

Charles Russell Train Papers

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Collection Summary

Title: Charles Russell Train Papers

Span Dates: 1898-1967

ID No.: MSS83913

Creator: Train, Charles Russell, 1879-1967

Extent: 23 items

Extent: 4 containers

Extent: 1.6 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

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

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Summary: Naval officer. Photocopies of Train's daily journals, biographical sketch and obituary, scrapbook, article on resignation of Admiral Willard H. Brownson, and other papers relating chiefly to Train's naval career and personal life including his participation in the Great White Fleet; command of the *Utah* (battleship); service as naval aide to President Herbert Hoover, naval attaché to United States embassies in Italy and Austria, and president of the Naval Reserve Inspection Board; and post-retirement involvement with Children's Hospital and St. John's Church in Washington, D.C.

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

Brownson, Willard H. (Willard Herbert), 1845-1935.

Hoover, Herbert, 1874-1964.

Train, Charles Russell, 1879-1967.

Organizations

Children's Hospital (Washington, D.C.)

St. John's Church (Lafayette Square, Washington, D.C.)

United States. Naval Reserve. Inspection Board.

United States. Navy Department. Bureau of Navigation.

United States. Navy--Cruise, 1907-1909.

United States. Navy--Foreign service.

United States. Navy--Officers.

United States. Navy. Asiatic Fleet.

United States. Navy. Atlantic Fleet.

Utah (Ship)

Subjects

Diplomatic and consular service, American--Austria--Vienna.

Diplomatic and consular service, American--Italy--Rome.

Military attachés.

Voyages and travels--South America.

Voyages around the world.

Places

South America--Foreign relations--United States.

United States--Foreign relations--South America.

United States--History, Naval--20th century.

Occupations

Naval officers.

Provenance

The papers of Charles Russell Train, naval officer, were deposited in the Library of Congress by the Naval Historical Foundation in 1996. The deposit was converted to a gift in 1998.

Processing History

The papers of Charles Russell Train were arranged and described in 1997. The finding aid was revised in 2009.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Charles Russell Train is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Charles Russell Train 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, Charles Russell Train Papers, Naval Historical Foundation Collection, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Charles Russell Train (1879-1967) span the years 1898-1967. Train was the son of Charles Jackson Train (1845-1906), commander in chief of the Asiatic fleet, 1904-1906. Like his father, he was a graduate of the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland, and during his forty-three year naval career he commanded ships in the Asiatic and Atlantic fleets, served as naval attaché to the American embassies in Rome, Italy, and Vienna, Austria, was president of the Naval Reserve Inspection Board and the Naval Examining Board, and served as naval aide to President Herbert Hoover. Train retired from the Navy in 1939 with the rank of rear admiral. He died in Washington, D.C., in 1967.

The papers consist of photocopies of Train's journals, scrapbook, biographical sketch, and obituary, as well as a photocopy of a Naval Historical Foundation publication on the resignation of Willard H. Brownson as chief of the Bureau of Navigation in 1907. The journals and scrapbook document Train's naval career and personal life with daily journal entries, letters, menus, newspaper clippings, photographs, programs, social invitations, telegrams, and other related material. The papers include references to practically every major event of Train's military service and private life, including his participation in the around-the-world cruise of the Great White Fleet in 1907, command of the *Utah* (battleship) during Herbert Hoover's South American tour in 1928-1929, numerous social and diplomatic events attended by Train and his wife, and service as a director of Children's Hospital and vestryman of St. John's Episcopal Church, Washington, D.C.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material.

Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1	Biographical sketch and obituary, 1961, 1967
BOX 1	Journals
BOX 1	1898, July 8-1924, June 11 (9 folders)
BOX 2	1924, June 16-1937, April 30 (9 folders)
BOX 3	1937, May 1-1946, June 15 (10 folders)
BOX 4	1946, June 16-1952, May 27 (5 folders)
BOX 4	<i>The Resignation of Admiral Brownson</i> , undated
BOX 4	Scrapbook, 1900-1904 (2 folders)