

**Roswell Randall Hoes Papers**  
**A Finding Aid to the Collection in the Library of Congress**



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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Roswell Randall Hoes Papers

**Span Dates:** 1799-1912

**ID No.:** MSS26203

**Creator:** Hoes, Roswell Randall, 1850-1921

**Extent:** 700 items

**Extent:** 4 containers plus 2 oversize

**Extent:** 1.6 linear feet

**Language:** Collection material in English and Spanish

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

**LC Catalog record:** <https://lcn.loc.gov/mm79026203>

**Summary:** Naval officer and chaplain. Correspondence, notebooks, ship records, clippings, and printed matter relating chiefly to the Spanish-American War and its aftermath.

## 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

Hanna, Marcus Alonzo, 1837-1904--Correspondence.

Hoes, Roswell Randall, 1850-1921.

Rathbone, Estes G. (Estes George), 1847-1926--Correspondence.

Roosevelt, Theodore, 1858-1919--Correspondence.

Root, Elihu, 1845-1937--Correspondence.

Teller, Henry Moore, 1830-1914--Correspondence.

Wood family--Correspondence.

Wood, Leonard, 1860-1927.

### Organizations

Kearsarge (Battleship)

Olympia (Cruiser)

United States Naval Academy.

United States. Navy. Chaplain Corps.

### Subjects

Spanish-American War, 1898--Cuba.

Spanish-American War, 1898.

### Places

Cuba--Foreign relations--United States.

Cuba--History--1899-1906.

United States--Foreign relations--Cuba.

United States--History, Naval.

### Occupations

Chaplains, Military.

Naval officers.

## Provenance

The papers of Roswell Randall Hoes, naval officer and chaplain, were purchased by the Library of Congress in 1912 as part of the Roswell Randall Hoes Collection, chiefly printed material, relating to the Spanish-American War. Additional installments to the Roswell Randall Hoes Papers were acquired by transfer and purchase from 1966 through 1974.

## Processing History

The papers of Roswell Randall Hoes were arranged and described in 1964. The finding aid was revised in 2010 and again in 2016 when two items were moved into oversize.

## Related Material

The Hispanic Division of the Library of Congress has custody of the Roswell Randall Hoes Collection relating to the Spanish-American War. Other material relating to the collection may be found in the Library's general collection and in the following custodial divisions: Geography and Map Division, the Serial and Government Publications Division, the Music Division, and the Prints and Photographs Division.

## Copyright Status

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

## Access and Restrictions

The papers of Roswell Randall Hoes 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, Roswell Randall Hoes Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## Biographical Note

Date	Event
1850, Feb. 28	Born, Kingston, N.Y.
1871	B.A., Princeton University, Princeton, N.J.
1874-1875	M.A., Princeton and Theological School, Princeton, N.J.
1882	Married Elizabeth Welch Appointed chaplain, United States Navy
1885-1887	Duty in <i>Tennessee</i> (frigate)
1887-1892	Duty in <i>Vermont</i> (receiving ship) and <i>Dale</i> (receiving ship)
1892	Duty in <i>Pensacola</i> (receiving ship), moored at San Francisco, Calif.
1894-1897	Duty in <i>Pensacola</i> (receiving ship), moored at Richmond, Va.
1897	Duty in <i>Iowa</i> (battleship)
1898	Duty in <i>Wabash</i> (screw frigate)
1902	Duty in <i>Kearsarge</i> (battleship)
1903	Appointed captain, Chaplain Corps
1907-1912	Duty in Navy yards, Washington, D.C., and Norfolk, Va.
1912	Retired
1921, Oct. 26	Died, Washington, D.C.

## Scope and Content Note

The papers of Roswell Randall Hoes (1850-1921) span the years 1799-1912. The Hoes Papers relate to the Spanish-American War and its aftermath as it affected United States policies. Hoes began early in his navy career to gather material such as official and unofficial Spanish-American War books, pamphlets, legislative bills and speeches. His papers cover overseas military operations as well as their administrative and diplomatic aspects. Also included is material on native customs, institutions and political movements.

The papers consist of miscellaneous papers, pamphlets, and clippings, including handwritten bound volumes of which only one is in Spanish. One contains engineering data on board the *Olympia* (cruiser); another comprises copies of requisitions endorsed by Admiral George Dewey and Captain Charles Gridley while the ship was at Manila or in Far Eastern waters. There is a book of handwritten notes and transcripts of legislation relating to events leading to the establishment of the United States Naval Academy in 1845; another volume consists of Hoes's notes on a century of history of the United States Navy Chaplain Corps and its personnel from 1799 to 1899. A few letters signed by Hoes while serving on board the *Kearsarge* (battleship) in 1900 and several additional folders of unrelated miscellany relate to his collecting interests.

Material on Cuba contains correspondence and documents concerning General Leonard Wood's tenure as governor general of Cuba and a United States Senate committee's inquiry into his conduct during the American occupation. Correspondents in the Cuba file include Marcus Alonzo Hanna, Henry Moore Teller, Estes G. Rathbone, Elihu Root, Theodore Roosevelt, and Wood's family members and military colleagues.

## Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged by type of material.

## Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1	Letters and other handwritten documents relating to Leonard Wood's tenure in Cuba and a United States Senate committee's inquiry into his governorship, 1901-1904
BOX 2	Letters by Hoes soliciting material for his Spanish-American War collection and replies from members of Congress who furnished copies of speeches or legislation on the subject, 1900-1912
BOX 3	Notebook of data on the history of the United States Navy Chaplain Corps and its personnel, 1799-1912
BOX 3	Bills and receipts for band equipment and sheet music on board <i>Olympia</i> (cruiser) and <i>Baltimore</i> (cruiser)
BOX 3	Lists of foreign ships present in Manila Bay, Philippines, and related material, 1895-1898
BOX 3	United States Army inspector general reports with handwritten interpolations, 1898
BOX 3	War relics from John Ducklin of the <i>Olympia</i> (cruiser), 1898 <i>See also Oversize OV 2</i>
BOX 4	Handwritten notes on establishment of the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md., 1912
BOX 4	Engineering data, <i>Olympia</i> (cruiser), 1896-1899
BOX 4	Hamersley, William, speech and holograph manuscript about the United States Navy, 1885-1886, 1911
BOX OV 1	Abstracts of daily dispatch reports by the commander of Fort Morro Castle, Santiago, Cuba, 1896, May-1898, July
BOX OV 1	Requisition book, <i>Olympia</i> (cruiser), with endorsements by George Dewey and Charles Gridley 1896-1898
BOX OV 2	War relics from John Ducklin of the <i>Olympia</i> (cruiser), 1898 (Container 3)