

F. Lamson-Scribner Papers
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Collection Summary

Title: F. Lamson-Scribner Papers

Span Dates: 1885-1938

ID No.: MSS29272

Creator: Lamson-Scribner, F.

Extent: 4,500 items

Extent: 20 containers

Extent: 8 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

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

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Summary: Botanist, exhibits specialist, and educator. Correspondence, letterpress books, memoranda and notes, reports, scrapbooks, printed material and photographs primarily concerning Lamson-Scribner's exhibit work in the United States Department of Agriculture.

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.

Organizations

Century of Progress International Exposition (1933-1934 : Chicago, Ill.)

Exposição do Centenario do Brasil (1922-1923 : Rio de Janeiro, Brazil)

Philippines. Bureau of Agriculture.

Sesqui-Centennial International Exposition (1926 : Philadelphia, Pa.)

United States. Department of Agriculture.

Subjects

Agriculture--Exhibitions.

Agriculture--Philippines.

Exhibitions--Brazil--Rio de Janeiro.

Exhibitions--Illinois--Chicago.

Exhibitions--Pennsylvania--Philadelphia.

Places

Brazil--Centennial celebrations, etc.

Chicago (Ill.)--Centennial celebrations, etc.

Philadelphia (Pa.)--Centennial celebrations, etc.

Occupations

Botanists.

Educators.

Exhibits specialists.

Provenance

The papers of F. Lamson-Scribner, botanist, exhibits specialist, and educator, were transferred to the Library of Congress from the Department of Agriculture Library in 1953.

Processing History

A container list of the Lamson-Scribner Papers was created in 2005. The finding aid was revised in 2012.

Transfers

Glass plate negatives have been transferred to the Prints and Photographs Division where they are identified as part of these papers.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of F. Lamson-Scribner is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Lamson-Scribner 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, F. Lamson-Scribner Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Frank Lamson-Scribner (1851-1938) span the years 1885-1938 and consist of correspondence, letterpress books, memoranda and notes, reports, scrapbooks, printed matter, and photographs primarily concerning Lamson-Scribner's exhibit work in the Department of Agriculture. The collection includes material on exhibits he helped prepare for the Exposição do Centenario do Brasil (1922-1923), Philadelphia Sesqui-Centennial International Exposition (1926), and Chicago Century of Progress International Exposition (1933-1934). Also included is material concerning his service as chief of the Philippines Bureau of Agriculture in the Philippines (1901-1904).

The collection is organized into four series: [Letterbooks](#), [General Correspondence](#), [Subject File](#), and [Scrapbooks](#).

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged in four series:

- [Letterbooks, 1888-1903](#)
- [General Correspondence, 1885-1938](#)
- [Subject File, circa 1890-1938](#)
- [Scrapbooks, 1891-1927](#)

Description of Series

Container	Series
BOX 1	<p><u>Letterbooks, 1888-1903</u></p> <p>Bound volumes of letters. Arranged chronologically.</p>
BOX 2-8	<p><u>General Correspondence, 1885-1938</u></p> <p>Letters sent and received, pamphlets and clippings. Arranged chronologically by year.</p>
BOX 9-17	<p><u>Subject File, circa 1890-1938</u></p> <p>Biographical material; photographs; files relating to botanical gardens, agrostology, museums, and expositions; and miscellaneous material. Organized by subject and type of material.</p>
BOX 18-20	<p><u>Scrapbooks, 1891-1927</u></p> <p>Bound volumes of mounted clippings and memorabilia. No arrangement.</p>

Container List

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BOX 1	Letterbooks, 1888-1903 Bound volumes of letters. Arranged chronologically.
BOX 1	1888-1903 (3 vols.)
BOX 2-8	General Correspondence, 1885-1938 Letters sent and received, pamphlets and clippings. Arranged chronologically by year.
BOX 2	1885-1902 (9 folders)
BOX 3	1903 (9 folders)
BOX 4	1904-1907 (11 folders)
BOX 5	1908-1921 (12 folders)
BOX 6	1922-1924 (13 folders)
BOX 7	1925-1928 (13 folders)
BOX 8	1929-1938, undated (12 folders)
BOX 9-17	Subject File, circa 1890-1938 Biographical material; photographs; files relating to botanical gardens, agrostology, museums, and expositions; and miscellaneous material. Organized by subject and type of material.
BOX 9	Biographical material, 1874-1935, undated (4 folders)
BOX 9	Photographs, postcards, and notes, 1901-1925, undated (4 folders)
BOX 10	Botanical gardens and agrostology
BOX 10	General, 1879-1934, undated (6 folders)
BOX 11	Brazil's botanical garden and Rock Creek Park, Washington, D.C., 1920-1935, undated (13 folders)
BOX 12	Washington, D.C., and grasses, undated (4 folders)
BOX 12	Notebooks, undated (2 vols.)

Subject File, circa 1890-1938

Container	Contents
BOX 13	Museums and expositions
BOX 13	Philadelphia Sesqui-Centennial International Exposition, Philadelphia, Pa., (1926), 1913-1927 (9 folders)
BOX 14	"A Century of Progress," Chicago, Ill. (1933), 1928-1933 (2 folders)
BOX 14	Brazilian centennial, 1923, undated
BOX 14	Miscellaneous notes on expositions, 1893-1939 (7 folders)
BOX 15	Miscellany, 1921-1936, undated
BOX 15	Museum memoranda, 1921-1929, undated (4 folders)
BOX 15	Printed matter and notes, 1893-1904, undated
BOX 16	Notebooks, 1921-1940, undated (1 folder and 3 vols.)
BOX 17	Account books, 1899-1918, undated (18 vols.)
BOX 18-20	Scrapbooks, 1891-1927 Bound volumes of mounted clippings and memorabilia. No arrangement.
BOX 18	Scrapbooks
BOX 18	1891-1923 (4 vols.)
BOX 19	1874-1920 (3 vols.)
BOX 20	1894-1927