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Collection Summary

Title: Hugh Lenox Scott Papers

Span Dates: 1582-1981

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1845-1934)

ID No.: MSS39297

Creator: Scott, Hugh Lenox, 1853-1934

Extent: 40,000 items ; 108 containers ; 43.2 linear feet ; 5 microfilm reels

Language: Collection material in English

Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Summary: Army officer and public official. Correspondence, diaries, memoranda, memoirs, drafts of writings, speeches, reports, notes, biographical and genealogical material, account books, financial papers, lists, printed material, maps, photographs, drawings, prints, and others papers relating to Scott's career in the United States Army from 1876 to his retirement following World War I, his service as a member of the State Highway Commission for New Jersey (1919-1933) and as chairman of the State Highway Commission of New Jersey (1920s), and to his work on Indian languages at the Smithsonian Institution's Bureau of Ethnology.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

People

Bliss, Tasker Howard, 1853-1930--Correspondence.

Geronimo, 1829-1909.

Pershing, John J. (John Joseph), 1860-1948--Correspondence.

Scott family--Correspondence.

Scott family.

Scott, Hugh Lenox, 1853-1934.

Scott, Hugh Lenox, 1853-1934. Some memories of a soldier. 1928.

Scott, Mary Merrill, 1862-1950--Correspondence.

Scott, William McKendree, 1817-1861. William McKendree Scott journal. 1845.

Villa, Pancho, 1878-1923--Correspondence.

Villa, Pancho, 1878-1923.

Wilson, Woodrow, 1856-1924--Correspondence.

Wood, Leonard, 1860-1927--Correspondence.

Organizations

New Jersey. State Highway Commission.

Smithsonian Institution. Bureau of Ethnology.

United States Military Academy.

United States. Army--History--Punitive Expedition into Mexico, 1916.

United States. Army--Officers.

United States. Army. Cavalry, 7th. Troop L.

United States. Board of Indian Commissioners.

United States. Office of Indian Affairs. Kiowa Agency.

United States. Special Diplomatic Mission to Russia.

Subjects

Apache Indians--Government relations.

Apache Indians--Relocation--Oklahoma--Fort Sill.

Chiricahua Indians--Government relations.

Chiricahua Indians--Relocation--Oklahoma--Fort Sill.

Dakota Indians--Wars.

Diplomatic and consular service, American--Soviet Union.

Ethnology--United States.
Ghost dance.
Hopi Indians--Government relations.
Indian sign language.
Indians of North America--Government relations.
Indians of North America--Great Plains.
Indians of North America--Languages.
Indians of North America--Religion.
Indians of North America--Social life and customs.
Indians of North America--Wars--1866-1895.
Muslims--Philippines.
Navajo Indians--Government relations.
Nez Percé Indians--Wars, 1877.
Paiute Indians--Government relations.
Spanish-American War, 1898.
Transportation--New Jersey.
World War, 1914-1918.

Places

Cuba--Politics and government--1899-1902.
Fort Sill (Okla.)--History.
Jolo (Philippines)--History.
Mescalero Indian Reservation (N.M.)--History.
Mexico--History--Revolution, 1910-1920.
Philippines--History--1898-1946.
Philippines--Politics and government--1898-1935.
Russia--Foreign relations--United States.
Sulu Archipelago (Philippines)--History.
United States--Foreign relations--Russia.
United States--Insular possessions.
West (U.S.)--History--19th century.

Occupations

Army officers.
Public officials.

Administrative Information

Provenance

The papers of Hugh Lenox Scott, army officer and public official, were deposited in the Library of Congress in 1938 by his wife, Mary Merrill Scott. This deposit and additional papers were converted to a gift by his son, Lewis Merrill Scott, in 1951. Other installments of papers have been received from various sources from 1955 to 1982.

Processing History

The papers were originally processed in 1963, with additional material being incorporated into the collection in 1980 and 1982. The finding aid was revised and various portions of the collection reprocessed in 2001.

Additional Guides

The Hugh Lenox Scott Papers have been described in the *Quarterly Journal of Current Acquisitions*, vol. 9, no. 3, May 1952.

