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Collection Summary

Title: Francis LeJau Parker Papers

Span Dates: 1905-1935

ID No.: MSS50856

Creator: Parker, Francis LeJau, 1873-1966

Extent: 5,500 items

Extent: 16 containers

Extent: 6.4 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

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

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Summary: U.S. army officer and government official. Copies of letters, telegrams, dispatches, and reports, records of Parker's military service, pamphlets, documents, and other papers relating to his service as an army officer and attaché during World War I and later as a member of special missions in Latin America.

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

Parker, Francis LeJau, 1873-1966.

Organizations

Romania. Armata.

Russia. Armii "a".

United States. Bureau of Insular Affairs.

Subjects

Elections--Nicaragua.

Hurricanes--Puerto Rico.

Tacna-Arica question.

World War, 1914-1918.

Places

Chile--Boundaries--Peru.

Latin America--Foreign relations--United States.

Nicaragua--Politics and government--1909-1937.

Peru--Boundaries--Chile.

Philippines--Foreign relations--United States.

Philippines--History--1898-1946.

Russia--Politics and government--20th century.

Soviet Union--Politics and government--20th century.

United States--Foreign relations--Latin America.

United States--Foreign relations--Philippines.

Occupations

Army officers.

Public officials.

Provenance

The papers of Francis LeJau Parker, U.S. army officer and government official, were given to the Library of Congress by his nephew, Louis T. Parker, in 1966.

Processing History

The papers of Francis LeJau Parker were processed in 1966 and revised and expanded in 1989. The finding aid was revised again in 2011.

Transfers

Items have been transferred from the Manuscript Division to other custodial divisions of the Library. Some photographs have been transferred to the Prints and Photographs Division. Maps have been transferred to the Geography and Map Division. All transfers are identified in these divisions as part of the Francis LeJau Parker Papers.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Francis LeJau Parker is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Francis LeJau Parker 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, Francis LeJau Parker Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

Date	Event
1873, June 24	Born, Abbeville, S.C.
1894	Graduated, United States Military Academy, West Point, N.Y.
1915	General Staff corps
1916	Attaché and observer with Russian army
1918	Commanding officer, 119th Infantry, 171st Infantry Brigade
1919	Head, Visitors' Bureau, American Expeditionary Forces
1921-1923	Military attaché to Mexico
1924	Member, United States-Mexico Claims Commission
1925-1926	Member, Tacna-Arica Arbitration Commission
1928	Vice chairman, National Board of Elections, Nicaragua
1929-1933	Chief, Bureau of Insular Affairs
1936	Retired from active service
1966, May 16	Died, Charleston, S.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Francis LeJau Parker (1873-1966) span the years 1905-1935 and consist mainly of official material gathered in connection with his duties during World War I and as a member of special missions to Latin America, especially in the Tacna-Arica dispute in 1926 between Chile and Peru and in the Nicaraguan elections of 1928. Much of the material is printed or mimeographed and often includes maps and handwritten notes. The collection is organized by subject and therein

by topic or type of material. An addition is focused largely on files relating to Mexico and the Philippines and some general correspondence and miscellaneous reports and memoranda.

The collection contains reports by Parker made while on duty with the Romanian and Russian armies in 1916 and 1917 and estimates by him of Russia's political future. The collection also contains staff lectures on battles and campaigns of the war. Other material includes accounts of a disputed plebiscite in the Tacna-Arica area in 1926, and voluminous notes, drafts, and reports of American supervision of the presidential elections in Nicaragua in 1928. Parker was vice chairman of the election board. Still other material pertains to American assistance to Puerto Rico during a hurricane of 1929. Parker's tour as chief of the United States Bureau of Insular Affairs from 1929-1933 is reflected on files relating to the Philippines. An addition contains more material on the Philippines and also a monograph and others items pertaining to Mexico.

Arrangement of the Papers

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BOX 13	Monograph, circa 1930 (4 folders)
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BOX 14	Philippines
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BOX 15	(3 folders)
BOX 15	H.R. 7233 "Philippine Independence Bill," 1932
BOX 15	S. 3080 "Vandenberg Bill," 1932 (1 folder)
BOX 16	(2 folders)
BOX 16	S. 3377 "Hawes-Cutting Bill," 1932 (2 folders)
BOX 16	Puerto Rico, 1928-1933