

Theo. A. Bingham Papers
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Collection Summary

Title: Theo. A. Bingham Papers

Span Dates: 1897-1903

ID No.: MSS20107

Creator: Bingham, Theo. A. (Theodore Alfred), 1854-1934

Extent: 3,000 items

Extent: 25 containers

Extent: 10 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

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

LC Catalog record: <https://lcn.loc.gov/mm82020107>

Summary: Army officer. Papers, newspaper clippings, photographs, and miscellaneous material relating to official functions at the White House, the assassination of William McKinley, and the unveiling of a statue of Jean-Baptiste-Donatien de Vimeur, comte de Rochambeau 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

Bingham, Theo. A. (Theodore Alfred), 1858-1934.

Heinrich, Prince of Prussia, 1862-1929.

McKinley, William, 1843-1901--Assassination.

Rochambeau, Jean-Baptiste-Donatien de Vimeur, comte de, 1725-1807--Statues.

Organizations

White House (Washington, D.C.)

Subjects

Statues--Washington (D.C.)

Places

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

Occupations

Army officers.

Provenance

The papers of Theo. A. Bingham, army officer, were given to the Library of Congress by Bingham in 1932.

Processing History

The Theo. A. Bingham Papers were housed and described circa 1960. The finding aid was revised in 2010.

Transfers

A drawing and glass plate negatives have been transferred to the Library's Prints and Photographs Division where they are identified as part of these papers.

Other Repositories

The Theodore A. Bingham Genealogical Papers can be found at the Connecticut State Library, Hartford, Conn..

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Theo.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

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Theo. A. Bingham 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, Theo. A. Bingham Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

Date	Event
1858, May 14	Born, Andover, Conn.
1879	Graduated from United States Military Academy, West Point, N.Y.
1879-1890	Engineer officer, United States Army Corps of Engineers
1881	Married Lucile Rutherford (died 1920)
1890-1892	Military attaché, United States Legation, Berlin, Germany
1892-1894	Military attaché, United States Legation, Rome, Italy
1894-1895	In charge of Tennessee River improvements
1895-1896	Company commander and instructor of military engineering, United States Engineer School, Willets Point, N.Y.
1897-1903	Superintendent of public buildings and grounds, Washington, D.C.
1903-1904	In charge of Engineering District Lake Ontario and Lake Erie, Light House Engineer Tenth Lighthouse District
1904	Retired from active duty in the United States Army following loss of a leg in an accident
1905-1909	Police commissioner, New York, N.Y.
1911	Chief engineer, Department of Highways, New York
1911-1915	Consulting engineer, Department of Bridges, New York
1917	Recalled to active duty in the United States Army to command Engineering District, New York, N.Y.
1919	Discharged from active duty in the United States Army and returned to retirement
1926	Married Addison Mitchell (died 1927)
1934, Sept. 7	Died, Chester, Nova Scotia, Canada

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Theodore Alfred Bingham (1858-1934) span the years 1897-1903 and consist of newspaper clippings, photographs, and miscellaneous material relating to official functions at the White House, the death of President William McKinley in 1901, the visit of Heinrich, Prince of Prussia in 1902, and the unveiling of the statue of Jean-Baptiste-

Donatien de Vimeur, comte de Rochambeau in Lafayette Park near the White House in 1902. These events took place while Bingham was in charge of public buildings and grounds in Washington, D.C., under the United States Army Corps of Engineers Office of Public Buildings and Grounds.

Arrangement of the Papers

The collection is arranged by type of material or topic.

Container List

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