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Collection Summary

Title: E. Alexander Powell Papers

Span Dates: 1893-1957

ID No.: MSS36723

Creator: Powell, E. Alexander (Edward Alexander), 1879-1957

Extent: 4,300 items ; 12 containers plus 1 oversize ; 4.8 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

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

Summary: Author. Family papers, general correspondence, literary material, and miscellany relating to Powell's personal life, writings, and travel.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

People

Bigelow, Poultney, 1855--Correspondence.

Bryan, William Jennings, 1860-1925--Correspondence.

Harding, Warren G. (Warren Gamaliel), 1865-1923--Correspondence.

Jusserand, J. J. (Jean Jules), 1855-1932--Correspondence.

Northrup family.

Pershing, John J. (John Joseph), 1860-1948--Correspondence.

Powell family.

Powell, E. Alexander (Edward Alexander), 1879-1957.

Powell, Edward A.--Correspondence.

Powell, Jessie Northrup--Correspondence.

Powell, Jessie Northrup--Diaries.

Powell, Lucy--Correspondence.

Pulitzer, Ralph, 1879-1939--Correspondence.

Roosevelt, Theodore, 1858-1919--Correspondence.

Sedgwick, Ellery, 1872-1960--Correspondence.

Wood, Leonard, 1860-1927--Correspondence.

Subjects

Travel writing.

Voyages and travels.

Occupations

Authors.

Administrative Information

Provenance

The papers of E. Alexander Powell, author, were given to the Library of Congress by his wife, Jessie Northrup Powell, in 1964.

Processing History

The papers of E. Alexander Powell were processed in 1972. A finding aid was created in 2005.

Transfers

Some photographs, negatives, and postcards have been transferred to the Library's Prints and Photographs Division where they are identified as part of these papers.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of E. Alexander Powell is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of E. Alexander Powell 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, E. Alexander Powell Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1879, Aug. 16	Born, Syracuse, N.Y.
1898-1899	Worked for <i>Syracuse Journal</i>
1902	Became editor of <i>Craftsman</i>
1903-1904	Advertising manager, Smith Premier Typewriter Company, London, England
1905-1906	Served in Near East as a correspondent for British and American publications
1906-1909	Consular official in Syria and Egypt
1912	Published <i>The Last Frontier</i> . New York, C. Scribner's Sons
1913-1955	Traveled in Europe and Mexico Published books on World War I and on travel and adventure, including <i>Brothers in Arms</i> , Boston and New York, Houghton Mifflin Co. (1917); <i>Fighting in Flanders</i> , New York, C. Scribner's Sons (1914); <i>Thunder Over Europe</i> , New York, I. Wishburn (1931)
1957, Nov. 14	Died, Falls Village, Conn.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of E. Alexander Powell (1879-1957) span the period 1893-1957 and consist of family and general correspondence, diaries, articles, book proofs, poetry, a speech, biographical materials, drawings, photographs, an award, notes, menus, memorabilia and clippings and other printed matter.

The [Family Papers](#) consist chiefly of letters Powell wrote to his parents, Edward A. and Lucy Powell, while he was in Europe. There are also letters from Powell to his wife, Jessie Northrup Powell, and letters she wrote to her parents. Also included are diaries of trips Jessie Powell took with her husband.

The [General Correspondence](#) consists of incoming letters. Among the correspondents are Poultney Bigelow, William Jennings Bryan, Warren G. Harding, J. J. Jusserand, John J. Pershing, Ralph Pulitzer, Theodore Roosevelt, Ellery Sedgwick, and Leonard Wood.

The [Literary File](#) contains articles, book proofs, and poems. The [Miscellany](#) contains biographical material, drawings, photographs, clippings relating to various members of the Powell and Northrup families, a report on Powell at Antwerp, Belgium, and printed matter relating to Powell.

Organization of the Papers

The collection is arranged in five series:

- [Family Papers, 1893-1957](#)
- [General Correspondence, 1904-1933](#)
- [Literary File, 1907-1922](#)
- [Miscellany, 1904-1957](#)
- [Oversize, undated](#)

Description of Series

<i>Container</i>	<i>Series</i>
BOX 1-6	<u>Family Papers, 1893-1957</u> Correspondence to and from family members as well as diaries of Jessie Northrup Powell. Alphabetically arranged by name of family member and therein chronologically.
BOX 7	<u>General Correspondence, 1904-1933</u> Letters received by Powell. Arranged alphabetically by name of author and therein chronologically.
BOX 8	<u>Literary File, 1907-1922</u> Book proofs and typescripts of articles, poems, and a speech. Arranged alphabetically by type of material.
BOX 9-12	<u>Miscellany, 1904-1957</u> Biographical material, drawings, an award, notes, menus, memorabilia, photographs, and printed matter. Arranged by type of material and therein chronologically.
BOX OV 1	<u>Oversize, undated</u> Posters. Arranged and described according to the series and container from which the item was removed.