Transfers

Photographs from this collection have been transferred to the Library of Congress Prints and Photographs Division where they are identified as part of these papers. Some maps have been transferred to the Library of Congress Geography and Map Division where they are also identified as part of these papers.

Copyright Status

Copyright in the unpublished writings of Hugh Lenox Scott in these papers and in other collections of papers in the custody of the Library of Congress has been dedicated to the public.

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Hugh Lenox Scott are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Microfilm

A microfilm edition of part of these papers is available for purchase on five reels from the Library's Photoduplication Service subject to the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.). Consult reference staff in the Manuscript Division concerning availability for purchase or interlibrary loan. To promote preservation of the originals, researchers are required to consult the microfilm edition as available.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Hugh Lenox Scott Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1853, Sept. 22	Born, Danville, Ky.
1876	Graduated, United States Military Academy, West Point, N.Y.
1876-1878	Campaigned with Sioux, Nez Percé, and Cheyenne Indian expeditions
1897	Assigned to Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C., to produce written record of Plains Indian languages
1898	Acting governor general of Cuba following Spanish-American War
1903-1906	Served in Philippines, ultimately as governor
1906-1910	Superintendent, United States Military Academy, West Point, N.Y.
1910-1914	Mediator, Mexican border and Indian troubles
1914-1917	Chief of staff, United States Army
1917-1919	Member, United States mission to Russia
1919-1933	Member, Board of Indian Commissioners, Department of the Interior
1934, Apr. 20	Died, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Hugh Lenox Scott (1853-1934) span the years 1845-1934, with the bulk of the items concentrated in the period 1845-1934. The collection consists of correspondence, memoranda, diaries, account books, memoirs, articles, books, speeches, biographical and genealogical material, reports, notes, lists, financial records, maps, photographs, drawings, prints, greeting and calling cards, index cards, printed matter, and other material covering Scott's military service following his graduation from the United States Military Academy in 1876 to his retirement from the army after World War I. It also documents his service as a member of the Board of Indian Commissioners from 1919 to 1933 and his role as chairman of the State Highway Commission of New Jersey during the 1920s.

Significant events and topics covered in the collection include the Indian wars in the late 19th century, especially expeditions against the Sioux and Nez Percé; Indian culture, rights, affairs, and religion, including the Ghost Dance of the Plains Indians; language, in particular sign language; the arrival of Geronimo's band of Chiricahua Apaches at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and their eventual reparation to the Mescalero Apache Indian Reservation in New Mexico. Other material within these papers relates to the administration of the United States Office of Indian Affairs Kiowa Agency, Troop L; 7th Cavalry, United States Army; and negotiations with the Hopi, Navajo, and Paiute tribes.

Other topics and events include Scott's appointment and work at the Smithsonian Institution's Bureau of Ethnology, the Spanish-American War, and the administration of the military government in Cuba. Scott's service in the Philippines, in particular on Jolo and Sulu Islands, and the campaigns against the Moros; his appointment and tenure as superintendent of the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York; his negotiations with Francisco "Pancho" Villa and the punitive expedition to Mexico in 1916 are chronicled, as well as the preparation and engagement of the United States Army in World War I and Scott's role as chief of staff of the army and his participation in the United States Special Diplomatic Mission to Russia of 1917.

The collection is divided into twelve series, many of which complement one another. The [Family Papers](#) series includes early family documents and correspondence, primarily from Scott to his wife Mary Merrill Scott, and provides accounts of Scott's life at various military outposts. The [General Correspondence](#) includes incoming and outgoing correspondence and related material covering all aspects of Scott's career and interests.

The [Indian Affairs](#) series includes incoming and outgoing correspondence and other material relating to Scott's interests in Native American culture, rights, languages, and affairs. The [Official File](#) includes letters received and other material from Scott's military service in Cuba and the Philippines. Included is a letter to Scott's wife providing a description of how Scott was wounded while escorting the prisoner Panglima Hassan. The [New Jersey Highway Commission](#) series includes reports and letters sent and received highlighting Scott's central role on the commission.

