler, Arthur H., 1877-1945--Correspondence.

Hughes, Charles Evans, 1862-1948--Correspondence.

Kellogg, Frank B. (Frank Billings), 1856-1937--Correspondence.

Munro, Dana Gardner, 1892-1990--Correspondence.

Salazar, Carlos, 1859-1954--Correspondence.

Skinner Klée, A. (Alfredo), approximately 1882- --Correspondence.

Summerlin, George Thomas, 1872-1947--Correspondence.

Organizations

United States. Department of State.

Places

Guatemala--Boundaries.

Honduras--Boundaries

Occupations

Diplomats.

Educators.

Provenance

The papers of Roy Tasco Davis, diplomat and educator, were given to the Library of Congress by Davis in 1974.

Processing History

The papers of Roy Tasco Davis were arranged and described in 1976. The finding aid was revised in 1998. In 2007 the collection was reorganized and the finding aid was revised.

Transfers

Some maps have been transferred to the Geography and Map Division where they are identified as part of the Roy Tasco Davis Papers.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Roy Tasco Davis is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Roy Tasco Davis 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.

Security Classified Documents

Government regulations control the use of security classified material in this collection. Manuscript Division staff can furnish information concerning access to and use of classified materials.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Roy Tasco Davis Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

Date	Event
1889, June 24	Born, Ewing, Mo.
1908	A.B., Hannibal-LaGrange College, LaGrange, Mo.
1910	Ph.B., Brown University, Providence, R.I.
1911-1912	Statistician, Missouri Bureau of Census and Labor
1912-1913	Assistant secretary, Missouri State Capitol Building Commission
1913	Married Loyce Enloe
1914-1921	Business manager, Stephens College, Columbia, Mo.
1921-1922	United States minister to Guatemala
1922-1929	United States minister to Costa Rica
1928	Mediator, Mixed Commission for the Purpose of Establishing a Provisional Boundary Between the Republics of Honduras and Guatemala
1930-1933	United States minister to Panama
1933	United States delegate, North American Radio Conference, Mexico City, Mexico
1933-1937	Assistant to the president and director of public relations, Stephens College, Columbia, Mo.
1937-1942	President, National Park College, Forest Glen, Md.
1946	Elected to the Maryland state senate
1953-1957	United States ambassador to Haiti
1975	Died, Silver Spring, Md.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Roy Tasco Davis (1889-1975) span the years 1886-1960 with the bulk of material dating from 1928 to 1933. The collection documents Davis's mediation of a commission to establish a provisional boundary between Honduras and Guatemala in 1928. The papers are in English and Spanish and include correspondence with members of the commission; minutes of commission meetings; legal briefs and exhibits submitted by Guatemala and Honduras; annotated maps; Department of State cables, memoranda, press releases, and Davis's reports to the secretary of state; newspaper clippings; and printed matter documenting the history of the boundary dispute. Correspondents include the Honduran commissioner Augusto C. Coella and the Guatemalan commissioner Carlos Salazar as well as Fausto Dávila, Ray Fox, Arthur H. Geissler, Charles Evans Hughes, Frank B. Kellogg, A. Skinner Klee, Dana G. Munro, and George Thomas Summerlin.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material.

Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1	Background and reference material
BOX 1	General, 1915-1928
BOX 1	Land ownership and leases, 1914-1928 <i>For additional material see same container, Legal briefs</i>
BOX 1	Broadside, "Protesta," Cabricán, Guatemala, 1928
BOX 1	Correspondence
BOX 1	General, 1928, 1960 <i>See also Classified</i>
BOX 1	Guatemala, 1928-1929
BOX 1	Honduras, 1927-1928
BOX 1	Hughes, Charles Evans, excerpt of a letter, undated
BOX 1	State Department cables and memoranda, 1928-1929, undated <i>See also Classified</i> (3 folders)
BOX 1	Legal briefs, exhibits, and evidentiary submissions
BOX 1	Guatemala, 1928
BOX 1	Honduras, 1920, 1928
BOX 1	Maps, 1886, 1921-1928 <i>For additional material see same container, Background, and Container 2, Reports</i>
BOX 1	Minutes of meetings, 1928
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BOX 2	Newspaper clippings, 1928 (2 folders)
BOX 2	Press releases issued by the State Department, 1928
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BOX CL 1	Classified
BOX CL 1	Correspondence
BOX CL 1	General, 1928 (Container 1)
BOX CL 1	State Department cables and memoranda, 1928-1929 (Container 1)
BOX CL 1	Reports to the State Department, 1928 (Container 2)