

Guide to the Eugene Arthur Regnier Papers

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CREATOR: Regnier, Eugene Arthur, 1893-1956

TITLE: Eugene Arthur Regnier papers

DATES: 1917-1956

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 7.25 linear feet (14 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The papers consist of correspondence, writings, printed material, photographs, and other material documenting the personal life and professional career of Eugene A. Regnier. The primary focus of the papers is Regnier's role as an aide to Henry L. Stimson. The papers illustrate Regnier's duties in the Philippines and the State Department and highlight his publicity work and relationship with the press.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Biographical / Historical

Eugene A. Regnier was born in Concordia, Kansas on December 22, 1893. He was a career army officer who enlisted in June, 1917 and retired as a brigadier general in 1946. Regnier served in France during World War I, and as a liason officer with the insular government of the Philippines (1928-1929). As a liason officer with the U.S. Department of State (1929-1932), Regnier attended disarmament conferences and was assigned to the office of the secretary of state. He commanded a Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) camp (1933), served as a cavalry officer (1933-1940), and then served as an aide to the U.S. Secretary of War in the Office of the Chief of Staff. Regnier also served as a combat commander in the European theater of operations (1945). He died in Carlsbad, California on December 7, 1956.

Scope and Contents

The Eugene Arthur Regnier Papers consist of correspondence, writings, reports, printed material, and photographs documenting Eugene A. Regnier's personal life and professional career. Regnier, a career army officer, was a friend of Henry L. Stimson, having served as Stimson's aide during his tenure as governor-general of the Philippines, secretary of state, and secretary of war (1940-1941). While the papers document Regnier's assignments and training, they focus primarily on Regnier's duties in the Philippines and the Department of State. The papers also highlight his work in developing better relations between the Department of State and the press. The papers complement the Henry L. Stimson Papers (Manuscript Group Number 445) and include many original letters in the handwritings of both Henry L. and Mabel Stimson.

The papers, given to the Yale University Library in 1985 by Regnier's four children, are arranged in three series: I. Correspondence, 1918-1956; II. Subject Files, 1921-1955; and III. Personal Papers, 1917-1956.

Series I is composed of personal correspondence with army friends, State Department associates, the Stimsons, and Regnier family members. Series II consists of correspondence, memoranda, records of conversations, clippings, photographs, travel memorabilia, and printed material concerning various military and diplomatic assignments and related topics. Series III includes such personal papers as financial and legal records, military orders, family photographs, and professional writings.

Series I contains correspondence with Henry L. and Mabel Stimson. These letters, which begin in 1928 and continue until a year before Mrs. Stimson's death (1955), are personal and reveal a great fondness and warmth between Regnier and the Stimsons. Many of these letters are handwritten, and copies are not located in the Stimson Papers. Various other letters concern Regnier's duties at the Department of State and the department's relations with the press. Files for George Harold Keatley, Allen Klots, John Van Antwerp MacMurray, and George Morelock contain information on these latter topics.

The series contains many notes of congratulation on appointments, marriage, and births of children; Christmas cards; and requests from friends for help in dealing with government bureaucracy. There are many family exchanges including those with Regnier's father-in-law Andrew Mcfarlane and sister Marie Louise Regnier. Letters to his wife Claire Janet Regnier date from his military service in America and in the European theater during World War II.

Series II, the largest series in the papers, is the major source of information on phases of Regnier's professional career. Folders 110-111 contain much briefing material on the Phillipine Islands. The folders refer to many of the issues that arose during Stimson's tenure as governor-general, and folders 118-20 include contemporary photographs. Topics relating to Regnier's work at the Department of State include: the London Conference of Ministers on Intergovernmental Debts in 1931; the General Disarmament Conference in Geneva in 1932; the crisis over Manchuria; and the Stimson press policy of educating members of the press corps with "background." Folders 112-113 contain briefing and organization notes for Stimson's press conferences. Regnier's military service is mainly represented by printed histories of World War II in folders 132-138. There are some military photographs in "Cavalry" files and in folder 149, reports on maneuvers and military training at Fort Bliss in folder 91, and a file on the work of the National Research Council Committee on Quartermaster Problems in folder 106. The series also includes memorabilia, photographs, and printed material about the Stimsons and their pets.

