Overview of the Collection
Title: Floyd Dessery Papers
Dates (inclusive): Approximately 1860-1917
Collection Number: mssHM 72946-72969
Creator: Dessery, Floyd
Extent: 40 items in 1 box
Repository: The Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens. Manuscripts Department
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Abstract: This collection consists primarily of letters written by Floyd Dessery (1879-1927) of Los Angeles, California, to his family, during his deployment to the Philippines in the Spanish-American War, as well as a diary from his time in the Philippines (1898-1899). His letters and diary reflect the daily experiences of a foot soldier.
Language: English.
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Provenance
Gift of Marilyn Ehlig, August 14, 2006.
Biographical Note
The Desserys were a Los Angeles family who lived in the city at the end of the nineteenth century and beginning of the twentieth century. Their son, Floyd Dessery, joined the United States Army just after the destruction of the USS Maine in the Havana harbor, which launched the Spanish-American War in 1898. He was deployed from Los Angeles and left to fight in the Philippines in June of 1898. He was stationed there until 1899.
Scope and Content
The collection consists primarily of letters written by Floyd Dessery (1879-1927) to his family, during his deployment in the Philippines, including his mother, Mrs. A. B. Dessery, and his sisters, Hazel and Theodosia Dessery. The collection also includes Floyd's diary from his time in the Philippines. His letters and diary reflect the daily experiences of a foot soldier during the Spanish-American War. Also included are a few family photos, and some ephemera, including clippings, notes, and trade cards.
Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Huntington Library's Online Catalog.
Subjects
Dessery, Floyd.
Spanish-American War, 1898 -- Personal narratives, American.
Los Angeles (Calif.)
Philippines.
Forms/Genres
Diaries Philippines -- 19th century.
Letters (correspondence) Philippines -- 19th century.
Letters (correspondence) -- United States -- 19th century.
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Dessery, Floyd. Diary (1898-1899). 1 item. HM 72946
“Baby Dessery.” 1 letter ([1917], Jan. 28) to Mrs. A. B. Dessery. HM 72947
“Baby Dessery.” 1 letter (1917, Nov. 4) to Mrs. A. B. Dessery. HM 72948
Dessery, Floyd. 1 letter (1899, June 29) to Fannie N. Jones. HM 72949
Dessery, Floyd. 1 letter (1898, Nov. 15) to Hazel Dessery. HM 72950
Dessery, Floyd. 1 letter (1899, Feb. 3) to Hazel Dessery. HM 72951
Dessery, Floyd. 1 letter ([1899], Apr. 9) to “Mother and Father and Sisters.” HM 72952
Dessery, Floyd. 1 letter (1897, Aug. 10) to Mrs. A. B. Dessery. HM 72953
Dessery, Floyd. 1 letter (1898, June 29) to Mrs. A. B. Dessery. HM 72954
Dessery, Floyd. 1 letter (1898, Aug. 23) to Mrs. A. B. Dessery. HM 72955
Dessery, Floyd. 1 letter (1898, Sept. 30) to Mrs. A. B. Dessery. HM 72956
Dessery, Floyd. 1 letter (1899, Sept. 13) to Mrs. A. B. Dessery. HM 72957
Dessery, Floyd. 1 letter (1897, July 8) to “My Dear Sisters.” HM 72958
Dessery, Floyd. 1 letter (1898, July 19) to Theodosia Dessery. HM 72959
Dessery, Floyd. 1 letter (1898, Nov. 16) to Theodosia Dessery. HM 72960
Dessery, Floyd. 1 letter (1899, Jan. 28) to Theodosia Dessery. HM 72961
Dessery, Floyd. 1 letter (1899, Apr. 6) to Theodosia Dessery. HM 72962
Dessery, Floyd. 1 letter (1899, June 20) to Theodosia Dessery. HM 72963
Dessery, Mrs. A. B. 1 letter (1898, Nov. 2) to Floyd Dessery. HM 72964
Dessery, Mrs. A. B. 1 letter (1898, Dec. 1) to Floyd Dessery. HM 72965
Gomlinson, J. M. 1 letter (1898, Aug. 29) to “Dear Boy Beryl.” HM 72966
Gomlinson, J. M. 1 letter (1898, Dec. 12) to “Dear Beryl.” HM 72967
Quinlan, D. P. 1 letter (1899, Jan. 4) to Theodosia Dessery. HM 72968
Ueberhagen, Edward C. 1 letter (1898, Oct. 25) to “Friend Burt.” HM 72969
Ephemera: Clippings (1904-1918). 2 items.
Ephemera: Notes [undated]. 2 items.
Ephemera: Trade Cards [undated]. 3 items.
Notebook. [undated]. 1 item.
Photographs. ([1860s]-1917). 7 items.