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Collection Summary

Title: John J. Pershing Papers

Span Dates: 1882-1971

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1904-1948)

ID No.: MSS35949

Creator: Pershing, John J. (John Joseph), 1860-1948

Extent: 141,000 items ; 437 containers plus 5 oversize ; 180.6 linear feet ; 10 microfilm reels

Language: Collection material in English

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

Abstract: Army officer. Correspondence, diaries, writings, notebooks, military records, printed matter, memorabilia, and other material documenting Pershing's military career, including as commander-in-chief of the American Expeditionary Forces in World War I.

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

Pershing family.

Pershing, Helen F. (Helen Frances), 1880-1915. Helen F. Pershing correspondence and diaries.

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

Pershing, John J. (John Joseph), 1860-1948. My experiences in the World War. 1931.

Organizations

Comisión Plebiscitaria de Tacna y Arica.

United States Military Academy.

United States. Army--History--Punitive Expedition into Mexico, 1916.

United States. Army. American Expeditionary Forces.

United States. War Department. General Staff.

Subjects

Indians of North America--Wars--West (U.S.)

Russo-Japanese War, 1904-1905--China--Manchuria.

Russo-Japanese War, 1904-1905--Japan.

Spanish-American War, 1898--Campaigns--Cuba.

Tacna-Arica question.

World War, 1914-1918--Campaigns--France.

World War, 1914-1918.

Places

Chile--Boundaries--Peru.

Europe--Description and travel.

Fort William McKinley (Philippines)

Latin America--Description and travel.

Mexico--History--Revolution, 1910-1920.

Peru--Boundaries--Chile.

Philippines--History--Philippine American War, 1899-1902.

Occupations

Army officers.

Administrative Information

Provenance

The papers of John J. Pershing, army officer, were a gift and deposit converted to a gift from John J. Pershing and his son Francis Warren Pershing, 1919-1976. Other gift, reproduction, purchase, and transfer were received 1934-1995.

Processing History

The Pershing Papers were arranged and described in 1957 and 1965. Additions were made between 1976 and 2005, and the finding aid was revised in 1987 and 2013.

Additional Guides

A card index of the General Correspondence series is available in the Manuscript Division Reading Room.

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Microfilm

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Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1860, Sept. 13	Born, Laclede County, Mo.
1876-1880	Taught, Mound School, Prairie Mound, Mo.
1880	A.B., State Normal School, Kirksville, Mo.
1886	Graduated, United States Military Academy, West Point, N.Y., as senior cadet captain, the highest honor conferred

1886-1890 Second lieutenant, 6th Cavalry; took part in New Mexico and Arizona Apache campaigns

1890-1891 Served in Sioux campaigns in South Dakota

1891-1895 Military instructor, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Neb.; promoted to first lieutenant

1896 In charge of roundup of Cree Indians who were deported to Canada

1897-1898 Instructor in tactics, United States Military Academy, West Point, N.Y.

1898 Served with 10th Cavalry, Santiago, Cuba; appointed chief officer of volunteers

1898-1899 Organized Bureau of Insular Affairs and was its chief until August 1899

1899-1903 Served in Philippine Islands

1901 Captain, 1st Cavalry; later transferred to 15th Cavalry in order to remain in Philippines

1903-1904 Resumed staff duty in Washington, D.C., and studied at Army War College

1903-1906 Member, general staff of the army

1905 Married Helen F. Warren (died 1915)

1905-1906 Military attaché, Tokyo, Japan; with Tamemoto Kuroki's army in Manchuria, Mar.-Sept. 1905

