

Henry Ware Lawton Papers
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Collection Summary

Title: Henry Ware Lawton Papers

Span Dates: 1849-1930

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1886-1902)

ID No.: MSS29645

Creator: Lawton, Henry Ware, 1843-1899

Extent: 1,900 items

Extent: 6 containers plus 1 oversize

Extent: 2.2 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

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

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Summary: Army officer. Correspondence, military papers, a map, photographs, printed matter, and miscellaneous material relating chiefly to Lawton's military career. Includes a copy of a journal of Esther Voorhees Hasson, 1899, and a copy of a diary of Leonard Wood, 1886.

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

Geronimo, 1829-1909.

Hasson, Esther Voorhees, 1867-1942. Esther Voorhees Hasson journal. 1899.

Lawton, Henry Ware, 1843-1899.

Lawton, Mary Craig, 1855-1934--Correspondence.

Naiche, approximately 1857-1921.

Wood, Leonard, 1860-1927. Leonard Wood diary. 1886.

Worcester, Dean C. (Dean Conant), 1866-1924--Correspondence.

Organizations

Relief (Hospital ship : AH)

United States. Army.

United States. Philippine Commission (1900-1916)

Subjects

Chiricahua Indians--Wars.

Spanish-American War, 1898--Campaigns--Philippines.

Spanish-American War, 1898--Cuba.

Spanish-American War, 1898--Medical care.

Spanish-American War, 1898--Philippines.

Places

Luzon (Philippines)--History.

Philippines--Politics and government--1898-1935.

Occupations

Army officers.

Provenance

The papers of Henry Ware Lawton, army officer, were given to the Library of Congress by Louise Lawton Bagby in 1948 and by Oliver Bagby in 1964.

Processing History

The papers of Henry Ware Lawton were processed in 1965. The collection was reprocessed in 2006 and the finding aid was revised in 2009.

Transfers

Some photographs have been transferred to the Library's Prints and Photographs Division where they are identified as part of these papers.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Henry Ware Lawton is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Henry Ware Lawton 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, Henry Ware Lawton Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

Date	Event
1843, Mar. 17	Born, Manhattan, Ohio
1858-1861	Attended Fort Wayne Methodist Episcopal College (now Taylor University), Fort Wayne, Ind.
1861	Enlisted in the 9th Indiana Infantry (volunteers) Appointed first lieutenant, 30th Indiana Infantry (volunteers), and attained rank of brevet colonel by 1865
1864-1865	Commanded 30th Indiana Infantry in the Civil War; received Medal of Honor for gallantry at Atlanta, Ga.
1865-1867	Read law, law office of Judge Ninde, Fort Wayne, Ind., and attended Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Mass.
1867	Appointed second lieutenant, United States Army
1873-1888	Fought in Indian War campaigns (Sioux in 1876, Ute in 1879, Apache in 1886) with rank of captain
1881	Married Mary Craig
1886	Led army column that pursued Geronimo and his Chiricahua Apache warriors through the mountains of Arizona and Mexico and received his surrender
1898	Commanded 2nd Division, Army Corps in Cuba, during the Spanish-American War; participated in actions at Daiquiri, Siboney, El Caney, and Santiago de Cuba, and became military governor of Santiago de Cuba after the close of hostilities; held rank of colonel
1898	Accompanied President William McKinley on tour of the United States
1898-1899	Commanded 1st Division, VIII Army Corps in the Philippines, during the Philippine Insurrection, first as brigadier and later as major general of volunteers

1899, Dec. 19

Killed in action, San Mateo, Luzon, Philippines

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Henry Ware Lawton (1843-1899) span the years 1849-1930, with the bulk of the material dating from 1886 to 1902. The collection includes correspondence, military papers, a map, photographs, a copy of a journal of Esther Voorhees Hasson, 1899, a copy of a diary of Leonard Wood, 1886, printed matter, and miscellaneous material.

The correspondence relates primarily to Lawton's army career and contains many letters from Lawton to his wife, Mary Lawton, describing his campaign against the Chiricahua band of Apache that resulted in the capture of Geronimo and Naiche (also known as Natchez) in 1886. Other topics include Lawton's life in the field in Cuba during the Spanish-American War, and the campaign on Luzon in the Philippines that led to his death. There is little correspondence reflecting his Civil War service or his many Indian campaigns before 1886. Included is a group of letters written to his wife after 1900 by Dean C. Worcester describing the Philippine Commission's struggle and adjustment in governing the Philippine Islands. Also of interest is a copy of Esther Voorhees Hasson's journal from 1899 describing her experiences aboard the United States Army Hospital Ship *Relief*. The diary of Leonard Wood, who was selected by General Nelson A. Miles to be the medical officer on Captain Lawton's command, describes the expedition against the Apaches in the Southwest.

The remainder of the collection is biographical in nature and enlarges on those aspects of Lawton's life covered by the correspondence.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material.

Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1	Correspondence
BOX 1	General
BOX 1	1849-1887 (14 folders)
BOX 2	1888-1919, 1927-1930, undated (10 folders)
BOX 2	Telegrams, undated
BOX 2	Hasson, Esther Voorhees, copy of journal, 1899
BOX 3	Map, 1879
BOX 3	Military papers, 1861-1867, 1883-1900, undated (3 folders)
BOX 3	Miscellany, 1867-1928, undated
BOX 3	Photographs, 1877-1910, undated
BOX 3	Printed matter
BOX 3	Death of Lawton, 1899-1906 <i>See also Oversize</i> (9 folders)
BOX 4	General, 1886, 1898-1914, undated (3 folders)
BOX 4	Indian campaigns, 1900, 1916
BOX 4	Philippines, 1898-1899 <i>See also Oversize</i> (5 folders)
BOX 5	Scrapbooks
BOX 5	1886
BOX 5	1898
BOX 5	1899-1906
BOX 6	Wood, Leonard, copy of diary, 1886, May 4-Sept. 27 (2 folders)
BOX OV 1	Oversize
BOX OV 1	Printed matter
BOX OV 1	Death of Lawton, 1899-1900 (Container 3)
BOX OV 1	Phillipines, 1899 (Container 4)