

John Randolph Papers
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Collection Summary

Title: John Randolph Papers

Span Dates: 1903-1927

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1926-1927)

ID No.: MSS85973

Creator: Randolph, John, 1878-1954

Extent: 260 items

Extent: 2 containers plus 1 classified

Extent: .6 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

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

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Summary: U.S. consul. Consular dispatches, personal correspondence, and a photograph relating primarily to Randolph's service as the American consul in Baghdad, Iraq.

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

Randolph, John, 1878-1954.

Organizations

United States. Department of State.

Subjects

Americans--Iraq.

Diplomatic and consular service, American--Iraq.

Epidemics--Iraq.

Epidemics--Middle East.

Petroleum industry and trade--Iraq.

Petroleum industry and trade--Middle East.

Places

Iraq--Commerce.

Iraq--Foreign relations--United States.

Iraq--History--1921-

Italy--Description and travel.

Middle East--Commerce.

Middle East--History--20th century.

United States--Foreign relations--Iraq.

Occupations

Consuls.

Provenance

The papers of John Randolph, U.S. consul, were given to the Library of Congress by his grandson, Jeffrey Page, in 2014.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of John Randolph is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of John Randolph 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.

Security Classified Documents

Government regulations control the use of security classified material in this collection. Manuscript Division staff can furnish information concerning access to and use of classified materials.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, John Randolph Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

John Leffingwell Randolph was born on June 5, 1878 in Warsaw, New York. He was a clerk at the American consulate in Moscow, Russia, in 1916. Randolph later served as U.S. consul at American consulates around the world including those in Constantinople, Turkey; Baghdad, Iraq; and Bucharest, Romania. In 1927 he married Persis Schramm Lentz in Baghdad. He died in St. Petersburg, Florida, in 1954.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of John Leffingwell Randolph (1878-1954) span the years 1903-1927 with the bulk of the material dating from 1926 to 1927. They consist primarily of copies of dispatches sent by Randolph to the secretary of state in 1926-1927 while he was serving as United States consul in Baghdad, Iraq. Randolph reports on his consular activities and relates information on events and issues of concern in the region. Topics covered include political treaties, laws and regulations, trade, petroleum companies, disease outbreaks, and assistance to and information on Americans in Iraq. Among a few miscellaneous items are two letters that Randolph wrote to his parents while traveling in Italy in 1903.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material and therein chronologically.

Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1	Dispatches
BOX 1	1926 <i>See also Classified</i> (9 folders)
BOX 1	1927 (5 folders)
BOX 2	1927 <i>See also Classified</i> (6 folders)
BOX 2	Miscellany, 1903, 1924-1926
BOX CL 1	Classified
BOX CL 1	Dispatches
BOX CL 1	1926 (Container 1)
BOX CL 1	1927 (Container 2)