

Frances Carpenter Collection Relating to Frank G. Carpenter

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Collection Summary

Title: Frances Carpenter Collection Relating to Frank G. Carpenter

Inclusive Dates: 1875-1960

Bulk Dates: 1883-1924

ID No.: MSS22194

Creator: Carpenter, Frank G. (Frank George), 1855-1924

Creator: Carpenter, Frances, 1890-1972

Extent: 100 items

Extent: 9 containers plus 1 oversize

Extent: 3.8 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

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

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Summary: Author, geographer, and journalist. Primarily scrapbooks relating to Frank G. Carpenter's book, *Carp's Washington*, arranged and edited by his daughter, Frances Carpenter, including reviews of the book, proposed illustrations, newspaper articles and columns by Frank G. Carpenter, clippings, and correspondence.

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

Bell, Alexander Graham, 1847-1922--Correspondence.

Carpenter, Frances, 1890-1972. Frances Carpenter collection relating to Frank G. Carpenter, 1875-1960.

Carpenter, Frank G. (Frank George), 1855-1924.

Coolidge, Calvin, 1872-1933--Correspondence.

Douglass, Frederick, 1818-1895--Correspondence.

Harding, Warren G. (Warren Gamaliel), 1865-1923--Correspondence.

Hoover, Herbert, 1874-1964--Correspondence.

Washington, Booker T., 1856-1915--Correspondence.

Places

Washington (D.C.)--Description and travel.

Washington (D.C.)--History.

Washington (D.C.)--Social life and customs.

Titles

Frank G. Carpenter papers

Frank George Carpenter papers

Occupations

Authors.

Geographers.

Journalists.

Acquisition Information

The Frances Carpenter Collection Relating to Frank G. Carpenter, author, geographer, and journalist, was given to the Library of Congress by Frances Carpenter (Mrs. Frances Carpenter Huntington) in 1969.

Processing History

The Frances Carpenter Collection Relating to Frank G. Carpenter was arranged and described in 1975 by H. Swanson. The collection was partially reprocessed and the finding aid revised in 2010 by Melinda K. Friend. The finding aid was updated in 2023 by Maria Farmer as part of a division-wide remediation project by the Inclusive Description Working Group.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Frances Carpenter is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The Frances Carpenter Collection Relating to Frank G. Carpenter is 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, Frances Carpenter Collection Relating to Frank G. Carpenter, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

Frank G. Carpenter

Date	Event
1855, May 8	Born, Mansfield, Ohio
1877	A.B., Wooster College, Wooster, Ohio
1879	Legislative correspondent, <i>Cleveland Leader</i>
1880	A.M., Wooster College, Wooster, Ohio
1881	Traveled in Europe and Egypt
1882	Washington correspondent, <i>Cleveland Leader</i>
1883	Married Joanna D. Condict
1884	American Press Association correspondent
1887	Correspondent, <i>New York World</i>
1888-1889	Traveled around the world
1891	Toured Mexico
1892	Toured Russia, Germany, and England
1894	Toured China, Japan, and Korea
1898	Toured South America
1900	Toured the Philippines, China, Java, Australia, and New Zealand
1902	Toured Western Europe to investigate American "economic invasion"
1905	Toured Panama, Cuba, and Canada
1906-1907	Toured Africa
1908	Toured China, Korea, and Japan
1909	Toured India, Turkey, Palestine, and Egypt
1911	Litt. D., Wooster College, Wooster, Ohio
1912	Toured Central America
1913	Toured Mexico

1914	Made letter-writing tour of South America
1915-1916	Toured Alaska
1922-193	Toured Europe
1924	Began trip to Asia
1924, June 18	Died, Nanking, China

Frances Carpenter

Date	Event
1890, Apr. 30	Born, Washington, D.C.
1912	Graduated, Smith College, Northampton, Mass.
circa 1918	Married William Chapin Huntington (d. 1958)
1960	Arranged and edited <i>Carp's Washington</i> . New York: McGraw-Hill
1972, Nov. 2	Died, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The Frances Carpenter Collection Relating to Frank G. Carpenter (1855-1924) spans the years 1875-1960, with the bulk of the collection dating from 1883-1924.

The collection consists primarily of scrapbooks containing clippings of Frank G. Carpenter's articles and columns, plus additional scrapbooks of clippings about his lecture tours, work in Washington, D.C., and his death in China. The material is related to the book *Carp's Washington*, arranged and edited by Carpenter's daughter, Frances Carpenter (1890-1972). The bulk of the collection forms her research for that book. There is also some correspondence between Frances Carpenter and the *Evening Star* (Washington, D.C.) newspaper. Another scrapbook contains clippings of reviews of *Carp's Washington*, and there is also a file of illustrations proposed but not used for that publication. Of interest is an autograph collection of people with whom Frank G. Carpenter corresponded including Calvin Coolidge, Warren G. Harding, Herbert Hoover, Alexander Graham Bell, Frederick Douglass, and Booker T. Washington.

Arrangement of the Papers

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

Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1	Subject file
BOX 1	Autograph collecting, circa 1883-1951
BOX 1	Biographical material, 1885, 1924, undated
BOX 1	<i>Carp's Washington</i>
BOX 1	Chapters not published, circa 1960
BOX 1	Promotional material and reviews, 1949, 1960, undated
BOX 1	Proposed illustrations, circa 1960 (4 folders)
BOX 2	Published volume, 1960
BOX 2	<i>Carpenter's Geographical Readers</i> , 1920, undated
BOX 2	<i>Carpenter's World Travels</i> , 1922-1927, undated
BOX 2	"Commencement Annual," Wooster College, Wooster, Ohio, 1877
BOX 2	Correspondence with famous persons, 1884-1925, undated
BOX 2	<i>Evening Star</i> , Washington, D.C., newspaper, 1941
BOX 2	Newspaper syndication, 1922-1925, undated
BOX 2	Publicity, undated
BOX 3	Scrapbooks
BOX 3	Articles
BOX 3	1875-1884 (3 vols.)
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BOX 6	1893-1896 (2 vols.)
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BOX 8	Press notices of Frank G. Carpenter's death, 1924
BOX 8	Articles about Frank G. Carpenter, 1880s-1890s
BOX 9	"Turn Back the Clock," <i>Washington Sunday Star</i> , reprints of Frank G. Carpenter's articles, 1934-1935
BOX 9	Reviews of <i>Carp's Washington</i> , 1960
BOX OV 1	Scrapbooks
BOX OV 1	Lecture tour, 1892-1894 (Container 7)