The [Mary Merrill Scott File](#) consists primarily of clippings and letters of condolence on her husband's death as well as financial material. The [Diaries and Account Books](#) series includes a typescript of William McKendree Scott's journal of 1845 and Hugh Lenox Scott's diaries and account books, 1881-1934. The [Subject File](#) consists primarily of military papers, financial records, including accounts from Fort Sill, genealogical material, and papers relating to American Indians, such as an alphabetical dictionary of the sign language of the Plains Indians. The [Writings](#) series consists primarily of speeches, drafts of memoirs and other biographical material, and drafts of articles by Scott. The [Printed Matter](#) and [Miscellany](#) series consist chiefly of clippings, pamphlets, invitations, calling and membership cards, masonic material, maps, photographs, and other miscellaneous material.

An [Addition](#) consists chiefly of drafts of Scott's memoir, *Some Memories of a Soldier*, and research material related to his writing. A photocopied article and genealogical material are also included.

Correspondents include Tasker Howard Bliss, John J. Pershing, Pancho Villa, Woodrow Wilson, and Leonard Wood.

Organization of the Papers

The collection is arranged in twelve series:

- [Family Papers, 1582-1933](#)
- [General Correspondence, 1770-1934](#)
- [Indian Affairs, 1894-1934](#)

- Official File: Cuba and the Philippines, 1900-1907
- New Jersey Highway Commission, 1923-1933
- Mary Merrill Scott File, 1934
- Diaries and Account Books, 1845-1934
- Subject File, 1876-1931
- Writings, 1907-1934
- Printed Matter, undated
- Miscellany, 1913-1914
- Addition, 1908-1981

Description of Series

<i>Container</i>	<i>Series</i>
BOX 1-5	<p><u>Family Papers, 1582-1933</u></p> <p>Early family documents and correspondence to and from members of the Scott family, mainly from Hugh Lenox Scott to his wife.</p> <p>Arranged chronologically.</p> <p>Available on microfilm. Reel 1, microfilm shelf no. 16,787; reels 2-5, microfilm shelf no. 17,249.</p>
BOX 6-45	<p><u>General Correspondence, 1770-1934</u></p> <p>Letters sent and received and related matter.</p> <p>Arranged chronologically.</p>
BOX 46-53	<p><u>Indian Affairs, 1894-1934</u></p> <p>Letters sent and received and related matter concerning Indian culture, issues, languages, and affairs.</p> <p>Arranged chronologically.</p>
BOX 54-57	<p><u>Official File: Cuba and the Philippines, 1900-1907</u></p> <p>Letters received by the United States civil and military occupation forces in Cuba and the Philippines and related matter.</p> <p>Arranged by group and chronologically therein.</p>
BOX 58-62	<p><u>New Jersey Highway Commission, 1923-1933</u></p> <p>Letters sent and received, reports, and other material.</p> <p>Arranged chronologically.</p>
BOX 63-64	<p><u>Mary Merrill Scott File, 1934</u></p> <p>Letters of condolence on the death of Hugh Lenox Scott, financial material, clippings, and other material.</p> <p>Arranged alphabetically by type of material.</p>
BOX 65	<p><u>Diaries and Account Books, 1845-1934</u></p> <p>Diaries and account books of Scott and a typewritten copy of a diary of Scott's father, William McKendree Scott.</p> <p>Arranged alphabetically by name of person and chronologically therein.</p>
BOX 66-79	<p><u>Subject File, 1876-1931</u></p> <p>Correspondence, diaries, memoranda, reports, notes, lists, and miscellaneous material.</p> <p>Arranged by subject or type of material.</p>
BOX 80-84	<p><u>Writings, 1907-1934</u></p> <p>Drafts and copies of speeches, memoirs, and a biography with research files.</p> <p>Arranged alphabetically by type of material and chronologically therein.</p>
BOX 84-98	<p><u>Printed Matter, undated</u></p> <p>Clippings and pamphlets.</p> <p>Arranged alphabetically by type of material and alphabetically by subject therein.</p>

BOX 99-102

Miscellany, 1913-1914

Invitations, calling cards, membership cards, postcards, greeting cards, maps, masonic material, and index cards.

Arranged by type of material.

BOX 103-108

Addition, 1908-1981

Drafts of Scott's memoirs with related material, a magazine article, and genealogical material.

