

Charles Maass Papers

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Collection Summary

Title: Charles Maass Papers

Span Dates: 1912-1924

ID No.: MSS83693

Creator: Maass, Charles

Extent: 18 items ; 1 container ; 0.4 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

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

Summary: Assistant to the United States Special Panama Canal Commission. Journal, writings, notes, poems, printed matter, scrapbooks, photographs, and drawings relating chiefly to the Commission's visit to Panama in 1921. The journal also documents Maass's tour of Panama, Puerto Rico, Costa Rica, and Cuba.

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

Maass, Charles.

Organizations

Panama Railroad Co.

Panama Railroad Steamship Line.

United States. Special Panama Canal Commission.

Subjects

Canals--Panama.

Railroads--Panama.

Steamboat lines--Panama.

Places

Canal Zone--Description and travel.

Costa Rica--Description and travel.

Cuba--Description and travel.

Panama Canal (Panama)--Description and travel.

Panama--Description and travel.

Puerto Rico--Description and travel.

Administrative Information

Provenance

The papers of Charles Maass, assistant to the Special Panama Canal Commission, were given to the Library of Congress by William H. Schiemann in 1996.

Processing History

The papers of Charles Maass were arranged and described in 1997. The finding aid was revised in 2008.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Charles Maass is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Charles Maass 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, Charles Maass Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Charles Maass span the years 1912-1924. Maass served as an assistant to the Special Panama Canal Commission created by the secretary of the War Department in 1921. Visiting the Canal Zone from June to August 1921, the commission was charged to report on the care, maintenance, sanitation, operation, and governance of the Panama Canal and the Canal Zone, including matters relating to the Panama Railroad and Panama Railroad Steamship Company. The collection includes drawings, notes, photographs, poems, printed matter, scrapbooks, writings, and a journal documenting Maass's tour of Panama, Puerto Rico, Costa Rica, and Cuba.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material.

Container List

<i>Container</i>	<i>Contents</i>
BOX 1	Miscellany, undated
BOX 1	Photograph album, 1912-1921, undated
BOX 1	Scrapbook, 1921, undated
BOX 1	Thompson, Fred, drawings, undated
BOX 1	Travel literature, 1921-1924, undated
BOX 1	Writings, undated (2 folders)