

Pike-McConnell-Donaldson Family Papers

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Collection Summary

Title: Pike-McConnell-Donaldson Family Papers

Span Dates: 1770-1967

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1902-1909)

Creator: Pike family

Creator: McConnell family

Creator: Donaldson family

Extent: 700 items; 10 containers; 4 linear feet; 5 microfilm reels

Language: Collection material in English

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

Abstract: American diplomats. Correspondence and diaries kept during the family's involvement in China (1902-1909) and material relating to the estates of the McConnell, Pike, and Donaldson families.

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.

Personal Names

Donaldson family.

McConnell family.

Pike family.

Subjects

Diplomatic and consular service, American.

Locations

China--Commerce.

Related Names

Conger, Edwin H. (Edwin Hurd), 1843-1907. Edwin H. Conger papers.

Donaldson, David K. David K. Donaldson papers.

Donaldson, Lavinia Pike McConnell. Lavinia Pike McConnell Donaldson papers.

McConnell, Edward F. Edward F. McConnell papers.

McConnell, James S. James S. McConnell papers.

Administrative Information

Provenance:

The papers of the Pike-McConnell-Donaldson family were given to the Library of Congress by Erwin D. Canham in 1969. An addition was given to the Library by David K. Donaldson in 1971.

Transfers:

Some photographs have been transferred to the Library's Prints and Photographs Division where they are identified as part of these papers.

Copyright Status:

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of the Pike-McConnell-Donaldson family is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions:

The papers of the Pike-McConnell-Donaldson family 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 on five reels for use in the Manuscript Division subject to domestic copyright laws and international treaties and conventions. The microfilm is not available for purchase and may not be borrowed on interlibrary loan.

Preferred Citation:

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Scope and Content Note

The papers of the Pike-McConnell-Donaldson family span the years 1770-1967, with the bulk of the material dated between 1902 and 1909. The papers relate to the family members involvement with China, 1902-1909, and to their estates. The papers are arranged in four series: [Diaries](#), [Correspondence](#), [Miscellany](#) and [Microfilm](#).

Included are [diaries](#) of James S. McConnell and his daughter, Lavinia Pike McConnell Donaldson, 1899-1921. [Correspondents](#) among the Pike-McConnell-Donaldson family include Edwin Hurd Conger, United States minister to China, 1897-1904, Lavinia Pike McConnell Donaldson, and David K. Donaldson.

Also included are address books, appointment books, scrapbooks, calling cards, photographs, and printed material. Material on [microfilm](#) deals with the estates of various member of the family.

Arrangement of the Records

This collection is arranged in four series:

- [Diaries, 1899-1921](#)
- [Correspondence, 1897-1966](#)
- [Miscellany, 1895-1966](#)
- [Microfilm, 1770-1967](#)

Description of Series

<i>Container</i>	<i>Series</i>
BOX 1-5	<u>Diaries, 1899-1921</u> Diaries of James S. McConnell, Lavinia Pike McConnell Donaldson, and Vinnie McConnell. Arranged chronologically.
BOX 6-7	<u>Correspondence, 1897-1966</u> Family and general correspondence. Arranged by family or general correspondence, alphabetically by correspondent, and chronologically therein.
BOX 8-10	<u>Miscellany, 1895-1966</u> Account book, address book, scrapbooks, appointment books, an autograph book, calling cards, invitations and announcements, photographs, and clippings and other printed matter. Arranged alphabetically by type of material.
REEL 1-5	<u>Microfilm, 1770-1967</u> Estate records. Arranged in rough chronological order. Available only on microfilm on Microfilm shelf no. 18,598.

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Correspondence, 1897-1966

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BOX 8-10	Miscellany, 1895-1966 Account book, address book, scrapbooks, appointment books, an autograph book, calling cards, invitations and announcements, photographs, and clippings and other printed matter. Arranged alphabetically by type of material.
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REEL 1-4	Estate records, circa 1770-circa 1967, undated