Series III consists of personal papers such as memorabilia from Regnier's military career, personal, financial, and legal papers, military orders, family photographs, and professional writings. The series also includes obituary clippings and funeral remembrances.

Arrangement

Arranged in three series: I. Correspondence, 1918-1956; II. Subject Files, 1921-1955; III. Personal Papers, 1917-1956; and one accession.

Collection Contents

Series I: CORRESPONDENCE, 1918-1956

1 linear foot (2 boxes)

This series is arranged in alphabetical order by personal and corporate name.

b. 1, f. 1	A miscellaneous	
b. 1, f. 2	American veterans	1932
b. 1, f. 3	B miscellaneous	
b. 1, f. 4	Boal, Pierre de Lagarde	1931, 1934
b. 1, f. 5	C miscellaneous	
b. 1, f. 6	Carr, Wilbur John	1933
b. 1, f. 7	The Cavalry School, Fort Riley, Kansas See also: box 12, folders 169-170	1939-1940
b. 1, f. 8	Chaney, James Eugene	1940
b. 1, f. 9	Conner, Fox See also: box 13, folder 178	1928, 1930
b. 1, f. 10	Crossman, Edgar G.	1929-1931, 1941, undated
b. 1, f. 11	D miscellaneous	
b. 1, f. 12	E miscellaneous	
b. 1, f. 13	Eastwood, Harold Eugene	1940-1941, undated
b. 1, f. 14	F miscellaneous	
b. 1, f. 15	Filipino Club, Washington, D.C.	1930
b. 1, f. 16	G miscellaneous	
b. 1, f. 17	Gibson, Hugh Simons	1934
b. 1, f. 18	Groome, John C., Jr.	1931, 1940-1941
b. 1, f. 19	H miscellaneous	
b. 1, f. 20	Herr, John Knowles	1938-1939
b. 1, f. 21	Hornbeck, Stanley Kuhl	1930, undated
b. 1, f. 22	I miscellaneous	
b. 1, f. 23	International Goodwill Congress	1932
b. 1, f. 24	J miscellaneous	

b. 1, f. 25	James, Jules	1941, 1954-1956
b. 1, f. 26	K miscellaneous	
b. 1, f. 27	Keatley, George Harold	1931, 1934
b. 1, f. 28	Klots, Allen Trafford	1930-1934, 1952
b. 1, f. 29	L miscellaneous	
b. 1, f. 30	Loomis, Alfred Lee	1931
b. 1, f. 31	M miscellaneous	
b. 1, f. 32	McBride, Harry Alexander	1931
b. 1, f. 33	McCloy, John Jay	1941-1942
b. 1, f. 34	McCoy, Frank Ross and Frances	1930-1940, undated
b. 1, f. 35	Mcfarlane, Andrew	1932-1952, undated
b. 1, f. 36	MacMurray, John Van Antwerp See also: box 2, folder 71	1932
b. 1, f. 37	Malone, Paul Bernard	1931-1933
b. 1, f. 38	Marshall, George Catlett	1924, 1939, undated
b. 1, f. 39	Merrill, Keith	1930, 1932
b. 1, f. 40	Miller, Danforth	1930-1932
b. 2, f. 41	Moffett, William Adger	1932
b. 2, f. 42	Morlock, George Albert	1934
b. 2, f. 43	N miscellaneous	
b. 2, f. 44	Oliver, Lunsford Errett	1945, 1950
b. 2, f. 45	P miscellaneous	
b. 2, f. 46	Patterson, Charles H.	1931
b. 2, f. 47	Patterson, Robert Porter See also: box 10, folder 149	1940
b. 2, f. 48	Patton, George Smith, Jr.	1930, 1939-1942
b. 2, f. 49	Quezon, Manuel	1929-1930
b. 2, f. 50	R miscellaneous	
b. 2, f. 51	Regnier, Claire Janet (Macfarlane)	1941-1945, undated

