Register of the Ernest Schelling papers

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Abstract: The Ernest Schelling papers largely consist of printed matter, photographs, and memorabilia, much of it relating to Schelling’s service as a major in the United States Army during World War I and as an assistant military attaché in Switzerland during and immediately after that war. The papers also contain materials pertaining to Schelling’s long career as a classical pianist and conductor, and especially to his friendship with the Polish musician and statesman, Ignace (Ignacy) Paderewski. There is some personal correspondence in the collection, as well as correspondence belonging to Lucie (Lucy) Schelling (Ernest Schelling’s first wife) and Helen “Peggy” Schelling (his second wife and widow).
Physical Location: Hoover Institution Archives
Creator: Schelling, Ernest, 1876-1939.
Access
Boxes 5-6 restricted; use copies available in Box/Folder 13 : 14. The remainder of the collection is open for research; materials must be requested at least two business days in advance of intended use.
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Related Archival Materials note
Ernest Schelling collection, International Piano Archives, University of Maryland
Separated Materials
Orders, Decorations and Insignia, Military and Civil; With the History and Romance of Their Origin and a Full Description of Each , Robert Wyllie, 1921, given to Hoover Library.
1876 July 26 Born, Belvedere, New Jersey
1888 Began studying piano with Ignace Paderewski
1917 Commissioned as major in the United States Army
1917-1919 Served as assistant military attaché, American Legation, Berne, Switzerland
1924-1939 Conductor, Young People’s Concerts of the New York Philharmonic Symphonic Society
1936-1938 Music director, Baltimore Symphony
1939 Died

Scope and Content of Collection
The Ernest Schelling papers largely consist of printed matter, photographs, and memorabilia, much of it relating to Schelling’s service as a major in the United States Army during World War I and as an assistant military attaché in Switzerland during and immediately after that war. The World War I materials include copies of American government publications relating to military affairs, clippings, serial issues, and numerous photographs depicting soldiers of the American Expeditionary Forces in action in France and Germany. There are also copies of proclamations issued by the German military in occupied Belgium. In addition, the papers contain Schelling’s translation of one volume of the official German history of World War I. Official and personal correspondence, memoranda, reports, printed matter, and other materials relating to Schelling’s service as an assistant military attaché can also be found in the Incremental Materials (Boxes 8-13).
Also included in the collection are materials pertaining to Schelling’s long career as a classical pianist and conductor, and especially to his friendship with the Polish musician and statesman, Ignace (Ignacy) Paderewski. There are photographs of Paderewski, including ones from his childhood, as well as programs relating to concert performances by Paderewski. There is also some personal correspondence in the collection, as well as correspondence belonging to Lucie (Lucy) Schelling (Ernest Schelling’s first wife) and Helen “Peggy” Schelling (his second wife and widow). The collection also contains significant memorabilia, including various awards received by Schelling, as well as his World War I army uniform.

Subjects and Indexing Terms
Paderewski, Ignace Jan, 1860-1941.
United States. Army.
World War, 1914-1918--Campaigns.

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Photographs 1867-1941
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Box/Folder 2 : 4  1 print depicting an artist’s sketch of Ignace Paderewski 1891
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**Proclamations issued by the German military in occupied Belgium 1914-1915**

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**Translation by Ernest Schelling of official history of the German army in World War I, Der Weltkrieg 1914 bis 1918, volume II 1926**

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**Boxes 4-6 Oversize Materials 1914-1936**

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**Photograph depicting Ernest Schelling at a military ceremony 1921**

**Box/Folder 4 : 6**
Print of President Taft 1913

Scope and Contents note

Includes an inscription by Taft: "For Mr. Ernest Schelling with grateful appreciation of the wonderful music drawn from the piano he gave us at the White House February 7th 1913."

Box/Folder 4 : 7

Print of portrait of Friedrich Wilhelm Joseph von Schelling (German philosopher) undated

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Poster insert from German newspaper 1917

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Box/Folder 13 : 14 Framed display of medals awarded to Ernest Schelling (use copies only) 1919-1934

Scope and Contents note

Includes the Ordre National de la Légion d'honneur; the Order Odrodzenia Polski, Polonia Restituta; the Ordre du Saint-Sépulcre Orthodoxe; and the Distinguished Service Medal.

