

# Arthur Stanley Riggs Papers

## A Finding Aid to the Papers in the Naval Historical Foundation Collection in the Library of Congress



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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Arthur Stanley Riggs Papers

**Span Dates:** 1929-1952

**Bulk Dates:** (bulk 1949-1951)

**ID No.:** MSS52928

**Creator:** Riggs, Arthur Stanley, 1879-1952

**Extent:** 900 items

**Extent:** 3 containers plus 1 oversize

**Extent:** 2 linear feet

**Language:** Collection material in English, with Spanish

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

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**Summary:** Naval reserve officer, author, editor, and historian. Correspondence, notes, writings, newspaper clippings, receipts, printed material, maps, and photographs pertaining primarily to Riggs's unpublished book, "Drake of the Seven Seas."

## 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

Alfaro, Ricardo J. (Ricardo Joaquín), 1882-1971--Correspondence.  
Bolton, Herbert Eugene, 1870-1953--Correspondence.  
Bye, George T.--Correspondence.  
Cam, Helen M. (Helen Maud), 1885-1968--Correspondence.  
Canter, Jacob, 1911-2000--Correspondence.  
Chambers, David Laurance, 1879-1963--Correspondence.  
Cucurullo, Oscar--Correspondence.  
Drake, Francis, approximately 1540-1596.  
Guillén y Tato, Julio F., 1897-1972--Correspondence.  
Hamilton, John A. (Cultural attaché), active 1941-1952--Correspondence.  
Harvey, E. Newton (Edmund Newton), 1887-1959--Correspondence.  
Horn, Roy de S.--Correspondence.  
Loeb, Leonard B. (Leonard Benedict), 1891-1978--Correspondence.  
Lugo Lovatón, Ramón--Correspondence.  
McNeill, William Hardy, 1917-2016--Correspondence.  
Portack, Hans--Correspondence.  
Restrepo Jaramillo, Gonzalo, 1895- --Correspondence.  
Riggs, Arthur Stanley, 1879-1952.  
Rowan, Stephen C. (Stephen Clegg), 1882-1958--Correspondence.  
Stevens, John F. (John Frank), 1853-1943--Correspondence.  
Titus, Earle O. (Cultural attaché)--Correspondence.  
Young, Arthur E.--Correspondence.

### Places

Great Britain--History, Naval.

### Occupations

Authors.  
Editors.  
Historians.  
Naval officers.

## Provenance

The papers of Arthur Stanley Riggs, naval reserve officer, author, editor, and historian, were deposited in the Library of Congress in 1955 by the Naval Historical Foundation and converted to a gift in 1998.

## Processing History

The papers of Arthur Stanley Riggs were processed in 1970. The finding aid was revised in 2011.

## Copyright Status

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

## Access and Restrictions

The papers of Arthur Stanley Riggs 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, Arthur Stanley Riggs Papers, Naval Historical Foundation Collection, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## Biographical Note

| Date         | Event   |
|--------------|---|
| 1879, Apr. 8 | Born, Cranford, N. J.   |
| 1898         | Duty in United States Naval Auxiliary Force   |
| 1900         | Reporter, <i>New York Times</i>   |
| 1901         | Married Elizabeth Adams Corey   |
| 1902-1903    | Editor, <i>Manila Daily Bulletin</i>  |
| 1903-1904    | Editor, <i>Manila Freedom</i>   |
| 1911         | Published <i>Vistas in Sicily</i> . New York: McBride, Nast & Co.   |
| 1913         | Published <i>France from Sea to Sea</i> . New York: McBride & Nast & Co.  |
| 1918         | Published <i>With Three Armies on and behind the Western Front</i> . Indianapolis: Bobbs-Merrill Co.                |
| 1925-1935    | Director and secretary, Archaeological Society, Washington, D.C.<br>Director and editor, <i>Art and Archaeology</i> |
| 1928         | Published <i>The Spanish Pageant</i> . Indianapolis: Bobbs-Merrill Co.  |
| 1938         | Published <i>The Romance of Human Progress</i> . Indianapolis: Bobbs-Merrill Co.                                    |
| 1941         | Librarian, United States Navy, Office of Censorship, Washington, D.C.   |
| 1946         | Published <i>Titan the Magnificent</i> . Indianapolis: Bobbs-Merrill Co.  |
| 1947         | Published <i>Velázquez: Painter of Truth and Prisoner of the King</i> . Indianapolis: Bobbs-Merrill Co.             |
| 1951         | Edited publication on United States Navy's logistical operations in the Pacific during World War II                 |
| 1952, Nov. 8 | Died, Washington, D.C.  |

