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Scope and Content Note: This collection consists of documents and/or books signed by each American president from George Washington through Donald Trump. Most of the documents pertain to civil, military, or consular appointments, although there is also correspondence, ships' papers, pardons, and other duties of the American chief executives.

The books in this collection consist of autobiographies, memoirs, and other books written by American presidents, published speeches and compilations of speeches, policy proposals, and correspondence.

System of Arrangement: The documents and books are arranged in one series, chronologically.

Acquisition Information: This collection was donated by Mr. Ronald C. Lazof, 2010.

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Documents

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1. Andrew Jackson, Direction to Senate, 01/13/1830
2. Millard Fillmore, Consular Officers, 11/11/1852
3. Gerald Rudolph Ford, Draft of Nixon Pardon, 09/08/1974
4. James Earl Carter, Jr., Letter, 05/04/1977
5. George Herbert Walker Bush, Program, 12/07/1991
6. William Jefferson Clinton, Letter, N.D.

Box 2

1. Martin Van Buren, Ships Papers, 08/27/1840
2. John Tyler, Ships Papers, 07/26/1845
3. Zachary Taylor, Assistant Postmaster, 05/16/1850
4. Andrew Johnson, Confederate Pardon, 08/15/1865
5. Ronald Wilson Reagan, Speech, 05/09/1985

Box 3

1. James Monroe, Military Appointment, 03/03/1821
2. James Polk, Military Appointment, 02/12/1848
3. Franklin Pierce, Diplomatic Appointment, 01/12/1855
4. James Buchanan, Appointment of Registrar, 05/07/1858
5. Abraham Lincoln, Criminal Pardon, 08/05/1862
6. Rutherford Birchard Hayes, Military Appointment, 12/28/1880
7. Chester Alan Arthur, Military Appointment, 01/30/1884
8. Benjamin Harrison, Civil Appointment, 01/22/1890
9. William McKinley, Civil Appointment, 07/07/1898
10. William Howard Taft, Civil Appointment, 03/03/1913
11. Woodrow Wilson, Civil Appointment, 02/09/1918
12. Warren Gamaliel Harding, Consular Appointment, 12/27/1921
13. Calvin Coolidge, Consular Appointment, 10/29/1928
14. Herbert Clark Hoover, Consular Appointment, 03/21/1932
15. Franklin Roosevelt, Civil Appointment, 07/07/1938
16. Harry S. Truman, Civil Appointment, 06/29/1950
17. Dwight David Eisenhower, Appointment, 09/05/1953
18. John Fitzgerald Kennedy, Civil Appointment, 09/20/1962

19. Lyndon Baines Johnson, Civil Appointment, 02/03/1965
20. Richard Milhous Nixon, Civil Appointment, 09/15/1969
21. George Walker Bush, Civil Appointment, 08/09/2001

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1. George Washington, Ships Papers, 05/15/1793
2. John Adams, Ships Papers, 06/13/1800
3. Thomas Jefferson, Land Grant, 07/18/1801
4. James Madison, Ships Papers, 12/27/1811
5. John Quincy Adams, Land Grant, 05/17/1828
6. William Henry Harrison, Consular Appointment, 03/18/1841
7. Ulysses Simpson Grant, Military Appointment, 07/24/1876
8. James Abram Garfield, Consular Appointment, 05/16/1881
9. Grover Cleveland, Civil Appointment, 02/18/1889
10. Theodore Roosevelt, Proclamation, 07/03/1905

List of Books

George Washington

1. *Official Letters to the Honorable American Congress During the War Between the United Colonies and Great Britain* (2 volumes in box)

John Adams

1. *A Defense of The Constitutions of Government of the United States of America*
2. *Discourses on Davila*
3. *The Adams Papers: Diary and Autobiography of John Adams* (4 volumes)

Thomas Jefferson

1. *A Manual on Parliamentary Procedure*
2. *Notes on The State of Virginia*
3. *Jefferson's Correspondence* (4 volumes)

