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Collection Summary

Title: Fred Kenelm Nielsen Papers

Span Dates: 1881-1961

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1900-1956)

ID No.: MSS24769

Creator: Nielsen, Fred Kenelm, 1879-1963

Extent: 7,800 items ; 26 containers plus 1 oversize ; 10.4 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English, with some Spanish.

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

Abstract: Diplomat, soldier, lawyer, and educator. General and official correspondence, memoranda, interdepartmental letters, writings, and miscellaneous material relating primarily to American relations with England, Egypt, Mexico, and Turkey, claims arbitration, the Monetary and Economic Conference of 1933, and Nielsen's service as solicitor for the State Department.

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

Anderson, Chandler P. (Chandler Parsons), 1866-1936.

Borchard, Edwin, 1884-1951.

Cornelius, Milton E.

English, B. M.

Finch, George Augustus, 1884-1957.

Hackworth, Green Haywood, 1883-1973.

Hudson, Manley O. (Manley Ottmer), 1886-1960.

Hull, Cordell, 1871-1955.

Hunt, Bert L.

Hurst, C. J. B. (Cecil James Barrington), Sir, 1870-1963.

Jessup, Philip C. (Philip Caryl), 1897-1986.

Mack, Julian William, 1866-1943.

McDonald, John J.

Moore, John Bassett, 1860-1947.

Nielsen, Fred Kenelm, 1879-1963.

Olds, Robert Edwin, 1875-1932.

Robbins, Russell H.

Rowe, L. S. (Leo Stanton), 1871-1946.

Salmon, David A.

Scott, James Brown, 1866-1943.

Shaw, Gardiner Howland, 1893-

Townsend, Dallas S.

Wilson, George Grafton, 1863-1951.

Woolsey, Lester Hood, 1877-1961.

Organizations

Monetary and Economic Conference (1933 : London, England)

Paris Peace Conference (1919-1920)

United States. Dept. of State.

Subjects

World War, 1914-1918.

Places

Egypt--Foreign relations--United States.
Great Britain--Foreign relations--United States.
Mexico--Foreign relations--United States.
Norway--Foreign relations--Treaties.
Spitsbergen Island (Norway)--Politics and government.
Turkey--Foreign relations--United States.
United States--Foreign relations--Egypt.
United States--Foreign relations--Great Britain.
United States--Foreign relations--Mexico.
United States--Foreign relations--Turkey.

Occupations

Diplomats.
Educators.
Lawyers.
Soldiers.

Administrative Information

Provenance

The papers of Fred Kenelm Nielsen, diplomat, soldier, lawyer, and educator, were given to the Library of Congress by Margaret Nielsen, Ingeborg N. MacHaffie, and Alice Lenore Nielsen in 1963.

Processing History

The papers of Fred Kenelm Nielsen were arranged and described in 1963. The finding aid was revised in 2012.

Copyright Status

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Access and Restrictions

The papers of Fred Kenelm Nielsen 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.

Preferred Citation

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

Biographical Note

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1879, Apr. 22	Born, Denmark
1880	Family immigrated to the United States
1902	A.B., University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Neb.
1904	LL.B., University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Neb. Admitted to Nebraska bar
1907	LL.M., Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.

1908	Admitted to bar of the United States Court
1908-1963	Practiced law, Washington, D. C.
1914	Delegate to conclude a treaty embracing the government for Spitzbergen
1918	Commissioned major, United States Army
1919	United States representative at Paris Peace Conference, Paris, France
1920-1922	Solicitor, United States Department of State
1923	Appointed to American commission in American-Mexican arbitration
1924-1953	Professor of international law, Georgetown University Law School, Washington, D.C.
1925	Counsel for United States in arbitration before Permanent International Court of the Hague
1927	Commissioner between United States and Turkey relating to claims
1929	LL.D., University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Neb.
1931	Arbitrator between United States and Egypt under Protocol of Jan. 20, 1931
1933	Legal Advisor, Economic and Financial Conference, London, England
1934	Plenipotentiary adjusting claims against the Turkish government
1946	International law consultant, International Military Tribunal for the Far East, Tokyo, Japan
1963, Jan. 12	Died, Washington, D. C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Frederick Kenelm Nielsen (1879-1963) span the years 1881-1961, with the bulk of the material originating between 1900 and 1956. The collection includes general and official correspondence, interdepartmental correspondence, orders, press releases, minutes of meetings, reports, memoranda, articles, book reviews, legal files, speeches, financial papers, maps, photographs, printed matter, near-print material, and memorabilia. The collection is organized into four series: [Chronological File](#), [General File](#), [Miscellany](#), and [Oversize](#).

The correspondence and memoranda dominate the collection and are concerned primarily with American relations with England, Egypt, Mexico, and Turkey. Other topics of prominence include claims arbitration, the Monetary and Economic Conference of 1933, and Nielsen's service as solicitor for the State Department, 1920-1922. Included also is some material relating to Nielsen's service as plenipotentiary delegate from the United States at an international conference on the governance of Spitzbergen Island (Norway) in 1914, and to his service at the Paris Peace Conference of 1919. Treated as well are his legal and teaching careers, World War I experience, and personal life.

Correspondents include Chandler P. Anderson, Edwin Borchard, Milton E. Cornelius, B. M. English, George Augustus Finch, Green Haywood Hackworth, Manley O. Hudson, Cordell Hull, Bert L. Hunt, C. J. B. Hurst, Philip C. Jessup, John J. McDonald, Julian William Mack, John Bassett Moore, Robert Edwin Olds, Russell H. Robbins, L. S. Rowe, David A. Salmon, James Brown Scott, G. Howland Shaw, Dallas S. Townsend, George Grafton Wilson, and Lester Hood Woolsey. There are a few letters from Bernard M. Baruch, Bainbridge Colby, Boaz Long, and Roscoe Pound.

Arrangement of the Papers

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- [Chronological File, 1881-1956](#)
- [General File, 1900-1956](#)
- [Miscellany, 1897-1961](#)
- [Oversize, 1897-1934](#)

Description of Series

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BOX 1-19	<u>Chronological File, 1881-1956</u> Correspondence, memoranda, reports, orders, press releases, and minutes. Arranged chronologically.
BOX 20-24	<u>General File, 1900-1956</u> Correspondence, memoranda, reports, orders, press releases, minutes, articles, book reviews, legal files, legal decisions, near-printed material, printed matter, and speeches. Arranged alphabetically by subject and chronologically thereunder.
BOX 25-26	<u>Miscellany, 1897-1961</u> Financial papers, maps, photographs, printed matter, near-print material, diplomas, appointments, citations, and photographs. Organized by type of material.
BOX OV 1	<u>Oversize, 1897-1934</u> Diplomas, memorabilia, and related matter. Described according to the series and container from which the items were removed.

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BOX 24	Spanish minutes, Special Claims Commission, United States and Mexico, 1931
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BOX 25-26	Miscellany, 1897-1961 Financial papers, maps, photographs, printed matter, near-print material, diplomas, appointments, citations, and photographs. Organized by type of material.
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