

Louis-Pierre Mouillard Papers
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Collection Summary

Title: Louis-Pierre Mouillard Papers

Span Dates: 1833-1987

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1870-1916)

ID No.: MSS84720

Creator: Mouillard, Louis-Pierre, 1834-1897

Extent: 1,600 items

Extent: 6 containers

Extent: 2.4 linear feet

Language: Collection material in French with English.

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

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Summary: French inventor and aeronautical pioneer. Certificates, correspondence, drawings, notes, photographs, printed matter, and writings relating primarily to Mouillard's inventions.

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

Chanute, Octave, 1832-1910--Correspondence.

Mouillard, Louis-Pierre, 1834-1897.

Organizations

Gabari (Packet boat)

Subjects

Aeronautics.

Birds.

Desert reclamation.

Flight.

Naval research.

Places

Algeria--Politics and government.

Egypt--Commerce.

Egypt--Politics and government.

Saudi Arabia--Commerce.

Tunisia--Commerce.

Occupations

Aviators.

Inventors.

Provenance

The papers of Louis-Pierre Mouillard, French inventor and aeronautical pioneer, were given to the Library of Congress by Mireille Martin in 2000. Additional material was given by the estate of Gabriel Dardaud in 2004.

Processing History

The papers of Louis-Pierre Mouillard were arranged and described in 2002. Additional material was incorporated into the collection in 2006.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Louis-Pierre Mouillard is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Louis-Pierre Mouillard 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, Louis-Pierre Mouillard Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Louis-Pierre Mouillard (1834-1987) span the years 1833-1987, with the bulk of the collection dating from 1870 to 1916. The collection consists of certificates, correspondence, drawings, notes, photographs, printed matter, and writings. A native of France, Mouillard lived most of his life in Algeria and Egypt where he pursued interests in aviation, agriculture, and naval technology. The collection contains letters between family members, Egyptian and French officials, and an exchange between Mouillard and Octave Chanute, the American civil engineer and aviation pioneer. Mouillard's letters also appear in Chanute's papers at the Library of Congress. Mouillard's correspondence, notes, and drawings also cover such subjects as the improvement of agricultural techniques in the desert, naval technology, local politics, and the observation of bird flight and bird wing structure. A record book of the packet-boat *Gabari* documents trade between Tunisia, Egypt, and Saudi Arabia with drafts of correspondence, manifests, and payroll information.

A substantial addition to the collection, made in 2006, complements files and topics in the original portion. It contains family birth and marriage records, further notes on subjects of interest to Mouillard, and documentation of the erection of a memorial statue in Cairo, Egypt. The collection is almost entirely in French.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material and therein chronologically.

Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1	Certificates, 1870, 1886-1889, 1895
BOX 1	Correspondence, 1873-1896, 1947, 1986-1987, undated (11 folders)
BOX 1	Notebooks, 1869-1874, undated
BOX 1	Notes
BOX 1	Agriculture, 1861, 1874-1884, undated
BOX 1	Balloon for aerial survey of Egypt, 1892
BOX 1	Canons and torpedoes, undated
BOX 1	Desert cultivation, 1886, undated
BOX 2	Dew condenser and portable mineral extractor, undated
BOX 2	Geology, 1874-1875
BOX 2	Miscellany, 1873-1875, 1881, 1894, 1904-1911, undated (2 folders)
BOX 2	Propellor, undated
BOX 2	Salt, undated
BOX 2	Ship speedometer, undated
BOX 2	Viniculture, undated
BOX 2	War, 1875-1876, 1882, undated
BOX 2	Patent, 1897
BOX 2	Photographs, undated
BOX 2	Printed matter, 1880, 1890, 1949-1952, 1987, undated
BOX 2	Record book of the packet-boat <i>Gabari</i> , 1859-1864
BOX 2	Writings
BOX 2	Articles, 1894, undated
BOX 2	Fiction, undated
BOX 3	Addition
BOX 3	Certificates and legal papers, 1833-1834, 1856, 1865, 1872-1874, 1897
BOX 3	Correspondence, 1880-1897, 1914, 1938, 1951, undated
BOX 3	Drawings, 1870-1879, 1894, undated (3 folders)
BOX 3	Financial records, 1871, 1895-1896, undated
BOX 3	Miscellany, 1884, 1892-1897, 1951, undated
BOX 3	Notebooks, undated
BOX 3	Photographs, 1932, undated (3 folders)
BOX 4	(1 folder)
BOX 4	Printed matter
BOX 4	Booklets and broadsides, 1865-1870, 1891, 1912, 1952, undated
BOX 4	Newspapers and magazines, 1881-1891, 1950-1952, undated
BOX 4	Subject file
BOX 4	Agriculture and livestock, 1876-1886, undated (3 folders)

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BOX 4	Aviation
BOX 4	1890-1895, 1910-1916, 1948-1954, 1963, 1978-1981 (3 folders)
BOX 5	Undated
BOX 5	Chemistry, 1885, 1893, undated
BOX 5	Deserts, undated
BOX 5	Egypt, undated
BOX 5	Fish and fishing, 1952, undated
BOX 5	Gold and silver, 1884-1886, undated
BOX 5	Ligue Nationale Aérienne, 1884-1886, 1911-1914, 1978, undated <i>See also Container 6, Mouillard monument</i>
BOX 5	Miscellaneous notes, 1876-1886, undated (3 folders)
BOX 6	Mouillard monument, Cairo, Egypt, 1881, 1911-1914, 1937, undated <i>See also Container 5, Ligue Nationale Aérienne</i> (4 folders)
BOX 6	Navy and military armaments, 1870, 1880-1884, 1891-1894, 1939, 1948, undated
BOX 6	Painting, undated
BOX 6	Volcanoes, 1906, undated
BOX 6	Writings, 1881-1882, undated