b. 2, f. 52	Regnier, Edward	1931
b. 2, f. 53-54	Regnier, Marie Louise	1931-1943, undated
b. 2, f. 55	Regnier, Neomie (Madeau)	1918, 1931-1937, undated
b. 2, f. 56	Reynolds, Stephen C.	1940-1941
b. 2, f. 57	Richardson, Robert Charlwood, Jr.	1919-1920, 1940-1945, undated
b. 2, f. 58	Robinett, Paul McDonald	1930
b. 2, f. 59	S miscellaneous	
b. 2, f. 60	Shipley, Ruth (Bielaski)	1933-1954
b. 2, f. 61	Stimson, Candace Catherine	1929-1931, undated
b. 2, f. 62-63	Stimson, Henry Lewis	1928-1950
b. 2, f. 64	Stimson, Mabel Wellington (White)	1929-1954
b. 2, f. 65	Swift, Innis Palmer See also: box 13, folder 178	1942
b. 2, f. 66	T miscellaneous	
b. 2, f. 67	Taylor, Maxwell Davenport	1955
b. 2, f. 68	Truman, Harry S.	1948
b. 2, f. 69	U miscellaneous	
b. 2, f. 70	W miscellaneous	
b. 2, f. 71	Walter Hines Page School of International Relations	1930-1931
b. 2, f. 72	Wheat, George Seay	1931-1933
b. 2, f. 73	Winship, Blanton	1929-1932
b. 2, f. 74	Wynne, Edward Cyril	1934
b. 2, f. 75	Yale, Wesley W.	1941, undated
b. 2, f. 76	Unidentified	undated

Series II: SUBJECT FILES, 1921-1955*3 linear feet (8 boxes)*

This series is arranged in alphabetical order by topic.

b. 3, f. 77	Arms embargo	1933
b. 3, f. 78	Bolivia and Paraguay	undated
b. 3, f. 79	British bases in the Western Atlantic	1930
b. 3, f. 80	Canada: military situation	1940
	Cavalry See also: box 12, folders 169-170	
b. 3, f. 81	Photographs	1942-1943, undated
b. 3, f. 82	Tactics, mechanization, associations	1930-1950, undated
b. 3, f. 83	Disarmament	1931, undated
b. 3, f. 84-85	Disarmament Conference, Geneva	1931-1932, undated
b. 3, f. 86	Early, John C.	1929
b. 3, f. 87	Ecole d'Application de Cavalerie	1921-1922
b. 3, f. 88	Einstein, Albert	1933
b. 3, f. 89-90	Far East See also: box 4, folders 102-103	[ca. 1926-1935]
b. 3, f. 91	Fort Bliss, Texas	1933-1942
b. 3, f. 92	Fort Meyer, Virginia	1930-1940
b. 3, f. 93	France See also: box 3, folder 83	1930-1932
b. 3, f. 94	Germany See also: box 3, folder 83	1932
b. 3, f. 95	Grandi, Dino: visit	1931
b. 4, f. 96	Hawaii: annexation	undated
	Horses	
b. 4, f. 97	General	1930-1941, undated
b. 4, f. 98	Photographs See also: box 3, folder 81	1930-1931, undated

b. 4, f. 99	Howard, William	1932
b. 4, f. 100-101	London Conference of Ministers on Intergovernmental Debts	1931
b. 4, f. 102-103	Manchuria: Sino-Soviet and Sino-Japanese disputes	1930-1932, undated
b. 4, f. 104	Mexico	1929-1941
b. 4, f. 105	National defense	1926
b. 4, f. 106	National Research Council: Committee on Quartermaster Problems	1946
b. 4, f. 107	Nicaragua	undated
b. 4, f. 108	Passport fraud	1930, undated
b. 4, f. 109	Pet goat, dogs	1928-1936
b. 4, f. 110	Philippine Islands See also: box 6, folder 116	1926-1927
b. 5, f. 111a-f	Phillipine Islands	1928-1933
b. 5, f. 112-113	Press conferences	1931-1933, undated
b. 6, f. 114-115	Press policy and press relations See also: box 3, folder 93	1929-1933, undated
	Stimson, Henry L.	
b. 6, f. 116	Biographical files	1929-1950, undated
b. 6, f. 117	Pets: parrot	1929-1940
b. 6, f. 118-120	Photographs: Phillipine Islands	[ca. 1927-1929]
b. 7, f. 121	Photographs: miscellaneous See also: box 13, folder 172	undated
	Speeches	
b. 7, f. 122-124	General	1928-1934
b. 7, f. 125	Informal discussion: Army War College	1931
b. 7, f. 126	"Mr. Hoover's Foreign Policy," English See also: box 10, folders 146-147	1932
b. 7, f. 127-128	"The Pact of Paris," English	1932
b. 7, f. 129	Stimson, Mabel Wellington (White)	1930-1933, 1941
b. 7, f. 130	Titanic memorial	1931

