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1876
November 17
Born, Denver, Colorado
1894-1896
Student, Occidental College, Los Angeles
1897-1900
Student, Stanford University
1900-1901
Lieutenant-General, Imperial Reform Army, China, under Kang Yu Wei, Grand President, Chinese Empire Reform Association
1900
Undertook relief of Kwang Hsu, Emperor of China
1902-1904
Organized Chinese military schools in U.S. and Chinese Imperial Army (C.I.A.)
1908
Author, *The Vermillion Pencil*
1909
Author, *The Valor of Ignorance*
1910-1912
Military adviser to Sun Yat-Sen
1912
Author, *The Day of the Saxon*
1912
Died
Scope and Content of Collection
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Arrangement Statement
The collection is organized into six series: Correspondence of Homer Lea and Ethel Lea (Mrs. Homer Lea), Correspondence of Joshua B. Powers and Albert H. Powers, Collected Writings of Homer Lea, Collected Writings of Joshua B. Powers, Subject File, Miscellany, and Photographs.
Subjects and Indexing Terms
Americans -- China
China -- History -- 20th century
United States -- Defenses
China -- History -- Revolution, 1911-1912
Great Britain -- Defenses
Correspondence of Homer Lea and Ethel Lea (Mrs. Homer Lea) 1901-1929

Arrangement note
Arranged alphabetically by last name of correspondent.

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General

box 1, folder 2
Unidentified 1911-1912

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Addis, G. S. 1911

box 1, folder 4
Aishi, K. 1901

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Armstrong, General E. 1911

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Arthur, Sir Richard 1911

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Belford, Robert J. 1910-1913

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Beresford, Sir Charles 1912

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Bryant, Agnes 1911-1912

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Burton, General G. H. 1910-1912

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Cantlie, Mabel Barclay 1912-1913(?)

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Chaffee, General Adna R. 1909-1912

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Chen, W. C. 1913

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Chockman, Jue 1912

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Croxton, Major R. C. 1910

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Dawson, Sir Arthur Trevor 1911

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First National Bank of Los Angeles 1912

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Gibbs, Major George W. 1905-1912

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Green, A. A. 1912

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Grenfeld, E. C. 1911

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Haig, Colonel H. 1911

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Herriman, George 1911

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Hsueh, S. Y. 1903

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Ike, Koki H. 1911

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Jamison, C. S. 1913

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Joy, Florence J. M. 1913

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Kang Yu Wei 1904

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Kennedy, J. Russell 1912-1913

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Kirtland, Capt. Harry B. 1912

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Lam, T. F. 1913

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Lea, Tom 1912

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Leighton, Sir Bryan 1910

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Lett, Harry Hom 1904

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Leung Kwok 1911

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The Lone Hand (periodical) 1911

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Long, Chaille 1910-1912

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Lynne, E. O. 1911
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box 1, folder 54  Ng Toy Kee, Dr. 1912
box 1, folder 55  Otis, H. G. 1909
box 1, folder 56  Overton, K. Z. undated
box 1, folder 57  Phillips, John S. 1912
box 1, folder 58  Rhein, Lt. W. W. 1905
box 1, folder 59  Roberts, Field Marshal Lord Earl 1911-1912
box 1, folder 60  Root, Senator Elihu 1911
box 1, folder 61  Shartle, Captain Samuel G. 1911
box 1, folder 62  Shelton, Major George H. 1910
box 1, folder 63  Shield, Dr. undated
box 1, folder 64  Sinclair, Sir J. G. Tollemache 1911-1912
box 1, folder 65  Stanhope, Lord 1911-1913
box 1, folder 66  Story, J. S. 1909
box 1, folder 67  Sun Fo 1913-1918
box 1, folder 68-69  Sun Yat Sen 1910-1922
box 1, folder 1  Swift, Major E. M. 1910
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box 1, folder 4  Van Loan, C. E. 1911
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box 1, folder 6  Warren, J. G. 1912-1913
box 1, folder 7  White, Ermal Lea 1913
box 1, folder 8  Willett, Tom Gear 1912
box 1, folder 9  Wood, General Leonard 1912
box 1, folder 10  Woodruff, Lt.-Col. Charles B. 1910
box 1, folder 11  Wrugel, Charles (?) 1912
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Correspondence of Homer Lea and Ethel Lea (Mrs. Homer Lea) 1901-1929

Correspondence of Joshua B. Powers and Albert H. Powers 1937-1962

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box 2, folder 16  Britten, Milton R. 1957
box 2, folder 17  Chapin, Frederic 1950-1952
box 2, folder 18  Dinegar, Capt. W. W. 1958
box 2, folder 19  Frey, Agnes L. 1956
box 2, folder 20  Frick, Constance 1944
box 2, folder 21  Glick, Carl 1943-1957
box 2, folder 22  Hall, Josef W. 1925
box 2, folder 23  Harper & Brothers 1957
box 2, folder 24  Hopper, Hedda 1955
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box 2, folder 26  Lea, Howard P. 1944-1946
box 2, folder 27  Lesser, Julian 1959
box 2, folder 28  Lewis, Boyd 1961-1962
box 2, folder 29  Newmark, Marco 1937
box 2, folder 30  O'Banion, Capt. Ansel E. 1943-1960
box 2, folder 31  Shenson, Walter 1952
box 2, folder 32  Taylor, Betty (Mrs. Robert Taylor) 1944-1955
Correspondence of Joshua B. Powers and Albert H. Powers 1937-1962

