Overview of the Collection
Title: Marshall Stimson Papers
Dates (inclusive): 1893-1951
Collection Number: mssStimson papers
Creator: Stimson, Marshall, 1876-1951.
Extent: Approximately 932 pieces in 11 boxes, 13 volumes, and 1 case.
Repository: The Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens. Manuscripts Department
1151 Oxford Road
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Abstract: This collection consists of the papers of Los Angeles lawyer Marshall Stimson (1876-1951). Includes materials related to California and national politics (including Hiram Johnson and the Progressive Party "Bull Moose" Convention of 1912), Homer Lea, the League of Nations, and World War II. The collection also contains the diaries of Stimson's wife, Mary Gordon Stimson.
Language: English.
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Biographical Note
Marshall Stimson (1876-1951), a Los Angeles lawyer, was active in civic affairs and was instrumental in the development of the Los Angeles Harbor. He was director of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce and active in reform movements in state and local governments. Stimson was prominent in Republican politics and organized the Lincoln-Roosevelt Republican League of California (1907) and the Progressive Party in California (1912). He was also active in supporting the League of Nations and the United Nations.
Scope and Content
The collection consists of letters, manuscripts (including 25 diaries and notebooks), documents (including 5 account books), photographs, and 9 scrapbooks related to the life and activities of Marshall Stimson. The collection includes radio addresses of Marshall Stimson and the manuscript of his published autobiography titled Fun, Fights, and Fiesta in Old Los Angeles. There are materials related to California and national politics, including Hiram Johnson and the Progressive Party "Bull Moose" Convention of 1912. There are also materials related to Homer Lea, the League of Nations, and World War II. The collection also contains the diaries of Mary Gordon Stimson, wife of Marshall Stimson.
Arrangement
Arranged by document type.
Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Huntington Library's Online Catalog.
Subjects
Johnson, Hiram, 1866-1945.
Lea, Homer, 1876-1912.
Stimson, Marshall, 1876-1951 -- Archives.
League of Nations.
Lawyers -- California -- Los Angeles -- Correspondence.
Presidents -- United States -- Election -- 1912.
Progressivism (United States politics) -- History -- Sources.
Radio addresses, debates, etc.
World War, 1939-1945.
California -- History -- 20th century -- Sources.
California -- Politics and government -- 20th century.
Los Angeles (Calif.) -- History -- 20th century -- Sources.
United States -- Politics and government -- 1901-1953.

**Forms/Genres**
- Diaries -- California.
- Letters (correspondence) -- California.
- Scrapbooks -- California.

**Additional Contributors**
- Stimson, Mary Gordon.

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**Correspondence**

**Box 1**

**Correspondence 1912-1950**

- Physical Description: 314 items
- Includes 6 letters from the Bull Moose Convention, 1912, but otherwise is chiefly dated from the 1940s and 1950s.

**Autobiography drafts**

**Box 4**

**Autobiography: Fun, Fights, and Fiesta in Old Los Angeles**

- Physical Description: 3 items
- Gift of Gordon Stimson, the Stimson's son, April 20, 1972.
- Two drafts and final typescript.

**Diaries and Notebooks**

**Box 5**

**Diaries and Notebooks. 1926-1950**

- Physical Description: 25 items

**Subject files and scrapbooks**

**Box 2**

**Subject files**

- This box includes materials related to the League of Nations, President Wilson, etc.; miscellaneous; Memory Snapshots: Prizefighters to Presidents (1885-1936); politics in California: Taft and Hughes election; and radio addresses, magazine articles, etc.

**Box 3**

**Subject files**

- This box includes manuscripts by Stimson, materials related to the Talent Will Case, 1912-1915; war papers: correspondence, radio addresses, etc., pertaining to World War II; the William Allen White Committee; and Wendell Willkie (1944).

**Rope case**

**Scrapbook including files on General Homer Lea: biographical papers, addresses, clippings, correspondence, photographs, etc.**

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Marshall Stimson Papers: Finding Aid
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| Volume 1 | Scrapbook: 1893-1908 |
| Volume 2 | Scrapbook: 1907-1911 |
| Volume 3 | Scrapbook: 1911-1926 |
| Volume 3a | Scrapbook: 1918-1919 |
| Volume 4 | Scrapbook: 1927-1936 |
| Volume 5 | Scrapbook: 1936-1939 |
| Volume 6 | Scrapbook: 1939-1945 |
| Volume 7 | Scrapbook: 1948-1957 |

**Financial and real estate**

Gift of Gordon Stimson, the Stimsons' son, June 10, 1973.

| Ledger 1 | Trustee ledger. 1921-1934 |
| Ledger 2 | Transfer Clients ledger. 1927-1932 |
| Ledger 3 | Clients and trust ledger. 1929-1940 |
| Ledger 4 | Trust account and client's ledger/ 1940-1947 |
| Ledger 5 | Mortgage ledger and real estate. Approximately 1928-1947 |

**Box 6**

Check stub books. 1903-1908

Physical Description: 17 items

| Box 7 | Check stub books. 1916-1929 |
| Box 8 | Check stub books. 1929-1940 |
| Box 9 | Check stub books (1941-1951); Miscellaneous household account books (1913-1944). 1913-1951 |
| Box 10 | Miscellaneous deeds, notes, agreements. 1915-1941 |

**Diaries of Mary Stimson**

Gift of Mrs. Thompson Webb Jr., the Stimsons' daughter, June 22, 1989.

| Box 11 | Diaries of Mary (Gordon) Stimson (1892-1904), with transcription; ephemera |
| Box 11 | Physical Description: 26 items |