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Collection Summary

Title: Frank L. Greene Papers

Inclusive Dates: 1895-1930

ID No.: MSS24018

Creator: Greene, Frank L. (Frank Lester), 1870-1930

Extent: 31,000 items

Extent: 78 containers plus 1 oversize

Extent: 31.6 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

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

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Summary: Army officer and U.S. representative and senator from Vermont. Correspondence, diaries and miscellaneous personal material, reports, legislative files, printed matter, financial papers, maps, photographs, and other material relating to Greene's career in politics and as a newspaper editor in Vermont.

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

Greene family.

Greene, Frank L. (Frank Lester), 1870-1930.

Organizations

United States. Congress. House. Committee on Military Affairs.

United States. Congress. Senate. Committee on Military Affairs.

Subjects

Political campaigns--United States.

Political campaigns--Vermont.

Places

Saint Albans (Vt.)--History.

Saint Albans (Vt.)--Newspapers.

United States--Military policy.

United States--Politics and government--1865-1933.

Vermont--Newspapers.

Titles

Saint Albans daily messenger.

Occupations

Army officers.

Representatives, U.S. Congress--Vermont.

Senators, U.S. Congress--Vermont.

Acquisition Information

The papers of Frank L. Greene, army officer, U.S. representative, and senator from Vermont, were given to the Library of Congress by his son, Richardson L. Greene, in 1950-1951.

Processing History

The Greene Papers were processed in 1955. The finding aid was revised in 2013.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Frank L. Greene is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Frank L. Greene 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, Frank L. Greene Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

Date	Event
1870, Feb. 10	Born, St. Albans, Vt.
1883-1891	Employed by Central Vermont Railway Co.
1888	Part-time correspondent, <i>Boston Globe</i> and other newspapers
1888-1900	Member, Vermont National Guard
1891	Reporter and later editor, <i>St. Albans Messenger</i>
1895	Married Jessie Emma Richardson
1898	Recruited an infantry company in Spanish-American War
1904-1905	President, Vermont Press Association
1908	Member, commission that proposed amendments to the Vermont constitution
1912-1922	Member, U.S. House of Representative
1917-1923	Regent, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C.
1922	Elected to United States Senate; reelected in 1928
1924	Critically wounded on Capital Hill as a bystander in gun battle between federal prohibition agents and bootleggers
1930, Dec. 17	Died, St. Albans, Vt.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Frank Lester Greene (1870-1930) span the years 1895-1930 and consist of correspondence, diaries and miscellaneous personal material, reports, legislative files, printed matter, financial papers, maps, photographs, and other material. The collection is organized according to the descriptions provided by the donor into five series; [Correspondence](#), [Military File](#), [Vermont File](#), [Legislative File](#), and [Personal Miscellany](#).

The papers pertain mainly to Greene's career as United States representative and then senator from Vermont, but include family and personal material as well as correspondence relating to his editorship of the St. Albans, Vermont, *Daily Messenger*. Most significant are military files from his membership on the Military Affairs Committees of the House and Senate. Also in the collection are political campaign files from 1900 to 1928.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged in five series:

- [Correspondence, 1895-1930](#)
- [Military File, 1914-1930](#)
- [Vermont File, 1914-1930](#)
- [Legislative File](#)
- [Personal Miscellany](#)

Description of Series

Container	Series
BOX 1-21	<u>Correspondence, 1895-1930</u> Letters sent and received. Organized as received from the donor.
BOX 22-34	<u>Military File, 1914-1930</u> Correspondence, memoranda, reports, lists , and miscellaneous material. Organized by subject.
BOX 35-52	<u>Vermont File, 1914-1930</u> Correspondence, memoranda, reports, lists, speeches, and miscellaneous material. Organized by subject or type of material.
BOX 53-60	<u>Legislative File</u> Correspondence, memoranda, reports, lists, and miscellaneous material. Organized by subject.
BOX 61-79	<u>Personal Miscellany</u> Correspondence, diaries, clippings, financial material, a map, and miscellaneous items. Organized by topic or type of material.

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BOX 9-14	General, circa 1914-1930 (A-J, P-T)
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BOX 16	“A Segregation by FKG [Frank L. Greene], based on distinction of writers, RLG, [Richardson L. Greene]” circa 1901-1930
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BOX 17	circa 1910-1930
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Military File, 1914-1930

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Military File, 1914-1930

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Vermont File, 1914-1930

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