Register of the Joshua B. Powers collection

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box 2, folder 33

Wilhelm, Robert J. 1951-1952
Collected Writings of Homer Lea 1906-1913
Scope and Contents note
Typewritten and handwritten drafts; carbon, mimeographed, and printed copies; outlines
and notes; and correspondence, publishing contracts, book reviews, and royalty statements
pertaining to books and articles, arranged alphabetically by title of manuscript.

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box 2, folder 34
Royalty statements and correspondence 1942-1945

box 2, folder 35
Untitled undated

box 2, folder 36
"Can China Fight?," The World Today, printed copy 1907

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The Day of the Saxon (1912)

box 2, folder 37
Typewritten first draft

box 2, folder 38
Typewritten second draft, with handwritten notes and corrections

box 2, folder 39
Correspondence 1911-1912

box 2, folder 40
Publishing agreement

box 2, folder 41
"The Defenses of China," two typewritten drafts undated

box 2, folder 42

box 3, folder 1

box 3, folder 2

box 3, folder 3
"The Red Dawn of the New China," typewritten first draft, mimeographed copy of second draft 1907

box 3, folder 4
"A Romance of the Tombs," two typewritten drafts undated

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The Valor of Ignorance (1909)

box 3, folder 5
Correspondence 1910-1911

box 3, folder 6
Publishing contract

box 3, folder 7
Reviews

box 3, folder 8
"The Vandal," typewritten draft of unfinished story 1911

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The Vermillion Pencil (1908)

box 3, folder 9
Partial handwritten draft

box 3, folder 10
Correspondence 1908-1913
Collected Writings of Joshua Powers 1961-1968(?)
Scope and Contents note
Drafts, newspaper articles, outlines and notes.

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**Subject File 1905-1952**

Scope and Contents note

Letters, articles, newspaper clippings, pamphlets, books, and printed matter, arranged alphabetically by subject.

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Liang Chi Chao

Mcllvaine, Clarence W.

O’Banion, Capt. Ansel E., autobiographical statements 1943

Roberts, Field Marshal Lord Earl

Sun Yat-Sen, speeches and writings, articles, letters 1912-1920

**Miscellany 1908-1942**

Scope and Contents note

Addresses, banknotes, calling cards, invitations, legal papers, maps, memorabilia, newspaper clippings, passport and scrapbooks, arranged as listed.
box 4, folder 14  Addresses
box 4, folder 15  Banknotes, drafts, etc.
box 4, folder 16  Calling cards
box 4, folder 17  Invitations
box 4, folder 18  Legal papers
os_folder 2  Maps

Scope and Contents
4 maps, removed from Box 4:19. Box 4:19 no longer exists.

box 4, folder 20  Membership cards
box 4, folder 21  Memorabilia
box 4, folder 22  Newspaper clippings
box 7  Newspaper clippings (continued)
box 4, folder 23  Passport
box 6  Scrapbooks 1908-1942
box 7  Scrapbooks (continued) 1908-1942
os_folder 1  1 map, in Chinese, removed from Box 7
box 8  Scrapbooks (continued) 1908-1942
box 9  Scrapbooks (continued) 1908-1942

Photographs circa 1876-1969

Scope and Contents note
145 photos, 7 duplicates, 24 negatives, 1 album, and 5 envelopes. Includes depictions of the Lea family, Chinese Imperial Army training, and China during the revolutionary period, as well as other images.

box 5, folder B  11 photos and 6 duplicates plus 4 negatives of Homer Lea; 1 photo of the Lea family; 17 photos of friends and relatives, plus 1 duplicate circa 1876-1912
box 5, folder C  25 photos and 6 negatives depicting Chinese Imperial Army training in California circa 1902-1910
box 7, folder mD  1 photo of Sun Yat-sen, signed 1911 June 10
box 5, folder E  6 photos and 14 negatives of China, general
box 10  59 photos of China during the revolutionary period 1910-1912

Scope and Contents note
Album FF

box 10  10 photos depicting Chinese Imperial Army training in California circa 1902-1910

Scope and Contents note
Album FF

box 10  6 photos of Hwang Hsing with Ethel Lea (Mrs. Homer Lea)

Scope and Contents note
Album FF

box 7, folder mG  8 prints depicting the ceremonial placement of ashes of Homer Lea and Ethel Bryant Lea in the military cemetery in Taipei, Taiwan 1969 April 20
box 5, folder A  9 photos of prominent Chinese intellectuals, such as Kan Yi Wei, Sun Yat-sen, Liang Chi Chao, and Chu Cho-wen, plus 5 negatives circa 1900-1912