

Eli T. Sheppard Papers
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Collection Summary

Title: Eli T. Sheppard Papers

Span Dates: 1872-1924

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1872-1880)

ID No.: MSS39743

Creator: Sheppard, Eli T.

Extent: 300 items

Extent: 2 containers

Extent: 0.8 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English and Chinese

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

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Summary: Diplomat and lawyer. Correspondence, memoranda, writings, notes, and printed matter pertaining primarily to Sheppard's work as a United States consul in Tienstin, China, and as an adviser in international law to the Japanese foreign office.

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

Sheppard, Eli T., 1842-1927.

Organizations

Japan. Gaimushō.

Subjects

Americans--China.

Commercial law.

Consuls--China--Tianjin.

Diplomatic and consular service, American--China.

Places

China--Foreign relations--United States.

China--Foreign relations.

Japan--Commerce.

Japan--Foreign relations.

United States--Foreign relations--China.

Occupations

Diplomats.

Lawyers.

Provenance

The papers of Eli T. Sheppard, attorney and diplomat, United States consul at Tientsin, China (1871-1876), and advisor in international law to the Japanese foreign office (1876-1880), were given to the Library of Congress in 1931 and 1932 by his granddaughter, Louise K. Hilbert. Professor Payson J. Treat of Stanford University donated additional papers in 1960.

Processing History

The papers of Eli T. Sheppard were arranged and described in 1995. The finding aid was revised in 2008.

Additional Guides

A description of the 1960 addition to the Eli T. Sheppard Papers appeared in Library's *Quarterly Journal of Acquisitions*, May 1961, p. 139.

Other Repositories

Additional papers of Eli T. Sheppard are held by the Bancroft Library in Berkeley California, and by Stanford University in Palo Alto, California.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Eli T. Sheppard is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Eli T. Sheppard 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, Eli T. Sheppard Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Eli T. Sheppard span the years 1872-1924, with the bulk of the material dated 1872-1880. The collection includes correspondence, memoranda, reports, writings and notes on Americans in China, and printed matter. The papers focus on consular and diplomatic affairs in China, 1872-1876, and on protocol or legal matters arising from the commerce between Japan and other nations, 1876-1880. Sheppard resigned his appointment to the Japanese foreign office in 1880 and moved to San Francisco. He published several treatises upon consular service and extraterritorial jurisdiction.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged chronologically according to Sheppard's employment, followed by miscellaneous papers.

Container List

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BOX 1	United States Consul, Tientsin, China
BOX 1	Letters to Sheppard
BOX 1	1872, Low, Frederick Ferdinand (2 folders)
BOX 1	1873, Low, Frederick Ferdinand, and Samuel Wells Williams
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BOX 1	Avery, Benjamin P.
BOX 1	Low, Frederick Ferdinand
BOX 1	Seward, George F.
BOX 1	Williams, Samuel Wells
BOX 1	1875
BOX 1	Avery, Benjamin P.
BOX 1	Seward, George F.
BOX 1	Williams, Samuel Wells
BOX 1	1876, Seward, George F., and Samuel Wells Williams
BOX 1	Miscellany
BOX 1	"The American Centennial Anniversary at Tientsin, 4th July, 1876," <i>North-China Daily News</i> , reprint, 1876, 13 July
BOX 1	Upton, Emory, "Plan of Organization of a Military Academy for China," and related papers, circa 1875-1922
BOX 1	Japanese Foreign Office Papers
BOX 1	"The Formosan Difficulty -- Mr. Okubo's Mission," extract of report by Sheppard, undated
BOX 1	Legal memoranda prepared by or for Sheppard
BOX 1	Originials
BOX 1	1877
BOX 2	1878-1880, undated (4 folders)
BOX 2	Typed transcripts, 1876-1879 (3 folders)
BOX 2	Miscellaneous letters concerning <i>Extra Territoriality</i> (Tokyo, 1879), pamphlet by Sheppard, 1879-1880
BOX 2	"Regulations for the Use of His Imperial Japanese Majesty's Consular Service," draft report, undated
BOX 2	Miscellany
BOX 2	"General Grant in the Orient," typescript essay by Sheppard, undated
BOX 2	<i>Presidential Campaign of 1872: Opening Speech in Support of General U. S. Grant</i> , translated into Chinese by John A. Bingham, published at Tientsin, China, undated
BOX 2	Treat, Payson J., letter to, with notes concerning Americans in China, 1924, undated