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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Chandler P. Anderson Papers

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**Creator:** Anderson, Chandler P. (Chandler Parsons), 1866-1936

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**Language:** Collection material in English

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

**Summary:** Lawyer, advisor to the Department of State, and international arbitrator. Correspondence, diaries, informal records and notes of negotiations, typewritten and printed documents, and notes for articles and editorials relating mainly to Anderson's work as a specialist in international affairs and international negotiator.

## 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

Anderson, Chandler P. (Chandler Parsons), 1866-1936.

Baruch, Bernard M. (Bernard Mannes), 1870-1965.

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

Cartwright, Otis T.--Correspondence.

Hughes, Charles Evans, 1862-1948--Correspondence.

Jordan, David Starr, 1851-1931--Correspondence.

Knox, Philander C. (Philander Chase), 1853-1921--Correspondence.

Lansing, Robert, 1864-1928--Correspondence.

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Lodge, Henry Cabot, 1850-1924

Polk, Frank L. (Frank Lyon), 1871-1943--Correspondence.

Root, Elihu, 1845-1937--Correspondence.

Root, Elihu, 1845-1937.

Scott, James Brown, 1866-1943--Correspondence.

Warren, Charles Beecher--Correspondence.

Wilson, Woodrow, 1856-1924.

### Organizations

Conference on the Limitation of Armament (1921-1922 : Washington, D.C.)

Germany. Treaties, etc. United States, 1921 August 25.

League of Nations.

United States. Department of State--Officials and employees.

United States. Department of State.

### Subjects

Boundaries.

Disarmament.

Fishery law and legislation.

International law.

International relations.

Investments, American--Soviet Union.

World War, 1914-1918--Great Britain.

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### Places

Central America--Boundaries.  
Germany--Foreign relations--United States.  
Great Britain--Foreign relations--United States.  
Nicaragua--History--1909-1937.  
United States--Foreign relations--Germany.  
United States--Foreign relations--Great Britain.

### **Occupations**

International arbitrators.  
Lawyers.  
Public officials.

## **Administrative Information**

### **Provenance**

The papers of Chandler P. Anderson, lawyer, advisor to the Department of State, and international arbitrator, were given to the Library of Congress by his widow, Harriet W. Anderson, in 1938-1952, with additional gifts from Alan D. Gibbons in 1952 and Chandler P. Anderson, Jr., in 1958. Material was also received by transfer from the Department of State in 1961. Correspondence between Anderson and Robert Lansing was transferred to the [Robert Lansing Papers](#), also in the Manuscript Division of the Library.

### **Processing History**

The collection was processed in 1971. The finding aid was revised in 2011.

### **Other Repositories**

Material relating to Anderson's activity as an official in the Department of State can also be found in the records of the Department of State, Record Group 59, Legislative, Judicial, and Diplomatic Records Division, National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, D.C.

### **Copyright Status**

Copyright in the unpublished writings of Chandler P. Anderson in these papers and in other collections of papers in the custody of the Library of Congress has been dedicated to the public.

### **Access and Restrictions**

The papers of Chandler P. Anderson 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.

### **Microfilm**

A microfilm edition of part of these papers is available on three reels. Consult a reference librarian in the Manuscript Division concerning availability for purchase or interlibrary loan. To promote preservation of the originals, researchers are required to consult the microfilm edition.

### **Preferred Citation**

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## **Biographical Note**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1886, Sept. 5	Born, Lakeville, Conn.

1887	A.B., Yale University, New Haven, Conn.
1888-1889	Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Mass.
1891	Admitted to New York bar
1896-1897	Secretary for United States, Bering Sea Claims Commission
1897	Formed partnership with Henry B. Anderson in law firm of Anderson and Anderson
1898-1899	Secretary for United States, U.S.-Great Britain Joint High Commission on Canadian Question
1899	Married Harriet S. Ward
1903	Assistant counsel for United States, Alaska Boundary Tribunal
1905-1910	Legal adviser for Department of State, Anglo-American negotiations for Canadian questions
1910	Agent for United States, North Atlantic Coast Fisheries arbitration, Hague, Netherlands
1910-1913	Counselor for Department of State
1913-1923	U.S. arbitrator, American-British Pecuniary Claims Arbitration
1913-1914	Counsel for Costa Rica, Costa Rica-Panama boundary dispute
1914-1915	Legal adviser for Department of State
1917-1918	Counsel for War Industries Board
1919	Counsel for International Red Cross
1918-1921	Counsel for Guatemala, Guatemala-Honduras boundary dispute
1920-1921	Counsel for Nicaragua, Nicaragua-Honduras
1921-1922	Legal adviser for United States, Washington Conference on Limitation of Armament
1921-1922	U.S. arbitrator, American-Norwegian Shipping Claims Arbitration
1923	Counsel for Costa Rica, British-Costa Rican Arbitration
1923-1936	U.S. Commissioner, U.S.-Germany Mixed Claims Commission
1927	Published <i>Inviolability of Private Property Against Confiscation</i> . New York: Appeal Printing Co.
1933	Sole commissioner, Tripartite Claims between United States, Austria, and Hungary
1936, Aug. 2	Died, York Harbor, Maine

## Scope and Content Note

The papers of Chandler Parsons Anderson (1866-1936) cover the period 1894-1953, with the bulk of the material from 1896 to 1929. The collection is organized into [Diary](#), [General Correspondence](#), [Office File](#), [Subject File](#), [Speeches and Writings](#), [Miscellany](#), and [Oversize](#) series.

Except for some letters that Anderson sent to his wife during his stays in Europe, the papers contain little that reveal his family life. The focus is on his career in international law, official activities in the Department of State, relationships with key State Department officials, particularly Robert Lansing and Elihu Root, and thinking on important matters of world affairs.

For the years between 1914 and 1928 and for most of 1934, Anderson kept a detailed typescript [diary](#) of his thoughts and activities. The diary includes descriptions of public and official opinion in Great Britain in 1914-1915, character descriptions of associates and individuals, and summaries of conversations with Lansing, Root, Woodrow Wilson, Henry Cabot Lodge (1850-1924), Bernard M. Baruch, and others.

Most of the correspondence is located in the [Office File](#). Among the significant correspondence in the [General Correspondence](#) series are copies of Anderson's letters in the letterpress books and the letters he sent to his wife while he was in Europe during 1914-1915 and 1918-1919.

The [Office File](#) contains records generated by Anderson as a government official and as a participant in various legal cases. The records contain information on subjects such as Anglo-American relations in North America, boundary problems between Central American countries, relations between the United States and Great Britain during 1914, the treatment of American economic interests by the Soviet Union in the 1920s, the Arms Limitation Conference of 1921-1922, and internal problems in Nicaragua during the 1920s.

The [Subject File](#) contains papers that Anderson collected as a result of his interests in various subjects. Some subjects relate to topical material in the [Office File](#). Particularly significant are papers relating to the peace treaty with Germany and the League of Nations. Included are correspondence with senators, a paper showing Anderson's contribution to the treaty, and notes on a meeting with President Wilson.

The [Speeches and Writings File](#) contains drafts and printed copies of papers, articles, editorials, and book reviews written by Anderson. Most of the subjects in which he was involved are represented. He wrote an especially large number of articles on aspects of international law. Included in the [Miscellany](#) series are a biographical file, printed matter on international law, passports, invitations, autographs, and commissions.

Correspondents include William Jennings Bryan, Otis T. Cartwright, Charles Evans Hughes, David Starr Jordan, Philander C. Knox, Robert Lansing, Frank L. Polk, Elihu Root, James Brown Scott, and Charles Beecher Warren.

## Arrangement of the Papers

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