

Jeannette Thurber Connor Collection of Floridiana
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Collection Summary

Title: Jeannette Thurber Connor Collection of Floridiana

Span Dates: 1570-1927

ID No.: MSS16642

Creator: Connor, Jeannette Thurber, d. 1927

Extent: 4,500 items

Extent: 23 containers plus 1 oversize

Extent: 11 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English, French, and Spanish

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

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Summary: Historian. Correspondence, research material, reports, writings, speeches, photographs, and transcripts of documents in French, Spanish, and English repositories relating to the early history of Florida.

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

Connor, Jeannette Thurber, 1872-1927.

Organizations

Archivo General de Indias.

Places

Florida--History--To 1821.

Florida--History.

Spain--Colonies--America.

Occupations

Historians.

Provenance

The Floridiana collection of Jeannette Thurber Connor, historian, was given to the Library of Congress by Connor in 1923. Additions were given by her husband Washington Everett Connor, 1929-1930.

Processing History

The Connor collection was processed circa 1980. The finding aid was revised in 2011.

Additional Guides

Card indexes for certain files are available in the Manuscript Reading Room.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Jeannette Thurber Connor is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The collection of Jeannette Thurber Connor 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, Jeannette Thurber Connor Collection of Floridiana, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

Jeannette Thurber Connor, born 1872, became interested in researching the early history of Florida after her marriage to Washington Everett Connor in 1913. Following her investigation into the background of a Spanish mission on her husband's Florida estate, Connor began her research into the early Spanish settlements and missions of Florida. She accumulated transcripts and photocopies of original letters, reports, and other documents of Spanish officials of Florida from 1570 to the beginning of the eighteenth century that had been preserved in Spanish repositories, especially the Archivo General de Indias, Seville, Spain. Together with John B. Stetson (1884-1952), Connor founded the Florida State Historical Society in 1921 and began a publication project of Florida historical studies supported by the society. Among the volumes Connor translated and edited for the series were *Pedro Menéndez de Avilés: Memorial by Gonzalo Solis de Merás* (De Land, Fla.: Florida State Historical Society, 1923); *Colonial Records of Spanish Florida*, 2 vols. (De Land, Fla.: Florida State Historical Society, 1925 and 1930); and *The Whole and True Discouerye of Terra Florida* (De Land, Fla.: Florida State Historical Society, 1927). Connor died on June 9, 1927 in New York, N.Y. Upon Connor's death and following financial losses suffered by Stetson in 1929, the Florida State Historical Society was discontinued and its publishing program terminated.

Scope and Content Note

The collection of Floridiana of Jeannette Thurber Connor (1872-1927) spans the years 1570-1927. The collection is in English, Spanish, and French and is organized into the following series: [Correspondence](#), [Writings](#), [Speeches](#), [Transcripts](#), and [Oversize](#).

The Connor collection contains correspondence, research material, reports, writings, speeches, notes, photographs, printed matter, and transcripts and photocopies of documents in repositories relating to the early history of Florida and represents a selective assemblage of material concerning Spanish Florida gathered by Connor on subjects of interest to her. The [Correspondence](#) series primarily concerns Connor's research and transcription efforts at the Archivo General de Indias, Seville, Spain, while [Writings](#) contains her research notes, drafts, and source material for miscellaneous writings and research projects, including files relating to Jean Ribaut, author of Connor's commemorative edition of *The Whole and True Discouerye of Terra Florida*. The [Speeches](#) series consists of a report addressed to the annual meeting of the Florida State Historical Society by Connor and a brief talk given by her to a history class at John B. Stetson University, De Land, Fla. The [Transcripts](#) series contains the transcript and photocopied reproductions of primary documents collected by Connor for her research at the Archivo General de Indias, Seville, Spain, as well as other repositories.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged in five series:

- [Correspondence, 1914-1927](#)
- [Writings, 1570-1927](#)
- [Speeches, 1926](#)
- [Transcripts, undated](#)
- [Oversize, circa 1590-1796](#)

Description of Series

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BOX 2-10	<p><u>Writings, 1570-1927</u></p> <p>Drafts, research material, photocopies, photographs, reports, notes, printed matter, proofs, and miscellaneous items relating to Connor's articles, books, and other writings concerning her research into Florida's early history.</p> <p>Arranged by title and type of material.</p>
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Writings, 1570-1927

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Speeches, 1926

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