

**Ellery C. Stowell Papers**  
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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Ellery C. Stowell Papers

**Span Dates:** 1805-1952

**Bulk Dates:** (bulk 1880-1952)

**ID No.:** MSS41681

**Creator:** Stowell, Ellery C. (Ellery Cory), 1875-1958

**Extent:** 14,000 items

**Extent:** 49 containers plus 1 oversize

**Extent:** 19.6 linear feet

**Language:** Collection material in English

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

**LC Catalog record:** <https://lccn.loc.gov/mm81041681>

**Summary:** Author, jurist, and professor of international law. Family correspondence, general correspondence, diaries, writings, reports, sermons, notebooks, financial records, printed matter, scrapbooks, photographs, and other papers relating primarily to Stowell's career in law, activities as a student, and travels. Includes papers of the Stowell, Fuller, and Tapley families.

## 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

Fuller family.

Stovall family.

Stowell, Ellery C. (Ellery Cory), 1875-1958.

Tapley family.

### Organizations

American University (Washington, D.C.)--Faculty.

American University (Washington, D.C.). Hall of Nations.

Better Government League (Washington, D.C.)

Columbia University--Faculty.

George Washington University--Faculty.

Harvard University--Students.

International Naval Conference (1908-1909 : London, England)

International Peace Conference (2nd : 1907 : Hague, Netherlands)

Patriotic Service League (New York, N.Y.)

### Subjects

Academic freedom.

Disarmament.

International law--Study and teaching.

International law.

Peace--Congresses.

Political participation--United States.

Universities and colleges--France--Paris.

Universities and colleges--Germany--Berlin.

World War, 1914-1918.

World War, 1939-1945.

### Places

America--Description and travel.

Asia--Description and travel.

Europe--Description and travel.

### **Occupations**

Authors.

Educators.

Jurists.

## **Provenance**

The papers of Ellery C. Stowell, author, jurist, and professor of international law, were given to the Library of Congress by Stowell, 1943-1949, and by Hevlyn Dirck Benson, 1943. Foundling material was added to the collection in 1976.

## **Processing History**

The Stowell Papers were processed in 1950 and expanded in 1983. The finding aid was revised in 2012.

## **Transfers**

Five photographs have been transferred to the Prints and Photographs Division where they are identified as part of the these papers.

## **Copyright Status**

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

## **Access and Restrictions**

The papers of Ellery C. Stowell 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, Ellery C. Stowell Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## **Biographical Note**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
1875, Dec. 12	Born, Lynn, Mass.
1898	A.B. Harvard University, Cambridge, Md.
1901-1902	Traveled in Asia and Europe
1902-1903	Traveled in Russia
1903-1904	Attended University of Berlin, Berlin, Germany
1904-1907	Attended University of Paris, Paris, France
1906	Earned French law degree
1906	Graduate, Diplomatic Section, Ecole libre des sciences politiques, Paris, France
1907	Secretary adjoint, Second International Peace Conference, Hague, Netherlands, and also secretary of the Panama delegation

1908-1909	Secretary, American delegation, International Naval Conference, London, England
1908-1910	Instructor in international law, George Washington University, Washington, D.C.
1909	Became doctor of laws
1910-1913	Assistant professor in international law, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa.
1912	Married Cecile M. Roberts
1913-1914	Lecturer in international law, Columbia University, New York, N.Y.
1914-1916	Associate professor in international Law, Columbia University, New York, N.Y.
1922	Professor in international law, American University, Washington, D.C.
1935	President, Better Government League, Washington, D.C.
1935-1944	Chairman, Department of International Affairs
1942-1943	Exchange professor, University of Washington, Seattle, Wash.
1958, Jan.	Died, San Francisco, Calif.

## Scope and Content Note

The papers of Ellery C. Stowell (1875-1958) span the years 1805-1952, with the bulk of the material concentrated in the period 1880-1952. The collection includes his own papers as well as other members of the Stowell, Fuller, and Tapley families. It consists of family correspondence, general correspondence, reports, writings, sermons, diaries, notebooks, certificates, photographs, financial records, printed matter, scrapbooks, and miscellaneous material. The papers are organized into five series: [Family Correspondence](#), [General Correspondence](#), [Subject File](#), [Miscellany](#), and [Oversize](#).

Topics relate to Stowell's activities as a student at Harvard University and the universities of Paris and Berlin; his extensive travels in Europe, Asia, and America; and his work as a professor of international law at George Washington University, Columbia University, American University, and other institutions, particularly with respect to academic freedom at Columbia and the administration of the graduate school of American University in connection with the program of the Hall of Nations. Other subjects concern his efforts as president of the Better Government League and work with the Patriotic Service League and other civic organizations. Additional material relates to his activities as secretary adjoint of the International Peace Conference at the Hague in 1907, secretary of the Panama delegation to the same conference, and secretary of the American delegation to the International Naval Conference in London of 1908-1909. The collection also contains his writings on World War I and World II and their aftermath.

## Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged in five series:

- [Family Correspondence, 1805-1952](#)
- [General Correspondence, 1872-1949](#)
- [Subject File](#)
- [Miscellany](#)
- [Oversize](#)

## Description of Series

Container	Series
BOX 1-12	<p><b><u>Family Correspondence, 1805-1952</u></b> Letters sent and received. Arranged by accession and mostly in chronological order therein.</p>
BOX 13-25	<p><b><u>General Correspondence, 1872-1949</u></b> Letters sent received. Arranged by accession and therein chronologically.</p>
BOX 36-31	<p><b><u>Subject File</u></b> Correspondence, writings, poems, sermons, notes, reports, printed matter, and other material. Arranged by name of organization, subject, or type of material.</p>
BOX 32-49	<p><b><u>Miscellany</u></b> Cards, indexes, circulars, notebooks, diaries and cash books of family members, clippings, books, printed matter, scrapbooks, photographs, certificates, and miscellaneous documents and items. Arranged by type of material.</p>
BOX OV 1	<p><b><u>Oversize</u></b> Certificates and photographs. Described according to the series and container from which the items were removed.</p>

# Container List

<b>Container</b>	<b>Contents</b>
<b>BOX 1-12</b>	<b>Family Correspondence, 1805-1952</b> Letters sent and received. Arranged by accession and mostly in chronological order therein.
<b>BOX 1</b>	Accession 7,316
<b>BOX 1</b>	1805-1883
<b>BOX 2</b>	1884-1917
<b>BOX 3</b>	1918-1930
<b>BOX 4</b>	1931-1935
<b>BOX 5</b>	1936-1940, undated
<b>BOX 5</b>	Fuller family genealogy
<b>BOX 5</b>	Letters collected by A. T. Stowell, 1884-1905
<b>BOX 5</b>	Miscellaneous notes of Mrs. George L. Stowell
<b>BOX 6</b>	Accession 7,323
<b>BOX 6</b>	1871-1923
<b>BOX 7</b>	1920-1932
<b>BOX 8</b>	1938-1943
<b>BOX 9</b>	Accession 7,532
<b>BOX 9</b>	1875-1906
<b>BOX 10</b>	1907-1914
<b>BOX 11</b>	Accession 7,533
<b>BOX 11</b>	1846-1925
<b>BOX 12</b>	Various accessions
<b>BOX 13-25</b>	<b>General Correspondence, 1872-1949</b> Letters sent received. Arranged by accession and therein chronologically.
<b>BOX 13</b>	Accession 7,316
<b>BOX 13</b>	1882-1913
<b>BOX 14</b>	1914-1918
<b>BOX 15</b>	1919-1926
<b>BOX 16</b>	1927-1931
<b>BOX 17</b>	1932-1944
<b>BOX 18</b>	Accession 7,323
<b>BOX 18</b>	1914-1928
<b>BOX 19</b>	1926-1937
<b>BOX 20</b>	Accession 7,533
<b>BOX 20</b>	1926-1943
<b>BOX 21</b>	Accession 8,184
<b>BOX 21</b>	1872-1912
<b>BOX 22</b>	1913-1945

## General Correspondence, 1872-1949

Container	Contents
BOX 23	Accession 9,317
BOX 23	1902-1909
BOX 24	1910-1917
BOX 25	1918-1949, undated
BOX 36-31	<b>Subject File</b> Correspondence, writings, poems, sermons, notes, reports, printed matter, and other material. Arranged by name of organization, subject, or type of material.
BOX 26	Armed merchantmen, correspondence and notes, 1919
BOX 27	Better Government League, correspondence, 1818-1828
BOX 28	Patriotic Service League, correspondence, 1917-1918, 1943
BOX 29	Mach, Edmund von, "Official Diplomatic Documents Relating to the Outbreak of the War," correspondence and notes by Stowell reading the book, 1911-1940
BOX 29	American University Graduate School, Washington, D.C.
BOX 29	Panama, 1911-1913
BOX 29	Academic Freedom, Columbia University, New York, N.Y.
BOX 29	Notes and speeches
BOX 30	Hague Conference
BOX 30	International Law
BOX 30	Reorganization of the State Department
BOX 31	Sermons of George L. Stowell
BOX 31	Poems copied by George L. Stowell
BOX 32-49	<b>Miscellany</b> Cards, indexes, circulars, notebooks, diaries and cash books of family members, clippings, books, printed matter, scrapbooks, photographs, certificates, and miscellaneous documents and items. Arranged by type of material.
BOX 32	Notebooks of Addie T. Fuller (Mrs. George L. Stowell)
BOX 32	Cards and badges
BOX 32	Certificates and photographs <i>See Oversize</i>
BOX 32	Circulars
BOX 33	Notebooks, diaries and scrapbooks of George L. Stowell
BOX 34	Newspaper articles
BOX 34	Miscellaneous notes
BOX 34	Clippings
BOX 35	Intervention in international law, books with two letters inserted
BOX 35	Lecture notebook on international law, in German
BOX 35	Cash books
BOX 36	Clippings
BOX 37	Clippings
BOX 38	Card index
BOX 39	Cash book of George L. Stowell, 1890-1898

## Miscellany

<b>Container</b>	<b>Contents</b>
BOX 40-49	Scrapbooks containing letters, autographs, telegrams, other documents, printed matter, and clippings
BOX OV 1	<b>Oversize</b> Certificates and photographs. Described according to the series and container from which the items were removed.
BOX OV 1	Miscellany
BOX OV 1	Certificates and photographs (Container 32)