Collection Summary
Title: Worthington Chauncey Ford Papers
Span Dates: 1900-1926
ID No.: MSS21055
Creator: Ford, Worthington Chauncey, 1858-1941
Extent: 1,000 items
Extent: 11 containers
Extent: 4.4 linear feet
Language: Collection material in English
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
LC Catalog record: https://lccn.loc.gov/mm81021055
Summary: Librarian and historian. An untitled writing by Ford, indexes of historical papers, and notes on China, Cuba, Netherlands East Indies, France, Germany, Greece, Russia, and other countries and topics compiled by Ford while chief of the Manuscript Division of the Library of Congress. Also includes correspondence, notes, and notebooks from later in his career.

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
Ford, Worthington Chauncey, 1858-1941.
Hamilton, Alexander, 1757-1804.
Jefferson, Thomas, 1743-1826.

Organizations
Library of Congress--Officials and employees.
Library of Congress. Manuscript Division.

Places
China--History.
Cuba--History.
East Indies--History.
Europe--History.
France--History.
Germany--History.
Greece--History.
Russia--History.
United States--History.

Occupations
Historians.
Librarians.

Provenance
The papers of Worthington Chauncey Ford, librarian and historian, were deposited in the Library of Congress by Ford, circa 1902-1909. Additional items were made by gift, purchase, and the addition of foundling, 1943-1957.

Processing History
The Ford Papers were processed 1939 with additions in 1943 and 1957. The finding aid was revised in 2014.
**Copyright Status**

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Worthington Chauncey Ford is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

**Access and Restrictions**

The papers of Worthington Chauncey Ford 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, Worthington Chauncey Ford Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

**Biographical Note**

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<td>1858, Feb. 15</td>
<td>Born</td>
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<td>1879</td>
<td>Entered Columbia University, New York, N.Y.</td>
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<td>1885-1889</td>
<td>Chief, Bureau of Statistics, Department of State</td>
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<td>1891</td>
<td>Edited <em>Wills of George Washington and His Immediate Ancestors.</em> Brooklyn, N.Y.: Historical Printing Club</td>
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<td>1893-1898</td>
<td>Chief, Bureau of Statistics, Department of Treasury</td>
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<td>1897</td>
<td>Compiled <em>British Officers Serving in the American revolution, 1774-1783.</em> Brooklyn, N.Y.: Historical Printing Club</td>
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<td>1897-1902</td>
<td>Head, Department of Documents and Statistics, Boston Public Library, Boston, Mass.</td>
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<td>1899</td>
<td>Married Bettina Fillmore Quin (died 1931)</td>
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<td>1902</td>
<td>Published <em>Some Jefferson Correspondence, 1775-1787.</em> Boston: Press of D. Clapp &amp; Son</td>
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<td>1902-1909</td>
<td>Chief, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress</td>
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<td>1904</td>
<td>Published <em>Alexander Hamilton's Notes in the Federal Convention of 1787.</em> Cambridge: J. Wilson and Son</td>
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<td>1904-1937</td>
<td>Edited with others Journals of the Continental Congress, 1774-1789</td>
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<td>1909</td>
<td>Published <em>The Campaign of 1844.</em> Worcester, Mass.: Davis Press</td>
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<td>Editor, Massachusetts Historical Society</td>
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<td>1910</td>
<td>Published <em>George Washington.</em> Boston: Small, Maynard</td>
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<td>1915</td>
<td>Published <em>The Treaty of Ghent, and After.</em> Madison, Wis.: The Society</td>
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<td>1917</td>
<td>President, American Historical Association</td>
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<td>1917-1922</td>
<td>Librarian, John Carter Brown Library, Brown University, Providence, R.I.</td>
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<td>1927</td>
<td>Edited <em>Statesman and Friend; Correspondence of John Adams with Benjamin Waterhouse, 1784-1822.</em> Boston: Little, Brown</td>
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<td>1929-1935</td>
<td>Director of European mission, Library of Congress</td>
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<td>1941, Mar. 7</td>
<td>Died on board steamship <em>Excalibur</em></td>
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Scope and Content Note

The papers of Worthington C. Ford (1858-1941) span the years circa 1900-1926, with the bulk of the material concentrated in the period 1901-1909 while Ford was chief of the Manuscript Division of the Library of Congress. Included is an untitled book draft by Ford on European and American history, indexes of historical papers, including of Thomas Jefferson and Alexander Hamilton, and notes on China, Cuba, Netherlands East Indies, France, Germany, Greece, Russia, and other countries and topics. Also included are notes, research notebooks and correspondence from later in his career.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is organized by type of material or topic.
## Container List

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| BOX 1     | Book draft, untitled history, chapters I-XIII  
(4 folders) |
| BOX 2     | Subject file  
“A-C” except China  
China and Chinese places  
(2 folders) |
| BOX 3     | Colonies - Cuba  
Dutch East Indies - France  
Gage, Lyman - Germany |
| BOX 4     | Guilds - Greece  
Growth - Jews  
Labor - Massachusetts  
Mexico - Noyes |
| BOX 5     | Pensions - Retaliation  
Rome - Russia  
Russia  
(1 folder) |
| BOX 6     | (2 folders)  
Spain - Suez  
Tariffs - Wines |
| BOX 7     | Notes  
(3 folders) |
| BOX 8     | (2 folders)  
Index cards  
Thomas Jefferson papers  
Thomas Jefferson papers and other papers |
| BOX 9     | Relating to George Washington's contemporaries |
| BOX 10    | Miscellany  
Correspondence and notes, 1926, undated  
Search notebooks |
| BOX 11    | British Museum  
(2 vols.)  
British Public Record Office  
(3 vols.) |