## **Scope and Content Note**

The papers of Arthur Stanley Riggs (1879-1952) span the years 1929-1952, with the bulk of the material between 1949 and 1951. The major portion of the collection concerns his unpublished book, "Drake of the Seven Seas," relating to Sir Francis Drake, and consists of the manuscript of this book, correspondence, drafts, notes, bibliography, positive and negative photographs, maps, newspaper clippings, and printed matter. Some of the notes are typed on letters received by Riggs.

Prominent correspondents include Ricardo J. Alfaro, Herbert Eugene Bolton, George T. Bye, Helen M. Cam, Jacob Canter, David Laurance Chambers, Oscar Cucurullo, Julio F. Guillén y Tato, John A. Hamilton, E. Newton Harvey, Roy de S. Horn, Leonard B. Loeb, Ramón Lugo Lovatón, William Hardy McNeill, Hans Portack, Gonzalo Restrepo Jaramillo, Stephen C. Rowan, John F. Stevens, Earl O. Titus, and Arthur E. Young.

## **Arrangement of the Papers**

The collection is organized by type of material.

# Container List

| Container | Contents   |
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| BOX 1     | Correspondence, 1941-1952  |
| BOX 1     | Article and book file  |
| BOX 1     | “El Estado de la Arqueología, en los Estados Unidos y la Deuda de Norteamérica a España,” (Madrid, Tipografía de Archivos, 1929) |
| BOX 1     | “Did Francis Drake Land in Oregon?” <i>Sunday Oregonian</i> magazine, 1950, Feb. 2   |
| BOX 1     | “The Strategy and Tactics of Sir Francis Drake” <i>United States Naval Proceedings</i> , vol. 76, 1950, Dec.                     |
| BOX 1     | “Drake of the Seven Seas”  |
| BOX 1     | Unpublished manuscript, 1951   |
| BOX 2     | Holograph, typescript notes and drafts, undated  |
| BOX 2     | Photostats of articles and portion of books, undated   |
| BOX 2     | Mimeograph copy of Sir Francis Drake’s estate case and Drake’s will, 1950  |
| BOX 2     | <i>Titan the Magnificent</i> , typescript copy of chapter headings, lengths, line and total words of book, 1946                  |
| BOX 2     | <i>Velázquez: Painter of Truth and Prisoner of the King</i> ; carbon copy of actual word count, 1947                             |
| BOX 3     | Miscellany   |
| BOX 3     | Photographic negatives of Sir Francis Drake, maps, scenes, “Drake of the Seven Seas,” undated                                    |
| BOX 3     | Newspaper clippings, 1943-1952   |
| BOX 3     | Printed matter, 1948-1952  |
| BOX 3     | Receipts, 1947-1951  |
| BOX 3     | Record of expenses incurred in Sir Francis Drake research, 1949-1950   |
| BOX OV 1  | Maps   |
| BOX OV 1  | County of Devon, England, corrected, 1829, undated   |
| BOX OV 1  | Magellan Strait  |
| BOX OV 1  | Eastern Entrance to the First Narrows, 23rd edition, 1948  |
| BOX OV 1  | Western Part from Punta Arenas to Cape Pillar, 27th edition, 1948  |
| BOX OV 1  | Western Part from Punta Arenas to Cape Pillar, 26th edition, 1939  |
| BOX OV 1  | Photostat (1587)   |
| BOX OV 1  | South America, photostat (1582)  |
| BOX OV 1  | Track Chart of the World, 26th edition, 1940   |