James Madison

1. *The Federalist* (2 volumes)
2. *Selections From the Private Correspondence of James Madison from 1813 to 1836*

James Monroe

1. *A View of The Conduct of the Executive in The Foreign Affairs Of The United States Connected with the Mission to the French Republic, During the Years 1794, 5 & 6*
2. *The People The Sovereigns*

John Quincy Adams

1. *Oration on the Life and Character of G.M. De Lafayette*
2. *Mr. Adams' Eulogy on the Character of James Monroe*
3. *The Jubilee Of the Constitution, A Discourse*
4. *The Lives of James Madison, Fourth President of the United States and James Monroe, Fifth President of the United States*

James Knox Polk

1. *The Diary of James K. Polk During His Presidency 1845 to 1849 (4 volumes)*

James Buchanan

1. *Mr. Buchanan's Administration on the Eve of Rebellion*

Abraham Lincoln

1. *Political Debates Between Hon. Abraham Lincoln and Hon. Stephen A. Douglas*

Ulysses Grant

1. *The Personal Memoirs of U.S. Grant (3 volumes)*

Rutherford Hayes

1. *Letters and Messages of Rutherford Hayes*
2. *Annual Message of the President of the United States, 1880*

Grover Cleveland

1. *The State Papers of Grover Cleveland*
2. *Presidential Problems*
3. *Fishing and Shooting Sketches*
4. *Good Citizenship*

Benjamin Harrison

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2. *Views of an Ex-President*

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1. *Speeches and Addresses of William McKinley From his Election to Congress to the Present Time*
2. *Works of Henry Clay (7 volumes)*

Theodore Roosevelt

1. *The Naval War of 1812*
2. *Hunting Trips of a Ranchman*
3. *Life of Thomas Hart Benton*
4. *Gouverneur Morris*
5. *Ranch Life and The Hunting Trail*
6. *Stories of the Great West*
7. *State of New York Public Papers of Theodore Roosevelt, Governor*
8. *American Big Game Hunting*
9. *The Wilderness Hunter*
10. *The Winning of the West (4 volumes)*
11. *American Ideals and Other Essays Social and Political*
12. *The Rough Riders*
13. *Hero Tales from American History*
14. *Big Game Hunting in The Rockies and On The Great Plains*
15. *The Strenuous Life: Essays and Addresses*

16. *The Deer Family*
17. *Outdoor Pastimes of An American Hunter*
18. *Good Hunting*
19. *African Game Trails: an Account of The African Wanderings of an American Hunter-Naturalist* (2 volumes)
20. *Oliver Cromwell*
21. *New York*
22. *The New Nationalism*
23. *History as Literature and Other Essays*
24. *Theodore Roosevelt: An Autobiography*
25. *Progressive Principles*
26. *Through the Brazilian Wilderness*
27. *Life Histories of African Game Animals* (2 volumes)
28. *America and the World War*
29. *Americanism and Preparedness* (book 1 of 4 in a set)
30. *Fear God and Take Your Own Part*
31. *The Foes of Our Own Household* (book 2 of 4 in a set)
32. *National Strength, International Duty* (book 3 of 4 in a set)
33. *The Great Adventure* (book 4 of 4 in a set)

William Howard Taft

1. *Four Aspects of Civic Duty*
2. *Popular Government, Its Essence, Its Permanence and Its Perils*
3. *Our Chief Magistrate and His Powers*
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5. *The Covenanter: An American Exposition of The Covenant of the League of Nations*

Woodrow Wilson

1. *Congressional Government: A Study in American Policy*
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10. *The President's War Message*

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Herbert Hoover

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4. *The New Day*
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15. *On Growing Up*
16. *Fishing for Fun, and to Wash Your Soul*

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 - f. 1950 (single volume)
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3. *Profiles in Courage*
4. *The Strategy of Peace*
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Lyndon B. Johnson

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4. *Leaders*
5. *The Real Peace: Strategy for the West*
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