

Charles Monroe Dickinson Papers
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Collection Summary

Title: Charles Monroe Dickinson Papers

Inclusive Dates: 1897-1928

ID No.: MSS18432

Creator: Dickinson, Charles Monroe Dickinson, 1842-1924

Extent: 1,000 items

Extent: 4 containers

Extent: 1.4 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

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

LC Catalog record: <https://lcn.loc.gov/mm78018432>

Summary: Lawyer, editor, and diplomat. Correspondence, writings, reminiscences, biographical material, clippings, passports, and photographs relating chiefly to Dickinson's activities as an American diplomatic representative in Bulgaria and Turkey, 1897-1908.

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

Dickinson, Charles Monroe, 1842-1924.

Dickinson, Charles Monroe, 1842-1924. Children, and other verses.

Merrill, Selah, 1837-1909.

Norton, Thomas H. (Thomas Herbert), 1851-1941.

Stone, Ellen Maria, 1846-1927.

Subjects

Consuls--Jerusalem.

Consuls--Turkey--İzmir.

Diplomatic and consular service, American--Bulgaria.

Diplomatic and consular service, American--Jerusalem.

Diplomatic and consular service, American--Turkey.

Kidnapping--Macedonia.

Practice of law--United States.

Women missionaries--Macedonia.

Places

Bulgaria--Foreign relations--United States.

Turkey--Foreign relations--United States.

United States--Foreign relations--Bulgaria.

United States--Foreign relations--Turkey.

Occupations

Diplomats.

Editors.

Lawyers.

Acquisition Information

The papers of Charles Monroe Dickinson, lawyer, editor, and diplomat, were deposited in the Library of Congress by his wife, Alice Bond Minard Dickinson, in 1933 and converted to a gift in 1957.

Processing History

The Charles Dickinson Papers were processed circa 1960. The finding aid was created in 2016. The finding aid was updated in 2023 by Maria Farmer as part of a division-wide remediation project by the Inclusive Description Working Group.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Charles Monroe Dickinson is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Charles Monroe Dickinson 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, Charles Monroe Dickinson Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

Date	Event
1842, Nov. 15	Born, Lowville, N.Y.
1865	Admitted to New York bar
1878-1880	Editor and then owner and publisher of <i>Binghamton Republic</i>
1889	Published <i>The Children and Other Verses</i> . New York: Cassell & Co.
1897-1906	U.S. consul general, Constantinople, Turkey
1901-1907	Diplomatic agent to Bulgaria
1903	Negotiated release of American missionary kidnapped in Macedonia, Ellen Maria Stone
1924, July 3	Died, Binghamton, N.Y.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Charles M. Dickinson (1842-1924) span the years 1897-1923, with the bulk of the material concentrated in the period 1897-1908. The collection consists of correspondence, writings, reminiscences, biographical material, clippings, passports, and photographs relating chiefly to Dickinson's activities as an American diplomatic representative in Bulgaria and Turkey. Included is documentation pertaining to Ellen Maria Stone, a missionary abducted by brigands in Macedonia in 1901, and investigations of Thomas H. Norton and Selah Merrill, American consuls in Smyrna, Turkey, and Jerusalem, respectively. Also included is material relating to Dickinson's law practice in New York and reviews of his book, *The Children, and Other Verses* (1889).

Arrangement of the Papers

The collection is organized by type of material

Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1	Special correspondence
BOX 1	Laughton family, 1905-1906
BOX 1	Merrill, Selah, 1906-1907
BOX 1	Norton, Thomas H., 1905-1906
BOX 1	Stone, Ellen Maria, case, 1901-1904 (5 folders)
BOX 1	Wheeler, Jeanne and Walter Frisbie, 1905-1908
BOX 2	General correspondence, 1897-1907 (11 folders)
BOX 3	Subject file
BOX 3	Biographical material
BOX 3	Consular papers, 1895-1905
BOX 3	Photograph and passport, 1923
BOX 3	Reminiscences and writings
BOX 3	Clippings
BOX 4	Letterbooks, 1901-1905