

# **Eugene Tyler Chamberlain Collection Relating to French Orphans of World War I**

**A Finding Aid to the Collection in the Library of Congress**



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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Eugene Tyler Chamberlain Collection relating to French Orphans of World War I

**Span Dates:** 1916-1927

**ID No.:** MSS21584

**Collector:** Chamberlain, Eugene Tyler, 1856-1929

**Extent:** 5,000 items

**Extent:** 11 containers

**Extent:** 4.4 linear feet

**Language:** Collection material in French

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

**LC Catalog record:** <https://lccn.loc.gov/mm79021584>

**Summary:** Philanthropist. Files relating to thirty-eight French families and orphans of World War I aided by Eugene T. Chamberlain and other philanthropic Americans. Chiefly correspondence concerning rehabilitation of the families and the education and placement of the orphans in productive employment. Also photographs and memoranda providing family background.

## 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

Chamberlain, Eugene Tyler, 1856-1929.

### Subjects

Orphans--France.

World War, 1914-1918--Children--France.

World War, 1914-1918--Civilian relief--France.

World War, 1914-1918--France.

### Occupations

Philanthropists.

## Provenance

The collection of Eugene Tyler Chamberlain, philanthropist, relating to French orphans of World War I was given to the Library of Congress by Chamberlain in 1927.

## Processing History

The collection was processed circa 1930. The finding aid was revised in 2012.

## Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Eugene Tyler Chamberlain is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

## Access and Restrictions

The collection of Eugene Tyler Chamberlain 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, Eugene Tyler Chamberlain Collection relating to French Orphans of World War I, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## Biographical Note

Eugene Tyler Chamberlain, born in Albany, N.Y., in 1856, died in 1929, was an 1876 graduate of Harvard University. He entered business with his father in 1879 before joining the staff of the *Albany Journal*, where he became associate editor. He moved to the *Argus* in 1887, and later wrote for other newspapers elsewhere. In 1884, Chamberlain published a campaign biography of Grover Cleveland and was active in helping organize the Civil Service Reform Association. Between about 1893 and 1915, Chamberlain served as commissioner of the Federal Bureau of Navigation. He was a delegate to the International Conference on Safety at Sea, 1913, and published several works and articles on navigation. As head of the bureau of navigation, his assignment of marine-radio call letters to ships depending on their location was said to have led to the application in the 1920s of call letters to commercial radio stations in the United States.

## Scope and Content Note

The collection of Eugene Tyler Chamberlain (1856-1929) relating to French orphans of World War I spans the years 1916-1927 and consists of files relating to thirty-eight French families and orphans aided by Chamberlain and other philanthropic Americans. The collection mainly contains correspondence concerning the rehabilitation of the families and the education and placement of the children in productive employment. Included are photographs and memoranda providing family background. The material is in French.

## Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged by name of family

## Container List

<b>Container</b>	<b>Contents</b>
BOX 1	Mereh (during the war)
BOX 2	Leroy
BOX 2	Pol
BOX 2	Albegré
BOX 2	Verrier
BOX 2	Parent
BOX 2	Deloux
BOX 2	Wau Quier
BOX 3	Boucly
BOX 3	Payage
BOX 3	Cavignaux
BOX 3	Bahy
BOX 4	Polveche
BOX 4	Cayet and France
BOX 4	Remy
BOX 4	Barbier
BOX 5	Margot
BOX 5	Poignard
BOX 5	Sire
BOX 6	Bourdenet
BOX 6	Helfer
BOX 6	Helfer Appendix
BOX 7	Barfratte
BOX 7	Pollet-Carette
BOX 7	Harant
BOX 7	DeFoort
BOX 8	Coadic
BOX 9	Dehaene
BOX 9	Guillanume
BOX 9	LeFort
BOX 9	Richy
BOX 10	Truc
BOX 10	Breion
BOX 11	Blanquet
BOX 11	Constant
BOX 11	Lindelboom
BOX 11	Arwout
BOX 11	Fontaine