Access

Originals located in Box 5 restricted; access images available for use in Box/Folder 13 : 14.
| Box/Folder 13 : 14 | **U.S. Army cap worn by Ernest Schelling (use copies only) 1918**  
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| Box/Folder 7 : 5 | Gore, James Howard, American Legionnaires of France 1920 |
| Box/Folder 7 : 6 | To Ignace Paderewski, Artist, Patriot, Humanitarian 1928 |

**Pamphlets relating to American and German military policy 1917**

| Box/Folder 7 : 7 | General 1917 |
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Incremental Materials 1899-1991

Scope and Contents note
Correspondence, memoranda, reports, printed matter, newspaper clippings, ephemera, address books, notebooks, passports, and photographs largely relating to Schelling's time as an assistant military attaché in Switzerland after World War I and his friendship with Ignace Paderewski, arranged alphabetically by subject or physical form. See "Key to military file" (Box 8, folder 1) for more information about the organization of the materials.

Box/Folder 8 : 1

Key to military file undated

Scope and Contents note
Handwritten and typed notes provided by a relative of Schelling's, detailing the organization of Schelling's papers. There is an item-level index indicating which items were found together under Schelling's original organizational scheme and then a cross-reference indicating which descriptive headings the items were put under. These latter headings are what were used as the folder titles for the Military file of the Incremental Materials, and any additional notes were added as Scope and Content notes, in quotation marks.

Military file 1912-1963

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Accident 1919-1920

Box/Folder 8 : 3

Agents 1918-1919, undated

Box/Folder 8 : 4

Biographical material 1917-1939

Scope and Contents note
Includes military identity cards, diplomatic passes and passports, certificates, travel documents, and summaries of Schelling's military activities/rankings and decorations.

Box/Folder 8 : 5-6

Bolshevism 1918-1919, undated

Box/Folder 8 : 7

Codes undated

Box/Folder 8 : 8-9

Correspondence

Official 1914-1934

Scope and Contents note
From folders labeled "Major Schelling - Official," "Major Schelling - Official - Personal," and "Poland." Largely consists of correspondence and orders directly relating to Schelling's military duties.

Box/Folder 9 : 1

Official (continued) 1914-1934

Box/Folder 9 : 2-3

Unofficial 1912-1935

Scope and Contents note
From folder labeled "Military - Unofficial letters to Major Schelling." Largely consists of correspondence received by Schelling during his military career or from military colleagues unrelated to his duties or of a more personal nature.

Box/Folder 9 : 4-5

General information on intelligence 1917-1924, 1954

Box/Folder 9 : 6

Inventions 1914, 1918

Box/Folder 10 : 1-2

Lists 1919, undated

Scope and Contents note
"Lists of officials - Berne; official address book; M.A. ball - June 26, 1919."

Box/Folder 10 : 3

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Box/Folder 10 : 4

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Scope and Contents note
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|                 | Original folder included handwritten notation: "See article, Musical Courier, April 14, 1921."
| Box/Folder 10 : 9 | Reports re Austria 1918 |
|                 | Scope and Contents note |
|                 | "1 by Major Schelling."
| Box/Folder 10 : 10 | Reports re Bulgaria and Turkey 1918 |
|                 | Scope and Contents note |
|                 | "1 by Major Schelling."
| Box/Folder 10 : 11 | Reports re France 1914, 1918 |
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|                 | Scope and Contents note |
|                 | "(?) several by Major Schelling."
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| Box/Folder 11 : 5 | Reports re Russia 1917-1918 |
| Box/Folder 11 : 6 | Reports re Switzerland 1917-1919 |
|                 | Scope and Contents note |
|                 | "At least 6 by Major Schelling."
| Box/Folder 11 : 7 | Reports re United States 1917-1921 |
| Box/Folder 11 : 8 | Reserve Officers Association 1920-1938 |
|                 | Scope and Contents note |
|                 | "Includes 61st Cavalry Division."

**Personal file 1899-1991**

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<td>Letters, notes, cables, telegrams, and postcards. With two exceptions, the postcards (1902-1904) are addressed to Madame [Helena] Paderewska from Ernest Schelling. The other two are addressed to Madame Jaszowska, Paderewska’s aunt.</td>
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Re newspaper articles 1915-1934
Scope and Contents note
The majority of the material relates to a Saturday Evening Post article, 7 April 1934, which disparaged Paderewski.

