

George Sabin Gibbs Papers
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Collection Summary

Title: George Sabin Gibbs Papers

Span Dates: 1896-1947

ID No.: MSS22723

Creator: Gibbs, George Sabin, 1875-1947

Extent: 1,500 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: Businessman and army officer. Correspondence, a field notebook, telegrams, reports, memoranda, military records, clippings, and printed matter. Most of the material concerns Gibbs's career leading up to his appointment as chief signal officer in 1928. Includes personal correspondence as well as correspondence relating to his vice presidency of the International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation and his presidency of the Postal Telegraph Cable Company in 1931.

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

Behn, Sosthenes, 1882-1957--Correspondence.

Davis, Dwight Filley, 1879-1945--Correspondence.

Gibbs, George Sabin, 1875-1947.

Greely, A. W. (Adolphus Washington), 1844-1935--Correspondence.

Mitchell, William, 1879-1936--Correspondence.

Russel, Edgar, 1862-1925--Correspondence.

Wainwright, Jonathan Mayhew, 1883-1953--Correspondence.

Organizations

International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation

Postal Telegraph-Cable Company.

United States. Army. Signal Corps.

Places

Cuba--History--American occupation, 1906-1909.

Philippines--History--Philippine American War, 1899-1902.

Occupations

Army officers.

Businessmen.

Provenance

The papers of George Sabin Gibbs, businessman and army officer, were given to the Library by his son, David P. Gibbs, via the Signal Corp Historical Division in 1957.

Transfers

Some maps have been transferred to the Library's Geography and Map Division where they are identified as part of these papers.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of George Sabin Gibbs is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of George Sabin Gibbs 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, George Sabin Gibbs Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of George Sabin Gibbs (1875-1947) span the years 1896-1947. They consist of correspondence, a field notebook, telegrams, reports, memoranda, military records, clippings, and printed matter.

The bulk of the material concerns Gibbs's career leading up to his appointment as chief signal officer of the United States Army in 1928. Included are papers relating to his service in the Philippines during the Philippine American War and his service as chief signal officer for the Cuban Army of Pacification, 1907-1909. The collection reflects the evolution of Signal Corps policy, although there is little material in the collection reflecting Gibbs's service as chief signal officer. Gaps in the collection also occur during the World War I period, and there is no material related to Gibbs's career subsequent to his retirement in 1939. The papers include correspondence relating to his vice presidency of the International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation and his presidency of the Postal Telegraph Cable Company in 1931.

Correspondents include Sosthenes Behn, Dwight F. Davis, Adolphus W. Greely, William Mitchell, Edgar Russel, and Jonathan M. Wainwright.

Arrangement of the Papers

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

Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1	Biographical material, 1927-1931, undated
BOX 1	Blueprints of military equipment, 1905-1908
BOX 1	Correspondence
BOX 1	Condolences, 1947
BOX 1	Congratulatory messages, 1927-1931 (6 folders)
BOX 1	General
BOX 1	1898-1908 (3 folders)
BOX 2	1909-1939, undated (11 folders)
BOX 2	Correspondence log, 1898-1899
BOX 3	Date book, 1928-1929
BOX 3	Field message book, 1899
BOX 3	Masonic documents, 1900-1925
BOX 3	Military records
BOX 3	General
BOX 3	1896-1918 (6 folders)
BOX 4	1919-1928, undated (3 folders)
BOX 4	Personal reports, 1905-1911
BOX 4	Miscellany, 1919-1928, undated
BOX 4	Newspaper clippings, 1902-1935, undated
BOX 4	Passports, 1922, 1929
BOX 4	Printed matter, 1897-1937, undated
BOX 4	Speeches and writings, 1901, 1911, 1927-1936, undated (2 folders)