Finding Aid for the Personal Narrative by Dr. Leo Leonidas Stanley about the Los Angeles Steamship Company cruise to Central and South America, 1928

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Descriptive Summary
Title: Personal Narrative by Dr. Leo Leonidas Stanley about the Los Angeles Steamship Company cruise to Central and South America
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Extent: 1 box (.5 linear ft.)
Abstract: The Los Angeles Steamship Company (LASSCO) was a Los Angeles-based passenger and freight shipping company that operated a Central and South American cruise in 1928. This collection consists of 3 bound volumes of a typescript manuscript and black and white photographs assembled by the ship’s surgeon, Dr. Leo Leonidas Stanley, for his friend Joseph Mattingly, who was the ship’s official photographer. Dr. Stanley describes the cruise, the ship’s staff and the passengers, as well as the locations visited.
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Biography/History
The Los Angeles Steamship Company (LASSCO) was a Los Angeles-based passenger and freight shipping company formed in 1920 by a group of Los Angeles business men. Initially, LASSCO offered passenger service between Los Angeles and San Francisco, but expanded to include Hawaii by 1921. On October 5, 1928 one of their ships, the S.S. City of Los Angeles, departed San Pedro for a 17,000 mile, 64-day cruise of Central and South America. Carrying approximately 250 passengers, the steamship stopped at 20 ports in 11 countries. The passengers, consisting mostly of California business leaders and their families, constituted an unofficial group of trade ambassadors. The ship’s surgeon was Dr. Leo Leonidas Stanley who was the head physician at San Quentin Prison from 1913-1951. The ship’s official photographer was Joseph Mattingly, an aviator, filmmaker and photographer who filmed Alaska during the early 1920s.
Scope and Content
This collection consists of 3 bound volumes of a typescript manuscript and black and white photographs created by the ship’s surgeon, Dr. Leo Leonidas Stanley, for his friend Joseph Mattingly, who was the ship’s official photographer. Dr. Stanley describes the cruise, the ship’s staff and the passengers, as well as the locations visited, including: San Pedro; Callao and Lima, Peru; Valparaiso and Santiago, Chile; Buenos Aires, Argentina; Montevideo, Uruguay; Santos, Sao Paulo and Rio De Janeiro, Brazil; Port of Spain, Trinidad; La Guayra and Caracas, Venezuela; Panama Canal; Salvador; Guatemala; and Mazatlan, Mexico.
Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library’s online public access catalog.

**Subjects**
Stanley, Leo L. (Leo Leonidas) --- Archives.
Los Angeles Steamship Company (LASSCO)

**Genres and Forms of Material**
Photographs.

**Box 1**
South American Cruise: Volume I 1928 October 5 - 1928 December 9
Physical Description: 1 item
Scope and Content
Titled “Preparation for Voyage Departure Equator, Callao and Lima, Peru; Valparaiso and Santiago, Chile.”

**Box 2**
South American Cruise: Volume II 1928 October 5 - 1928 December 9
Physical Description: 1 item
Scope and Content
Titled “Straits of Magellan Punta Arenas, Buenos Aires, Argentine; Montevideo, Uruguay; Santos and Sao Paulo, Brazil.”

**Box 3**
South American Cruise: Volume III 1928 October 5 - 1928 December 9
Physical Description: 1 item
Scope and Content
Titled “Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; Port of Spain, Trinidad, BWI; La Guayra and Caracas, Venezuela; Panama Canal Zone; Salvador; Guatamala; Mazatlan, Mexico.”