

A guide to the
Charles R. Cameron (1875-1946)
Papers

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Introduction

This collection was arranged and described by Nicole Menarchem under the guidance of Amie Alden, Livingston County Historian.

The papers were arranged and described according to groups and sub-groups reflecting various topics covered by the papers. Most documents in the collection are housed in acid-free and lignin-free file folders with the larger documents and photo albums housed separately also in acid-free and lignin-free boxes. In the future, the county historian's office hopes to carry out other preservation activities with the papers such as photocopying the highly acidic newspaper articles in the collection onto acid-free and lignin-free paper.

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Use of the documents in the collection is for serious research and by request and permission of the Livingston County Historian's Office. Any use of the series material in publications must be cited as follows, "Courtesy of Livingston County Historian's Office, New York". Additionally, all documents should be handled with care. Use of fragile maps is restricted.

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Biographical Sketch

Born June 25th, 1875, to John and Katherine McDougall Cameron in York, Charles R. Cameron worked about forty years in the American Foreign Service.

Cameron was a graduate of Le Roy High School in 1894 and Cornell University in 1898 and during World War I he was a major in the Air Corps. Following that, he served as Consulate in Chile, Cuba, and San Paulo in Brazil. He also held the post of Superintendent of Schools in Zamboango, Philippine Islands and Consul General in Japan before his retirement. Cameron made a tour to study languages of different countries and prior to his death on February 19th, 1946, he was writing a book about these languages.

Series Description

Charles R. Cameron.

Charles R. Cameron Papers, 1901-1936.

Collection Number: C112

2.5 cubic feet, 3 boxes including a documents box, an oversized box, and photo album box. Arranged by subject into acid-free and lignin-free file folders and expandable file folders. Documents are both handwritten and typewritten and in good condition except some documents show signs of acidic bleed-through. Seven photo albums are in good condition save for one missing page and a few loose covers. Oversized box contains 29 rolled documents and one leather satchel all in good condition.

Created by Charles R. Cameron and associates through correspondence and normal course of business. Records were used to document Charles' work abroad in other countries.

Records contain correspondence, appointment contracts, newspaper clippings, reports, maps, photo albums, memorandums, documents signed by several United States Presidents, correspondence with General Pershing, and journals. Records include administrative, financial, and legal documents relative to the appointment and work of Charles R. Cameron. Scope of records includes Charles' work in Chile, Cuba, San Paulo in Brazil, the Philippine Islands, and Japan.

Box and Folder List¹

- 1. Correspondence** (*Record Group*)²
 - 1.A General Correspondence and Index (*Record Subgroup*)
 - 1.B Correspondence – Cuba
 - 1.C Correspondence – Move from Brazil to Habana, Cuba
- 2. Memorandums/Journals**
 - 2.A Journals
 - 2.B Memorandums
- 3. Location Information**
 - 3.A Bulletin of the Pan American Union
 - 3.B Information on Cuban Societies and Customs
- 4. Reports (1 of 2 Folders)**
- 5. Reports (2 of 2 Folders)**
- 6. Newspaper Clippings/Event Documents/Maps/Appointment Documents**
 - 6.A Newspaper Clippings
 - 6.B Event Documents
 - 6.C Maps
 - 6.D Appointment Documents
- 7. Photographs**
- 8. Miscellaneous**
 - 8.A Miscellaneous

¹ See Arrangement Notes in the Appendices for more information.

² A Record Group indicates an expandable folder and the Record Subgroup indicates a folder within that expandable folder.

Oversized Documents List³

College Diploma

1. 1898, Bachelor of Arts Degree to Charles Raymond Cameron.

Foreign Service Officer Appointments by the President of the United States

2. 1919, Assigned to be Consul Class Seven of the United States at Tacna, Chile, signed by Woodrow Wilson.
3. 1919, Nomination for Consul Class Seven, signed by Woodrow Wilson.
4. 1920, Assigned to be Consul Class Seven of the United States at Pernambuco, Brazil, for Pernambuco, signed by Woodrow Wilson.
5. 1921, Nomination for Consul Class Six, signed by Warren Harding.
6. 1923, Nomination for Consul Class Five, signed by Warren Harding.
7. 1924, Nomination for Consul Class Four, signed by Calvin Coolidge.
8. 1924, Nomination for Foreign Service Officer Class Five, signed by Calvin Coolidge.
9. 1924, Nomination for Foreign Service Officer Class Five, signed by Calvin Coolidge.
10. 1926, Assigned to be Consul of the United States at Sao Paulo, Brazil for Sao Paulo, signed by Calvin Coolidge.
11. 1927, Nomination for Foreign Service Officer Class Four, signed by Calvin Coolidge.
12. 1927, Nomination for Foreign Service Officer Class Four, signed by Calvin Coolidge.
13. 1930, Nomination for Consul General, signed by Herbert Hoover.
14. 1930, Nomination for Foreign Service Officer Class Three, signed by Herbert Hoover.
15. 1930, Nomination for Foreign Service Officer Class Three, signed by Herbert Hoover.
16. 1934, Assigned to be Consul General of the United States at Habana, Cuba, signed by Franklin Roosevelt.
17. 1935, Nomination for Foreign Service Officer Class Two, signed by Franklin Roosevelt.
18. 1936, Assigned to be Consul General of the United States at Osaka, Japan for Osaka, signed by Franklin Roosevelt.
19. 1936, Secretary of Diplomatic Service, signed by Franklin Roosevelt.
20. 1937, Assigned to be Consul General of the United States at Tokyo, Japan, for Tokyo, signed by Franklin Roosevelt.

³ Oversized documents are grouped by subject and date. Each listed item includes document date, subject, and any additional information and is identified by its list number. Oversized Documents can be found in the Oversized Document (map) Box.

Other Appointments by the President of the United States

21. 1917, Appointed Captain in the Aviation Section of the Signal, Officers' Reserve Corps of the Army of the United States, signed by Wm. Graham.

Other Appointments (Written in foreign language)

22. 1920, Nomination by La Sociedad Catolica de Instruccion y Auxilios Mutuos de Senoras.
23. 1920, Nomination of United States Consul in Pernambuco.
24. 1920, Nomination of United States Consul in Tacna.
25. 1927, Diploma for Sociedade Consular de Sao Paulo.
26. 1927, Nomination of United States Consul in Brazil.
27. 1934, United States Consul in Cuba, signed by Carlos Mendieta.
28. 1936, Honor by the Red Cross to Second Class "Comendador" in Cuba.

Organization Membership Documents

29. 1908, Certification of Master Mason by Manila Lodge, San Francisco, California.
30. 1931, Certification of Membership, American Consul General, Sao Paulo.
Application as delegate to Coffee Congress.

Miscellaneous

31. 1931, Letter indicating enclosure of Certificate of delegation to National Coffee Congress in Sao Paulo, Brazil (Item number 30 above).
32. 1936, Letter indicating enclosure of commission for Cameron's files and references his position as Secretary of Diplomatic Service of the United States.

Appendices

I. Arrangement Notes

1. There is a handwritten index of the correspondence with dates and summaries located in the front of the Correspondence Folder.

II. References

Cameron Family Folder, Family Folder Series, Livingston County Historian's Office.

III. List of Other Research Records at the County Historian's Office

Please ask for assistance in locating and utilizing this resource:

1. Cameron Family Folder, Family Folder Series