Container List

<i>Container</i>	<i>Contents</i>
BOX 1-6	Family Papers, 1893-1957 Correspondence to and from family members as well as diaries of Jessie Northrup Powell. Alphabetically arranged by name of family member and therein chronologically.
BOX 1	Monson, Anthony J., undated Monson, John, 1943 Northrup, Alice, 1905-1911, undated Northrup, Lillian, 1903 Northrup, Milton, 1893, 1904-1906, undated Northrup, Mrs. Milton, 1904-1911, undated Powell, Betty, 1899, 1910, 1918-1922, 1928-1941, 1956-1957 Powell, Edward A. (son), 1915-1917, 1923-1934 Powell, Edward A. and Lucy 1895-1905 (11 folders)
BOX 2	1906-1911 (10 folders)
BOX 3	1912-1921 (12 folders)
BOX 4	1922-1927, undated (11 folders)
BOX 5	Powell, Jessie Northrup (wife) Diaries, 1916, 1922, 1926, undated (4 folders) Letters from E. Alexander Powell, 1901, 1909-1915, 1922, 1935, undated Letters to and from her parents 1896-1903 (2 folders) 1904 Jan.-July Aug.-Dec.
BOX 6	1905-1927, undated (9 folders) Miscellaneous, 1900, 1957, undated Unidentified, undated
BOX 7	General Correspondence, 1904-1933 Letters received by Powell. Arranged alphabetically by name of author and therein chronologically.
BOX 7	"A-B" miscellaneous, 1908, 1912-1919, 1924 Bates, Arthur L., 1909 Bigelow, Poultney, 1916

General Correspondence, 1904-1933

Container

Contents

Brambilla, G., 1919
Bryan, William Jennings, 1914
Cecil, Robert, 1916
Cellere, F. Macchi di, 1917
Cobb, Irving S., undated
"C" miscellaneous, 1915
Diederich, Henry W., 1914
Driscoll, Michael E., 1907
"D-G" miscellaneous, 1909, 1915, 1922
Hamilton, Francis Burton, 1920
Hammond, John Hays, 1915
Harding, Warren G., 1922
Havenith, E., 1916
Hearst, William Randolph, 1906
Hughes, Charles Evans, undated
"H" miscellaneous, 1915-1917
Jordan, David Starr, 1911
Jusserand, Jean, 1915-1917
"J-M" miscellaneous, 1905-1924, undated
(2 folders)
Northcliffe, Alfred C. W., 1915
"N" miscellaneous, 1910-1914
Pershing, John J., 1919
Pulitzer, Ralph, 1914
"P" miscellaneous, 1910-1933, undated
Roosevelt, Theodore (1858-1919), 1909-1914
"R" miscellaneous, 1907-1922
Scribner, Arthur H., 1917
Sedgwick, Ellery, 1921
"S" miscellaneous, 1904-1924
Wood, Leonard, 1917-1921
"T-W" miscellaneous, 1905-1922
Unidentified, 1911-1933, undated

BOX 8

Literary File, 1907-1922

Book proofs and typescripts of articles, poems, and a speech.
Arranged alphabetically by type of material.

BOX 8

Articles

"Americans Abroad," undated
"Boots; A Soldier of the Union," undated
"Carnival of Terror That Ruled Milan," 1915
"The Commander of the Faithful," undated
"The Ireland of the East," 1922
"A Lass of the Lumberlands," undated
"The Last Knight of Europe," undated
"The Men Who Count in the Balkans," undated

Literary File, 1907-1922

Container

Contents

"My Most Amusing Experience," undated
"The Most Dangerous of Them All," undated
"Nourredin and the Beautiful Persian," undated
"Our Uncomfortable Cousins," undated
"Review of Egypt's Commercial Metropolis," 1907
Synopsis of "The Mountains of Unrest," undated
Untitled and undated articles, undated
(3 folders)

Books

Informal Talks on the Far Places, undated
A Virginia Pilgrimage, undated

Poems

"Caravan Song," undated
"Dilma," undated
"The Little Turkish Maid," undated
"My Eastern Queen," undated
"Wanderlust," undated
"The Yankee Schoolmarm," undated

Speech, Canadian Club, Chateau Laurier, Ottawa, 1915, Jan. 20

BOX 9-12

Miscellany, 1904-1957

Biographical material, drawings, an award, notes, menus, memorabilia, photographs, and printed matter.

Arranged by type of material and therein chronologically.

BOX 9

Articles by Jessie Northrup Powell, undated
(4 folders)

Award, 1921

Biographical material, 1939, 1957, undated

Calling cards and invitations, 1917-1929, undated

Charles Scribner's Sons, 1914

Clippings regarding various members of the Powell family, 1906, 1914-1916, 1942, undated

Drawings, undated

Memorabilia, n.d

Passports and other travel documents, 1915-1924

Photographs

Album, undated

BOX 10

Miscellany, undated

Posters, undated *See Oversize*

Powell, Edward A., III, undated

Printed matter

1904-1915

(7 folders)

BOX 11

1915-1917

(7 folders)

BOX 12

1917-1939, 1953-1955, undated

(8 folders)

Miscellany, 1904-1957

Container

Contents

Report on E. Alexander Powell at Antwerp, Belgium, undated

BOX OV 1

Oversize, undated

Posters.

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BOX OV 1

Miscellany

Posters, undated (Container 10)