U.S. Army		
b. 7, f. 131	General papers	1943-1945, undated
Publications		
b. 8, f. 132-135	General	1941-1945
b. 9, f. 136	First U.S. Division	[1919?]
b. 9, f. 137	Fifth Armored Division	1947, undated
b. 9, f. 138	557th Field Artillery Battalion	undated
U.S. Department of State		
b. 9, f. 139	General	1931-1933, undated
b. 9, f. 140	Clippings	1929-1934, undated
b. 9, f. 141	Organization	1918, 1928-1931, undated
b. 9, f. 142-145	Press releases	1929 October - 1933 February
b. 10, f. 146-147	Publication: <i>Our Foreign Relations</i>	1932
b. 10, f. 148	Speeches	1922-1932
b. 10, f. 149	U.S. War Department: Public Relations Division	1942-1947, undated

Series III: PERSONAL PAPERS, 1917-1956*1 linear foot (2 boxes)*

This series is arranged in alphabetical order by record type.

b. 11, f. 150-151	Financial records	1929-1949, undated
b. 11, f. 152	Legal papers	1934, 1943
	Memorabilia	
b. 11, f. 153	Postcards of Austrian military units	[1930?]
b. 11, f. 154	Regimental shoulder patches	undated
b. 11, f. 155	Miscellanea	1919, 1934-1956, undated
	Military orders	
b. 11, f. 156-158	Promotions, transfers, leaves	1919-1946, undated
b. 11, f. 159	Travel orders	1940-1941
	Newspaper clippings	
b. 11, f. 160	Biographical	1929-1953, undated
b. 11, f. 161	Miscellaneous	1931-1934
b. 11, f. 162	Passport	1929
	Photographs	
b. 12, f. 163-164	Personal and family See also: box 13, folder 172	[1936?] - 1945
b. 12, f. 165	Miscellaneous	undated
	Writings	
	Articles	
b. 12, f. 166	"Communism and Common Sense," English	[1930?], 1933
b. 12, f. 167	"The Government and the Press," English	1933
b. 12, f. 168	"Isolation," English	undated
b. 12, f. 169-170	Lectures: Cavalry School, Fort Riley, Kansas	1939-1940
b. 12, f. 171	Notebook: "Army Officer's Notebook,"	undated

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b. 13, f. 172	Stimson, Henry L.: photographs: miscellaneous	undated
b. 13, f. 173	U.S. Army: publications: 628th Tank Destroyer Battalion	undated
	Memorabilia	
b. 13, f. 174	Diplomas, certificates, commissions	1917-1945
b. 13, f. 175	Maps	1932, 1943-1945, undated
b. 13, f. 176	Poster, in German and French, from Luxembourg	1940
	Photographs	
b. 13, f. 177	Personal and family	undated
b. 13, f. 178	Miscellaneous	undated

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b. 1	Action Against the Enemy, Report No. 9, Combat Command Fifth Division, U.S. Army [photostat copy]	1945 April
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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.

Subjects

Armed Forces
Cavalry
Government publicity -- United States
Press -- United States
World War, 1939-1945

Geographic Names

Philippines
United States -- Foreign relations -- 1929-1933
United States -- Politics and government --
1929-1933

Genres / Formats

Photoprints

Occupations

Soldiers

Names

Regnier, Eugene Arthur, 1893-1956
Stimson, Henry L. (Henry Lewis), 1867-1950
Stimson, Mabel White, 1866-1955

Corporate Bodies

Conference for the Reduction and Limitation of
Armaments (1932-1934 Geneva, Switzerland)
United States. Army
United States. Department of State