Arranged alphabetically by type of material.

Container List

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BOX 1 REEL 1	1582, 1803-1899 (7 folders)
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BOX 3 REEL 3	1903-1910 (5 folders)
BOX 4 REEL 4	1911-1919 (6 folders)
BOX 5 REEL 5	1915-1933, undated (7 folders)
BOX 6-45	General Correspondence, 1770-1934 Letters sent and received and related matter. Arranged chronologically.
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BOX 9	1907, Mar.-Sept. (7 folders)
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BOX 11	1908, July-1909, Mar. (8 folders)
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BOX 13	1910, Mar.-Oct. (8 folders)

General Correspondence, 1770-1934

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BOX 14	1910, Nov.-1912, Dec. (8 folders)
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BOX 16	1914, July-Dec. (10 folders)
BOX 17	1915, Jan.-Mar. (8 folders)
BOX 18	1915, Apr.-June (10 folders)
BOX 19	1915, July-Aug. (9 folders)
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BOX 21	1915, Dec.-1916, Feb. (9 folders)
BOX 22	1916, Mar.-Apr. (7 folders)
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BOX 24	1916, July-Aug. (7 folders)
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BOX 26	1916, Dec. (8 folders)
BOX 27	1917, Jan.-Feb. (8 folders)
BOX 28	1917, Mar.-Apr. (9 folders)
BOX 29	1917, May-Aug. (10 folders)
BOX 30	1917, Sept.-Dec. (7 folders)
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BOX 35	1919, June-1921, Apr. (7 folders)
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General Correspondence, 1770-1934

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BOX 46-53	Indian Affairs, 1894-1934 Letters sent and received and related matter concerning Indian culture, issues, languages, and affairs. Arranged chronologically.
BOX 46	1894, Mar.-1909, Dec. (9 folders)
BOX 47	1910, Jan.-1914, Dec. (5 folders)
BOX 48	1915, Jan.-1916, Dec. (6 folders)
BOX 49	1917, Jan.-1921, Dec. (6 folders)
BOX 50	1922, Jan.-1925, Dec. (7 folders)
BOX 51	1926, Jan.-1929, Dec. (6 folders)
BOX 52	1930, Jan.-1932, Mar. (6 folders)
BOX 53	1932, Apr.-1934, Apr., undated (9 folders)
BOX 54-57	Official File: Cuba and the Philippines, 1900-1907 Letters received by the United States civil and military occupation forces in Cuba and the Philippines and related matter. Arranged by group and chronologically therein.
BOX 54	Cuba, 1900-1902 (9 folders)
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Official File: Cuba and the Philippines, 1900-1907

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BOX 57	1906, Jan.-1907, Dec., undated (7 folders)
BOX 58-62	New Jersey Highway Commission, 1923-1933 Letters sent and received, reports, and other material. Arranged chronologically.
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BOX 59	1930-1931 (5 folders)
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BOX 63-64	Mary Merrill Scott File, 1934 Letters of condolence on the death of Hugh Lenox Scott, financial material, clippings, and other material. Arranged alphabetically by type of material.
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Subject File, 1876-1931

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BOX 72	Undated (3 folders) Nez Percé Sign language A-F (7 folders)
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BOX 74	T-Z (5 folders) Miscellany "Sinday Stories"
	Military records Battle administration instructions Chapel dedication, United States Military Academy, West Point, N.Y.
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Subject File, 1876-1931

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BOX 82	1929-1934 (7 folders) Undated (2 folders)
BOX 83	(5 folders) "Trip to Philippines," undated "War," undated
BOX 84	"West Point," undated
BOX 84-98	Printed Matter, undated Clippings and pamphlets. Arranged alphabetically by type of material and alphabetically by subject therein.
BOX 84	Clippings Camp Dix, N.J. Chief of staff, United States Army
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BOX 99-102	Miscellany, 1913-1914 Invitations, calling cards, membership cards, postcards, greeting cards, maps, masonic material, and index cards. Arranged by type of material.
BOX 99	General (4 folders) Invitations, calling cards, greeting, etc. (2 folders)
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Miscellany, 1913-1914

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