Papers of Ronald C. Lazof

Date Ranges: 1811-2001
Extent and Forms of Material: 18 linear feet, 7 linear inches

Abstract: This is a donated collection, consisting of documents signed by Presidents of the United States during a roughly two hundred year time period. The nature of the documents varies, but most of them relate to presidential appointments.

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Biographical History: Ronald Lazof holds a B.A. in accounting from California State University, and a law degree from University of California, Los Angeles. He is also a Certified Public Accountant. Mr. Lazof is a founder and senior shareholder of the Newport Beach, California law firm Lazof and Coss; the organization specializes in taxation and mergers & acquisitions. More recently, he served as President and CEO of the paint manufacturer Behr, and as a Managing Director of Prism Advisors, L.L.C. He divides his time between Texas and Colorado.

Scope and Content Note: This collection consists of documents signed by each American president from 1811 through 2001, excepting William Henry Harrison and Theodore Roosevelt. Most of these items pertain to civil, military, or consular appointments, although there is also correspondence, ships’ papers, pardons, and other documents reflecting the duties of the American chief executives.
System of Arrangement:  Documents are arranged in one series, chronologically.

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

Container List:

Box 1
1. Andrew Johnson, Confederate pardon, 08/15/1865
2. George H.W. Bush, program, 07/12/1997

Box 2
1. James Monroe, military appointment, 03/03/1821
2. Andrew Jackson, direction to Senate, 01/30/1830
3. Martin Van Buren, ships papers, 08/27/1840
4. John Tyler, ships papers, 07/26/1845
5. James Polk, military appointment, 02/12/1848
6. Zachary Taylor, assistant postmaster, 05/16/1850
7. Millard Fillmore, acceptance of consular officers, 11/11/1852
8. Franklin Pierce, appointments to Peru, 01/12/1855
9. James Buchanan, appointment of registrar, 05/07/1858
10. Abraham Lincoln, criminal pardon, 08/05/1862
11. Rutherford Hayes, military appointment, 12/28/1880
12. Chester Arthur, military appointment, 01/30/1884
13. Benjamin Harrison, civil appointment Oregon, 01/22/1890
14. William McKinley, civil appointment, 07/07/1898
15. William Howard Taft, civil appointment, 03/03/1913
16. Woodrow Wilson, civil appointment, 02/09/1918
17. Warren Harding, consular appointment, 12/27/1921
18. Calvin Coolidge, consular appointment, 10/29/1928
19. Herbert Hoover, consular appointment, 03/21/1932
20. Franklin Roosevelt, civil appointment, 07/07/1938
21. Harry Truman, civil appointment, 06/29/1950
22. Dwight Eisenhower, appointment, 09/05/1953
23. John Kennedy, civil appointment, 09/20/1962
24. Lyndon Johnson, civil appointment, 02/03/1965
26. Gerald Ford, draft of Nixon pardon, 09/08/1974
27. Jimmy Carter, letter to Senate, 05/04/1977
29. Bill Clinton, letter, 05/07/1993

Map Case—Framed items
1. John Quincy Adams, land grant, 05/17/1828
2. Grover Cleveland, civil appointment, 02/18/1889
3. James Madison, ships papers, 12/27/1811