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Descriptive Summary
Title: Thomas Driscoll Collection
Dates: 1836-1953
Bulk Dates: 1890-1918
Collection Number: Bernath Mss 7
Creator: Driscoll, Thomas
Extent: ca. 3 linear feet (1 document box, 1 records container, 2 oversize boxes, and 1 map cabinet drawer)
Repository: University of California, Santa Barbara. Library. Department of Special Collections
Santa Barbara, California 93106-9010
Physical Location: Del Norte (boxes 1-2, 4); Annex 2 (box 3); Del Sur (Map Cabinet 20/4).
Abstract: Driscoll served as a Lt. Colonel in the U.S. Army's 91st Division during and after World War I. Collection includes photographs, pamphlets, intelligence reports, newspaper clippings, and correspondence. Also includes Theodore Roosevelt correspondence, Gen. Sheridan letter, and some nineteenth century photographs of Brazil.
Language: English.
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Acquisition Information
Donation from Mrs. Thomas Driscoll, ca. 1968-1970.

Biography
Much of the following information is drawn from the June 1972 issue of Soundings, a UCSB Libraries publication.

Alice Lawrason Bacon [Mrs. Thomas Driscoll] was born on Nov. 19, 1885, in Washington, D.C. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert W. Bacon. A. W. Bacon was Rear Admiral in the U.S. Navy. As a young man he fought for the Union in the Civil War, serving on Farragut's flagship. Later he became a career officer in the Navy, stationed in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 1873, then Nice, France, and Mare Island in San Francisco Bay.

During the Spanish-American War, as his last sea duty, A. W. served on Admiral Dewey's flagship in the Pacific. At that time Mrs. Bacon and Alice returned to Washington, D.C. and Alice renewed her friendship with the Theodore Roosevelt family. She had met Roosevelt earlier when he was a young Congressman. A. W. had visited Santa Barbara with the fleet in 1898 and decided he would like to settle there after he retired. In 1901 the family moved to Santa Barbara.

Thomas Driscoll was from San Francisco. He and Alice Bacon met at a Santa Barbara polo match and were married at the Santa Barbara Mission in 1905. They moved to San Francisco, were caught in the 1906 earthquake, and then moved to Burlingame. Thomas served in World War I as Lt. Colonel and Division Intelligence Officer in the U.S. Army's 91st Division. After the war he was involved in business, but died suddenly in 1937 while playing tennis. Alice stayed in San Francisco for a while, then moved back to Santa Barbara where she remained for most of the rest of her life. She died in Dec. 1985.

Scope and Content of Collection
The collection contains correspondence, documents (including intelligence reports), maps, pamphlets, photographs, posters and related WWI material of Thomas Driscoll. Also included are non-WWI materials such as correspondence from Theodore Roosevelt, Franklin D. Roosevelt, and Calvin Coolidge; 19th century photographs of Philip H. Sheridan (Civil War General), Brazil and Brazilian royalty; and early 20th century picture postcards, some of Santa Barbara.

Mrs. Driscoll also gave her library to UCSB. Included were inscribed first editions, Santa Barbara history, Californiana, literature, and religion. A number of these are located in Special Collections, have been cataloged separately, and can be searched in Pegasus, the UCSB Libraries online catalog.

Separations
The following newspapers have been transferred to UCSB Special Collections newspaper area:

New England Spectator -- Apr. 27, 1836
Santa Barbara Daily News, - Dec. 2, 1922

Related Materials
See: List of World War I materials in UCSB Special Collections.
See also: Mrs. Thomas Driscoll Oral History (OH 34).

