

W. Morgan Shuster Papers

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Collection Summary

Title: W. Morgan Shuster Papers

Span Dates: 1900-1964

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1911-1939)

ID No.: MSS39941

Creator: Shuster, W. Morgan (William Morgan), 1877-1960

Extent: 560 items; 11 containers plus 1 oversize; 0.4 linear feet; 1 microfilm reel

Language: Collection material in English

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

Abstract: Diplomat, financier, lawyer, and publisher. Correspondence, diary, scrapbooks, photographs, and other papers relating primarily to W. Morgan Shuster's diplomatic career in the Philippines and Persia. The scrapbooks are available only on microfilm.

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

Douglass, Elisha P. Anglo-Russian Friction, 1907-1911, and the Morgan Shuster Affair : unpublished thesis.

Shuster, W. Morgan (William Morgan), 1877-1960.

Taft, William H. (William Howard), 1857-1930--Correspondence.

Wilson, Woodrow, 1856-1924--Correspondence.

Organizations

United States. Philippine Commission (1900-1916)

Subjects

Customs administration--Cuba.

Customs administration--Philippines--Manila.

Diplomatic and consular service, American--Iran.

Finance--Iran.

Places

Great Britain--Foreign relations--Russia.

Iran--Economic conditions.

Iran--History--1905-1911.

Russia--Foreign relations--Great Britain.

Occupations

Capitalists and financiers.

Diplomats.

Lawyers.

Publishers.

Administrative Information

Provenance

The papers of W. Morgan Shuster, diplomat, financier, and lawyer, were given to the Library of Congress by Katherine Shuster in 1965 and 1975 and by Perla Cacciaguerra in 1999.

Processing History

The papers of W. Morgan Shuster were arranged and described in 1999. The scrapbooks were microfilmed in 2001 and removed from the collection after filming. Select items from the scrapbooks were retained and processed as a separate grouping within the collection.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of W. Morgan Shuster is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of W. Morgan Shuster 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 on one reel is available from the Library's Photoduplication Service for purchase subject to the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.). This microfilm edition may also be requested on interlibrary loan through the Library's Loan Division.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container or reel number, W. Morgan Shuster Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of William Morgan Shuster (1877-1960) span the years 1900-1964, with the bulk of the items concentrated in the years 1911-1939. Shuster's diplomatic career is chronicled in his diary, correspondence, certificates, and scrapbooks containing newspaper clippings, correspondence, documents, and photographs. The scrapbooks are arranged in the order created by Shuster, with the exception of Volume 1 which was not received with the papers. They are available only on microfilm, although a few select items from the original volumes have been preserved and retained in a separate grouping of material removed from the scrapbooks after filming.

The diary and many of the scrapbooks concern Shuster's service as the treasurer-general and financial advisor for Persia from 1911 to 1912 and his subsequent removal from that position. Some of the scrapbooks relate to Shuster's earlier career in the Cuban customs service, 1899-1901, and in the Philippine Islands as the insular collector of customs at Manila and later as a member of the Philippine Commission, 1901-1909. The professional correspondence includes letters from such noted persons as William H. Taft and Woodrow Wilson. Family correspondence was mostly written by Shuster, his wife Pearl Trigg Shuster, and their daughter, Litie, later Contessa Cacciaguerra-Ranghieri.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material.

Container List

| <i>Container</i> | <i>Contents</i> |
|------------------|--|
| BOX 1 | Correspondence, 1911-1964, undated (3 folders) |
| BOX 1 | Diary, 1911-1912 |
| BOX 1 | "Anglo-Russian Friction, 1907-1911 and the Morgan Shuster Affair," 1947 |
| BOX 1 | Material removed from scrapbooks after microfilming, Vols. 2, 4, 6, and 11, 1906-1916, undated (4 folders) <u><i>See also Oversize</i></u> |
| BOX 1 | Miscellany, 1901-1951 <u><i>See also Oversize</i></u> |
| BOX 2 | Scrapbooks <i>Available only on microfilm. Shelf no. 22,324</i> |
| REEL 1 | |
| BOX 2 | Vol. 2, 1900-1912 |
| REEL 1 | |
| BOX 3 | Vol. 3, 1906-1911 |
| REEL 1 | |
| BOX 4 | Vol. 4, 1911-1912 |
| REEL 1 | |
| BOX 5 | Vol. 5, 1911-1913 |
| REEL 1 | |
| BOX 6 | Vol. 6, 1912-1923 |
| REEL 1 | |
| BOX 7 | Vol. 7, 1911-1912 |
| REEL 1 | |
| BOX 8 | Vol. 8, 1911-1912 |
| REEL 1 | |
| BOX 9 | Vol. 9, 1911 |
| REEL 1 | |
| BOX 10 | Vol. 10, 1912 |
| REEL 1 | |
| BOX 11 | Vol. 11, 1911-1912 |
| REEL 1 | |
| BOX OV 1 | Oversize |
| not filmed | |
| BOX OV 1 | Material removed from scrapbooks after microfilming |
| BOX OV 1 | Photograph, 1916, Vol. 6 (Container 1) |
| BOX OV 1 | Photograph and colored lithograph, undated, Vol. 11 (Container 1) |
| BOX OV 1 | Miscellany |
| BOX OV 1 | Certificates, 1901-1951 (Container 1) |