1906 Promoted from captain to brigadier general

1906-1908 Commander, Fort McKinley, Philippines

1909-1913 Governor, Moro Province, Philippines

1913 Took command of 8th Cavalry Brigade, Presidio, San Francisco, Calif.; ordered to El Paso, Tex.

1915 Death of wife and their three daughters when their home burned, Presidio, San Francisco, Calif.

1916-1917 Commanded troops sent to Mexico in pursuit of Pancho Villa

1917-1919 Commander-in-chief, American Expeditionary Forces

1919 Confirmed by Senate as general of the armies of the United States

1921-1924 Chief of staff, United States Army

1931 Published *My Experiences in the World War*. New York: Frederick A. Stokes Co.

1948, July 15 Died, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of John Joseph Pershing (1860-1948) span the years 1882-1971, with the bulk of the material concentrated in the period 1904-1948. The collection consists of correspondence, diaries, notebooks, speeches, statements, writings, orders, maps, scrapbooks, newspaper clippings, picture albums, posters, photographs, printed matter, and memorabilia. The papers document nearly every phase of the general's career, beginning with his service as a young officer in the American West and continuing through his tours of duty in Cuba and the Philippines, as military attaché in Tokyo and Manchuria during the Russo-Japanese War, command of the punitive expedition sent into Mexico after Pancho Villa in 1916, service as commander of the American Expeditionary Forces in World War I, and presidency of the Comisión Plebisitaria de Tacna y Arica in 1925-1926. Included also is material on his goodwill tours of Europe and Latin America. A noticeable gap is evident in the scarcity of papers relating to his tour of duty as chief of staff of the army, 1921-1924.

The papers are organized into fifteen series: [Diaries, Notebooks, and Address Books](#); [General Correspondence](#); [Social Correspondence](#); [Special Correspondence](#); [Greetings from French Municipalities](#); [Illness](#); [Death of Pershing](#); [Helen F. Pershing File](#); [Subject File](#); [Tacna-Arica File](#); [Speeches, Statements, and Book File](#); [Scrapbooks](#); [Memorabilia](#); [Addition](#); and [Oversize](#).

Address books in the first series date from 1905 while a military attaché in Japan and from 1908 when Pershing was stationed at Fort William McKinley in the Philippines. The typed diaries, organized into two sets, describe Pershing's command of the American Expeditionary Forces in France during World War I and his postwar service as army chief of staff until 1925. Set I, a ribbon copy, includes minor penciled notations and a clipping mounted into the text. Set II consists of a carbon copy of a separately typed version extracted from the first set of the entries for the World War I period, 1917-1919.

The notebooks mainly document Pershing's army career prior to 1917, with a few that overlap the World War I diaries. The first notebook, from 1882, Pershing's plebe year at the United States Military Academy, is identified as his "cadet check book," or account book. There are notebooks covering much of the rest of his time at West Point, 1883-1884, and 1886, the year he graduated.

Some of Pershing's notebooks are diary-like accounts focused on particular military or diplomatic assignments. A notebook dated 1897-1898 documents his service during the Spanish-American War as commander of Company A, probably the 10th Calvary. Notebooks from 1902-1903 treat his experiences in the Philippines, including the Lake Lanao campaign. One of the Lake Lanao notebooks includes agreements with Moslem leaders in Arabic script. Other notebooks document his tour of duty as a military attaché in Tokyo and as an observer in the field during the Russo-Japanese War. Later ones relate to his expedition in Mexico against Pancho Villa just prior to the American participation in World War I. In the [Addition](#) series are more address books, notebooks and diaries, including of his wife, Helen F. Pershing, who died with three of his children in a fire in 1915, and personal jottings by him from 1900, 1904-1905, 1918, and 1934.

Pershing's early military career is well documented in an extensive [Subject File](#) that also treats his experiences in the Spanish-American War, the Philippines, and as military attaché in Japan and Manchuria. Of biographical significance are memoirs materials in the [Speeches, Statements, and Book File](#) series, with its background files and drafts dealing with his life prior to 1919. The [Scrapbooks](#) series (available only on microfilm) covers his career from 1900 until his death in 1948. In the [Addition](#) are six drafts of his autobiography.

