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Collection Summary

Title: Emory Scott Land Papers
Span Dates: 1900-1972
ID No.: MSS29314
Creator: Land, Emory Scott, 1879-1971
Extent: 8,500 items
Extent: 31 containers plus 2 oversize
Extent: 13 linear feet
Language: Collection material in English
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
LC Catalog record: https://lccn.loc.gov/mmm79029314
Summary: Naval officer and public official. Correspondence, diary notes, speeches, copies of orders, scrapbooks, clippings, photographs, and other papers chiefly relating to Land's government service as head of the U.S. Navy Bureau of Construction and Repair, chairman of the U.S. Maritime Commission, and chief administrator of the U.S. War Shipping Administration. Includes material relating to his cousin, Charles A. Lindbergh, and Land's testimony in the Lindbergh kidnapping case.

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
Boeing, William Edward, 1881-1956--Correspondence.
Byrd, Richard Evelyn, 1888-1957--Correspondence.
Byrnes, James F. (James Francis), 1882-1972--Correspondence.
Ferguson, Homer L. (Homer Lenoir), 1873-1953--Correspondence.
Forrestal, James, 1892-1949--Correspondence.
Furer, Julius Augustus, 1880-1963--Correspondence.
Hunsaker, Jerome C. (Jerome Clarke), 1886-1984--Correspondence.
Kaiser, Edgar F. (Edgar Fosburgh), 1908-1972--Correspondence.
Kennedy, Joseph P. (Joseph Patrick), 1888-1969--Correspondence.
Land, Emory Scott, 1879-1971.
Lindbergh, Charles Augustus, 1930-1932--Kidnapping.
Moffett, William A. (William Adger), 1869-1933--Correspondence.
Pratt, William Veazie, 1869-1957--Correspondence.
Roosevelt, Theodore, 1887-1944--Correspondence.
Sims, William Sowden, 1858-1936--Correspondence.
Stettinius, Edward R., Jr. (Edward Reilly), 1900-1949--Correspondence.
Stimson, Henry L. (Henry Lewis), 1867-1950--Correspondence.
Taylor, D. W. (David Watson), 1864-1940--Correspondence.
Vinson, Fred M., 1890-1953--Correspondence.

Organizations
Daniel Guggenheim Fund for the Promotion of Aeronautics.
United States. War Shipping Administration.

Subjects
Aeronautics--Societies, etc.
Labor disputes--United States.
Provenance

The papers of Emory Scott Land, naval officer and public official, were given to the Library of Congress by Land, 1956-1970. Additional material was given by Charles G. DeKay and Mrs. Emory DeKay in 1972, and by Charles G. DeKay in 1973.

Processing History

The papers of Emory Scott Land were arranged and described in 1958. The finding aid was revised and expanded in 1970, 1973, and 2012.

Transfers

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

Additional Guides

In 1958 the Library published Emory Scott Land, a Register of His Papers in the Library of Congress.

Copyright Status

Copyright in the unpublished writings of Emory Scott Land in these papers and in other collections of papers in the custody of the Library of Congress has been dedicated to the public.

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Emory Scott Land 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, Emory Scott Land Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

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<td>1879, Jan. 9</td>
<td>Born, Canon City, Colo.</td>
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1898  B.S. and M.A., University of Wyoming, Laramie, Wyo.
1902  Graduated, United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md., cadet commander of his battalion
1902-1904  Asiatic Station on USS Oregon
1907  M.S., Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Mass.
1909  Married Elizabeth C. Stiles
1912  Naval constructor with rank of lieutenant
1914-1916  Fleet naval constructor on staff of Admiral Frank Fletcher, United States Atlantic Fleet
1918  Staff of Admiral William Sowden Sims, London, England
1919-1921  Awarded Navy Cross for work on submarine construction; Allied Naval Armistice Commission
1921  Served for brief periods with Bureau of Construction and Repair and Bureau of Aeronautics
1926-1928  Assistant chief, Bureau of Aeronautics
1928-1930  Vice president and treasurer, Daniel Guggenheim Fund for Promotion of Aeronautics
1932-1937  Chief constructor, United States Navy, and chief, Bureau of Construction and Repair
1937  Member, United States Maritime Commission; requested retirement
1938-1946  Chairman, United States Maritime Commission
1939  LL.D., University of Wyoming, Laramie, Wyo.
1940  Director of shipbuilding, Advisory Commission of the Council of National Defense
1940-1942  President, Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers
1941  Chairman, Strategic Shipping Board
1942-1946  Administrator, War Shipping Administration, coordinating agency of United States, Great Britain, and other United Nations
1943  Chairman, War Shipping Administration
1944  Promoted to vice admiral
1945  Attended Quebec Conference
1946  Attended Yalta Conference and Potsdam Conference
1946  Resigned as chairman of United States Maritime Commission and administrator of War Shipping Administration
1946-1957  President, Air Transport Association of America
1947  LL.D., Columbia University, New York, N.Y.
1949-1952  Director, Electric Boat Co.
1952-1956  Consultant and director, General Dynamics Corp.
1971, Nov. 27  Died

