

# **J. Thomas Schneider**

## **A Register of His Papers in the Library of Congress**

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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Papers of J. Thomas Schneider

**Span Dates:** 1915-1960

**Bulk Dates:** (bulk 1918-1929)

**ID No.:** MSS61798

**Creator:** Schneider, J. Thomas (John Thomas), 1895-1976

**Extent:** 700 items; 3 containers plus 1 oversize; 1.2 linear feet

**Language:** Collection material in English

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

**Abstract:** Army officer, government official, and lawyer. Correspondence, memoranda, speeches, treaties, writings, maps, and other papers relating chiefly to Schneider's service as personal aide to Gen. John J. Pershing, commander-in-chief of the American Expeditionary Forces in Europe during and after World War I.

## 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

Adamson, George E.--Correspondence.

Marshall, George C. (George Catlett), 1880-1959--Correspondence.

Pershing, Warren, 1909-1980.

Quekemeyer, John G.--Correspondence.

Schneider, J. Thomas (John Thomas), 1895-1976.

Shepherd, David A. (David Alexander)--Correspondence.

### Organizations

Democratic Party (U.S.)

United States. Army--Officers.

United States. Army. American Expeditionary Forces.

### Subjects

Argonne, Battle of the, France, 1918.

Presidential candidates--United States.

Presidents--United States--Election--1924.

World War, 1914-1918--Campaigns--France.

World War, 1914-1918--Campaigns--Meuse River Valley.

World War, 1914-1918--Campaigns--Western Front.

World War, 1914-1918--Europe.

World War, 1914-1918--Maps.

### Related Names

Pershing, John J. (John Joseph), 1860-1948. Papers of John J. Pershing.

### Occupations

Army officers.

Lawyers.

Public officials.

## Administrative Information

### Provenance:

The papers of J. Thomas Schneider, lawyer, government official, and army officer, were given to the Library of Congress by his children, Charles A. Schneider and Laura T. Schneider.

**Processing History:**

The papers of J. Thomas Schneider were arranged and described in 1997. The finding aid was revised in 2007.

**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:**

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**Preferred Citation:**

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

## Biographical Note

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1895, June 2	Born, Cedar Hill, Tenn.
1917	B.A., University of the South, Sewanee, Tenn. Commissioned second lieutenant, United States Army
1918	Artillery officer, American Expeditionary Forces, France Information and staff officer, general headquarters, American Expeditionary Forces, France.
1919-1924	Aide to General John J. Pershing
1925	LL.B., Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.
1929	Resigned from United States Army
1930-1934	Practiced law, Pitney, Hardin, & Skinner, Newark, N.J.
1935-1943	Counsel, Reconstruction Finance Corp. and its subsidiaries
1943-1949	General counsel, Standard Brands, New York, N.Y.
1952-1953	Assistant secretary of commerce for international affairs
1953-1955	Coordinator of field offices, Antitrust Division, Justice Department
1976, Nov. 19	Died, Washington, D. C.

## Scope and Content Note

The papers of John Thomas Schneider (1895-1976) span the years 1915-1960 with the bulk of the material focusing on his military service spanning from 1918 to 1929. They especially highlight his five year stint, 1919-1924, as a personal aide to John J. Pershing, commander-in-chief of the American Expeditionary Forces in Europe during World War I.

Included in the American Expeditionary Forces file are several oversize maps related generally to the Western Front in France during World War I and particularly to the Meuse-Argonne and St. Mihiel campaigns. An especially noteworthy map is an American Expeditionary Forces general headquarters product showing the disposition of American, British, French, and German divisions and American detached regiments on the Western Front in France at the cessation of hostilities on November 11, 1919.

Some of the correspondence is related to the schooling of Francis Warren Pershing, John J. Pershing's only son. There is correspondence with David A. Shepherd, a friend of Schneider's from Tennessee, regarding the possibility of drafting John J. Pershing for the Democratic presidential nomination in 1924. Other letter writers include George E. Adamson, George C. Marshall, and John G. Quekemeyer.

The John J. Pershing material includes fragments of his diary edited by Schneider from the period 1921-1922 when Pershing was General of the Armies of the United States and chief of staff of the United States Army.

## **Arrangement of the Papers**

This collection is arranged alphabetically by subject matter or type of material.

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