Arrangement of the Papers

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- [General Correspondence, 1904-1948](#)
- [Social Correspondence, 1919-1948](#)
- [Special Correspondence, 1904-1948](#)
- [Greetings from French Municipalities, 1919](#)
- [Illness, 1938](#)
- [Death of Pershing, 1948](#)
- [Helen F. Pershing File, 1903-1915](#)

- Subject File, 1883-1925
- Tacna-Arica File, 1925-1926
- Speeches, Statements, and Book File, 1913-1944
- Scrapbooks, 1900-1949
- Memorabilia
- Addition, 1897-1971
- Oversize

Description of Series

<i>Container</i>	<i>Series</i>
BOX 1-7	<u>Diaries, Notebooks, and Address Books, 1882-1925</u> Notebooks, diaries, and address books. The diaries include one set of typed, single-spaced entries for 1917-1925, and a second set, extracted from the first and double-spaced in carbon, of entries covering only the World War I period, 1917-1919. Arranged by type of material and chronologically therein.
BOX 8-219	<u>General Correspondence, 1904-1948</u> Letters sent and received (mainly received) and other papers. Arranged alphabetically by name of correspondent and by subject or topic.
BOX 220-277	<u>Social Correspondence, 1919-1948</u>
BOX 220-251	<u>Set I</u> Mainly invitations. Alphabetically arranged by state or country of origin.
BOX 252-277	<u>Set II</u> Invitations, Christmas lists, cards, and letters, and birthday cards, letters and telegrams. Arranged by type of material and therein chronologically.
BOX 278-292	<u>Special Correspondence, 1904-1948</u> Letters of congratulations; requests for photographs; poems, songs, and sheet music sent to Pershing; and other topical correspondence, including files pertaining to the Philippines, 1904-1914. Arranged by subject.
BOX 293-305	<u>Greetings from French Municipalities, 1919</u> Copies of "Extracts of Deliberations of Municipal Councils" expressing appreciation and gratitude to the United States and to Pershing. Arranged alphabetically by municipality.
BOX 306-311	<u>Illness, 1938</u> Letters received. Arranged alphabetically by name of writer.
BOX 312	<u>Death of Pershing, 1948</u> Condolences and press statements. Arranged by type of material.
BOX 313-314	<u>Helen F. Pershing File, 1903-1915</u> Diaries of Helen F. Pershing and condolence letters, and calling cards occasioned by her death in 1915. Organized by type of material with the diaries arranged chronologically and the condolence letters arranged alphabetically.

- BOX 315-331** **Subject File, 1883-1925**
Memoranda, reports, invitations, and correspondence relating to a variety of subjects mainly of a professional in nature.
Arranged by subject and therein chronologically.
- BOX 333-341** **Tacna-Arica File, 1925-1926**
Reports, resolution, regulations, correspondence, memoranda, and personal journals pertaining to the plebiscite commission presided over by Pershing.
Arranged by type of material.
- BOX 342-380** **Speeches, Statements, and Book File, 1913-1944**
Speeches and background material; statements by Pershing, bound and indexed; miscellaneous unbound statements on a variety of subjects; and production material of Pershing's published and unpublished memoirs, including drafts, correspondence, photographs, maps, reviews, and other material.
Arranged by type of material or title of work.
- BOX 380**
REEL 1-10 **Scrapbooks, 1900-1949**
Bound scrapbooks and material prepared for binding (1900-1938) are chronologically arranged. Loose clippings (1938-1949) are chronologically arranged by years.
Miscellaneous material and scrapbooks sent as gifts conclude the series.
Available only on ten reels of microfilm, shelf no. 19,612, where they are cited as Containers 381-408. The numbering of the collection was revised after filming.
- BOX 381-383** **Memorabilia**
Certificates, diplomas, awards, commissions, and miscellaneous items.
Unarranged.
- BOX 384-437** **Addition, 1897-1971**
Correspondence between Pershing and his wife, Helen F. Warren, and other correspondence, also diaries, drafts of Pershing's autobiography, and miscellaneous material.
Also includes manuscript items removed from the Scrapbooks series after filming.
Correspondence is arranged by name of author. Other material is arranged by type.
- BOX OV 1-OV 5** **Oversize**
Oversize photographs, printed matter, and miscellaneous memorabilia.
Arranged and described according to the series, folder, and container from which the items were removed.

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BOX 312	Condolences, 1948 Press statements, 1948
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Helen F. Pershing File, 1903-1915

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