Box/Folder 12 : 8

Re Paderewski week (17-23 January 1937) and proposed Paderewski Fund 1936-1940

Box/Folder 12 : 9

Re Paso Robles ranch 1921, undated

Box/Folder 12 : 10

Strakacz, Sylwin 1931-1939

Box/Folder 12 : 11

Between Helen "Peggy" Schelling and others re Paderewski 1940-1965

Box/Folder 12 : 12

Between Lucie (Lucy) Schelling and others re Paderewski 1920-1934
Scope and Contents note
Includes RSVPs (acceptances and regrets) to 20 February 1921 reception for Paderewski at the Colony Club.

Box/Folder 13 : 1

Funeral 1941, 1946, undated
Scope and Contents note
Includes handwritten notes regarding announcement of funeral services at Arlington National Cemetery in 1941, invitation to a fifth anniversary mass in 1946, and a list of friends.

Box/Folder 13 : 2

Miscellaneous 1901-1942, undated
Scope and Contents note
Notes, receipts, press release, and summaries of information relating to Paderewski, Schelling, and other topics.

Box/Folder 13 : 3

Photographs 1930s, undated
Scope and Contents note
Largely photographs of Paderewski and Schelling, but some group shots of Paderewski in domestic setting with others are included as well. See also: Boxes 1-2.

Box/Folder 13 : 4

Tributes (by Schelling) 1915-1940, undated

Box/Folder 13 : 5

Photographs of Schelling (4 prints) undated
Scope and Contents note
See also: Boxes 1-2.

Box/Folder 13 : 6

Schelling, Helen "Peggy," 1939-1991
Scope and Contents note
Correspondence, notes, printed matter, press release, and program relating to Schelling and his legacy, the military, and Paderewski, received or collected by Schelling's second wife, Helen.

Box/Folder 13 : 7-8

Schelling, Lucie (Lucy) 1914-1938
Scope and Contents note
Correspondence, notes, and passports of Schelling's first wife, Lucie, as well as materials relating to her death and funeral.

Box/Folder 13 : 9

Miscellaneous 1930, 1960, undated
Scope and Contents note
Consists of a cartoon, undated; a typescript draft of a concert program, undated; a zeppelin ticket, 1930; and a flyer for a piano recital by Claudette Sorel, 1960.

Printed matter 1919-1949
Box/Folder 13 : 10-11
Aubert, Maitre, *Bolshevism’s Terrible Record: An Indictment*, issued under the auspices of the Entente Internationale contre le IIIe Internationale 1924

Flynn, John T., *The Road Ahead: America’s Creeping Revolution* 1949

Box/Folder 13 : 10-11
Herzig & McLean, Inc., *General Pershing’s Story of the American Army in France* 1919

Scope and Contents note
Reprints General Pershing’s 20 November 1918 report to the Secretary of War, as well as some World War I poetry.

Box/Folder 13 : 10-11
Novik, Dmitri, *Théodore Aubert et Son Oeuvre: Le Mouvement International Contre le Bolchévisme, édition des Amis de l’Entente Internationale contre la IIIe Internationale* 1932

Box/Folder 13 : 10-11
Otto Ulbrich Co., *Catalogue of United States Martial Short Arms* 1939

Box/Folder 13 : 10-11
Tributes 1940, 1956
Scope and Contents note
Related to Schelling’s support of music and his fellow musicians, particularly through the Musicians Emergency Fund.

Declassified U.S. Government Records 1918, 1920, undated
Scope and Contents note
Formerly security-classified records of the U.S. government, released in full or in part. Arranged chronologically by date of release by Hoover, thereunder chronologically by date of creation.

Box/Folder 13 : 13
2016 January release of records 1918, 1920, undated
Scope and Contents note
Consists of documents relating to Schelling’s work as an assistant military attaché in Berne, Switzerland after World War I:

"Synopsis of Cables Between the American Minister, Berne, Switzerland, and the State Department, with Reference to McN.,” undated.

Memorandum re the Czech delegation in Switzerland, undated.

Letter from Schelling to Colonel Van Deman, Chief Intelligence Section, War College, Washington D.C., 2 March 1918.

"The Situation in Germany: An Interview with a German Officer in the Würtemberg Infantry (Engineer Corps), a Mining Engineer," 25 May 1920.