

Worthington Chauncey Ford Papers
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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.

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The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Worthington Chauncey Ford is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).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

Date	Event
1858, Feb. 15	Born
1879	Entered Columbia University, New York, N.Y.
1885-1889	Chief, Bureau of Statistics, Department of State
1889-1893	Published <i>The Writings of George Washington</i> (14 vols.). New York & London: G. P. Putnam's Sons
1891	Edited <i>Wills of George Washington and His Immediate Ancestors</i> . Brooklyn, N.Y.: Historical Printing Club
1893-1898	Chief, Bureau of Statistics, Department of Treasury
1897	Compiled <i>British Officers Serving in the American revolution, 1774-1783</i> . Brooklyn, N.Y.: Historical Printing Club
1897-1902	Head, Department of Documents and Statistics, Boston Public Library, Boston, Mass.
1899	Married Bettina Fillmore Quin (died 1931)
1902	Published <i>Some Jefferson Correspondence, 1775-1787</i> . Boston: Press of D. Clapp & Son
1902-1909	Chief, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress
1904	Published <i>Alexander Hamilton's Notes in the Federal Convention of 1787</i> . Cambridge: J. Wilson and Son
1904-1937	Edited with others <i>Journals of the Continental Congress, 1774-1789</i>
1909	Published <i>The Campaign of 1844</i> . Worcester, Mass.: Davis Press
1909-1929	Editor, Massachusetts Historical Society
1910	Published <i>George Washington</i> . Boston: Small, Maynard
1915	Published <i>The Treaty of Ghent, and After</i> . Madison, Wis.: The Society
1917	President, American Historical Association
1917-1922	Librarian, John Carter Brown Library, Brown University, Providence, R.I.
1927	Edited <i>Statesman and Friend; Correspondence of John Adams with Benjamin Waterhouse, 1784-1822</i> . Boston: Little, Brown
1929-1935	Director of European mission, Library of Congress
1941, Mar. 7	Died on board steamship <i>Excalibur</i>

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

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