Series 1. Correspondence

Box 1: 1 American Battle Monuments Commission, 1929
Box 1: 2 Coolidge, Calvin - 1 carbon copy letter (TL) from the President to Herbert Hoover, Secretary of Commerce, [1927]
Box 1: 3 Roosevelt, Edith Kermit - 1 letter (ALS) to Mrs. Albert W. Bacon of Santa Barbara, 1904 and 1 letter (ALS) to Clifford Richardson, 1924
Box 1: 4 [Roosevelt, Franklin D.] - 1 letter (TLS) from Louis McH. Howe, Secretary to the President, to J. H. Frank Smokey, 1934
Box 1: 5 Roosevelt, Franklin D. - 1 letter (TLS) from the President to R. W. Emerson, Executive Secretary, National Clean Up and Paint Up Campaign Bureau, 1936
Box 1: 6 Roosevelt, Theodore - 8 letters, ALS and TLS, from Roosevelt to Thomas Driscoll, and to Teresa and Clifford Richardson, 1901-1916
Box 1: 7 Rothschild, Alonzo - 1 letter (ALS) to John G. Kelley of Santa Barbara, 1910
Box 1: 8 Miscellany - includes 1 envelope from Franklin D. Roosevelt to Mrs. Thomas Driscoll (no letter accompanying it), date unclear

Series 2. Documents -- WWI
Box 1: 9  [Includes intelligence reports and a typescript copy of a talk entitled "Personal Notes," re organization and work of the intelligence department, as well as personal involvement and observations], ca. 1915-1919

Series 3. Pamphlets -- WWI

Box 1: 10  An Atlas of the World War, ca. 1917-1918
Box 1: 10  Battlefields of France, ca. 1919
Box 1: 10  Best War Time Recipes, 1917
Box 1: 10  British and German Ideals: The Meaning of the War, ca. 1915
Box 1: 10  California House for Disabled Belgian Soldiers, 1916
Box 1: 10  Butler, Nicholas Murray - The Preparedness of America, 1914
Box 1: 10  Carson, Edward - The War on German Submarines, 1917
Box 1: 11  How Long Will It Last? 1916
Box 1: 11  Official Bulletin Issued by the San Francisco County Women's Committee of the Council of National and State Defense, ca. 1918
Box 1: 11  Revelations by an Ex-Director of Krupp's, ca. 1917
Box 1: 11  The Case of Belgium, ca. 1914
Box 1: 11  The Great War: The Nation's Need...Everybody's Duty, 1915
Box 1: 11  United States Food Administration Home Card, 1918
Box 1: 11  Why the War Must Go On, 1917
Box 1: 11  Church, Samuel Harden - The American Verdict on the War..., 1915
Box 1: 11  Henshaw, F. W. - The Cause and Meaning of This War, 1917
Box 1: 11  Marshall, Edward - The United States of Europe: An Interview with Nicholas Murray Butler, 1914
Box 1: 11  Parfit, Canon - Mesopotamia: The Key to the Future, 1917
Box 1: 12  Miscellany (includes some single leaf items), ca. 1917-1918

Series 4. Photographs

Box 1: 13  Driscoll, Thomas - WWI, in uniform
Box 1: 14  Brazilian Royalty - latter 19th century
Box 1: 15  Panama Canal, 1912
Box 1: 16  Sheridan, Philip H. (Civil War General), 1868
Box 1: 17  Unidentified, n.d.

Series 5. Miscellany

Box 1: 18  Bohemian Club (programs), 1905, 1953
Box 1: 19  "California in Front Line on the Argonne" - photocopy of article by Driscoll for Santa Barbara Morning Press, Dec. 15, 1918
Box 1: 20  Centennial Program - New Haven, Conn., 1876
Box 1: 21  "An Hotel Goes to War" (London's Grosvenor House during WWII)
Box 1: 22  Newspaper Clippings (re awarding Distinguished Service Medal to Thomas Driscoll), ca. 1923
Box 1: 23  San Francisco/Oakland Theatre (playbills and programs, many pasted in a notebook), ca. 1890s

Series 6. Picture Postcards

Subseries 1. With Messages

Box 2: 1  Cards from various correspondents to Mrs. A. W. Baconca, 1909-1918

Subseries 2. Without Messages, ca. 1910s

Box 2: 2  California
Box 2: 2-3  Europe (many from Germany)
Box 2: 2  Panama
Box 2: 2  Santa Barbara area
### Series 6. Picture Postcards

**Subseries 2. Without Messages, ca. 1910s**

| Box 2: 2 | U.S. and Canada |
| Box 2: 3 | Miscellany - including some of Japanese prints |
|          | Series 7. Oversize |

### Series 7. Oversize

**Subseries 1. Boxed**

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**Subseries 2. Map Cabinet**

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