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Emory Scott Land (1879-1971) consist of correspondence, speeches, copies of orders, diary notes, scrapbooks, photographs, and clippings relating primarily to his forty-eight years in government service. The collection spans the years 1900-1972, with the bulk of the material from the period 1932-1946 when he served as chief of the Bureau of Construction and Repair (1932-1937), as chairman of the United States Maritime Commission (1938-1946), and as chief administrator of the War Shipping Administration (1942-1946). Although Land was on the staff of Admiral William Sowden Sims during World War I, the collection contains very little for that period. The correspondence, photographs, and clippings deal largely with shipbuilding. Included are technical papers concerning costs, audits, shipbuilding programs, and documents regarding the need for ships during World War II. As chief administrator of the War Shipping Administration, Land conflicted with labor unions and advocated the use of the army to control labor disorders. Many newspaper clippings and some correspondence deal with labor strikes in 1941 and 1942. A few items deal with the services of Admiral Land as naval attaché in London; as vice president and treasurer of the Daniel Guggenheim Fund for the Promotion of Aeronautics; as adviser for his cousin, Charles A. Lindbergh, on his tours in 1927 and 1928; and Land’s testimony in the Lindbergh kidnapping case in 1938. Speeches by Josephus Daniels, Julius Augustus Furer, James G. Harbord, T. M. Girdler, William A. Moffett, Henry L. Roosevelt, William Harrison Standley, and Clark H. Woodward are among the papers.
The Land Papers are organized into nine series: Diaries, General Correspondence, Personal Correspondence, Subject File, Speeches, Scrapbooks, Photographs, Addition I, and Addition II. The addition series complement the main part of the papers chronologically and in type of material, with Addition II especially substantive relating to special correspondence and speeches and writings. Included in the Photographs series are early photographs of Charles A. Lindbergh at the time of his epochal flight.


Arrangement of the Papers

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- **Diaries**, 1919-1945
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Description of Series

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BOX 1              **Diaries, 1919-1945**                          
                   Diary notes.                                     
                   Arranged chronologically.                      
BOX 1              **General Correspondence, 1904-1952**         
                   Letters sent and received.                      
                   Arranged chronologically.                      
BOX 2-4            **Personal Correspondence, 1903-1944**        
                   Family letters and congratulatory letters.      
                   Arranged by type of correspondence and therein alphabetically by name of correspondent. 
BOX 5-8            **Subject File, 1902-1948**                       
                   Audits, blue prints, programs, memorabilia, pamphlets, other printed matter, and some related correspondence. 
                   Arranged by subject.                             
BOX 9-10           **Speeches, 1929-1945**                           
                   Handwritten, typewritten, mimeographed, and printed copies or drafts of speeches by Land and others. 
                   Arranged in two sets. An index for 127 of Land’s speeches is enclosed; approximately 90 of this number are in the collection and are in chronological order. Other speeches are not indexed. 
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                   Clippings from newspapers and magazines relating to Land. 
                   Arranged chronologically.                        
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                   Photographs, many of them inscribed and in albums commemorating ship launchings. 
                   Unorganized. A group described as early photographs is arranged separately. 
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                   Correspondence, speeches, photographs, printed matter, and miscellaneous personal matter. 
                   Arranged by type of material.                     
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