

Guide to Lincoln MacVeagh Diaries

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: GEN MSS 2156

CREATOR: MacVeagh, Lincoln, 1890-1972, author

TITLE: Lincoln MacVeagh diaries

DATES: 1939-1945

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 1.04 linear feet (3 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English (Latin script)

SUMMARY: This collection contains diaries documenting Lincoln MacVeagh's work as an ambassador in Greece, South Africa, and Iceland with related guestbook and transcripts.

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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

Purchased from Donald Lippincott on the Hall McCullough Fund, 2024.

Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

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Preferred Citation

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Processing Information

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LINCOLN MACVEAGH (1890-1972)

Lincoln MacVeagh was born October 1, 1890, in Narragansett Pier, Rhode Island. After graduating from Harvard and completing further studies at the Sorbonne, MacVeagh served in the U. S. Army during World War I, attaining the rank of Major. After leaving military service, MacVeagh was the president of Henry Holt and Company, and then in 1923, he went on to found Dial Press.

MacVeagh's first ambassadorial appointment was Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Greece, in 1933, serving in Athens. Subsequent appointments include Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Iceland 1941-1942), Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to South Africa 1942-1943). He also served concurrent appointments as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to Greece (1943-1947) and Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to Yugoslavia (1943).

Later appointments included Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to Portugal (1948-1952) and Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to Spain (1952-1953). MacVeagh retired in 1953 from government service and joined Henry Holt and Company as a director.

Lincoln MacVeagh died on January 15, 1972, in Adelphi, Maryland.

Content Description

This collection contains diaries documenting Lincoln MacVeagh's work as an ambassador in Greece, South Africa, and Iceland with related guestbook and transcripts.

Arrangement

Materials in this collection are arranged chronologically, followed by undated materials including transcripts of diaries and a guestbook.

Collection Contents

b. 1, f. 1	Athens	1939 October 18-1940 March 11
b. 1, f. 2	Athens	1940 March 12-1940 October 25
b. 1, f. 3	Athens-Vienna Contains loose-leaf entries from a diary.	1940 October 26-1941 June 3
b. 1, f. 4	Iceland	1942 April 7-1942 June 17
b. 1, f. 5	Iceland	1942 June 18-1942 July 8
b. 1, f. 6	South Africa	1942 September 20-1943 June 9
b. 2, f. 1	South Africa	1943 June 10-1943 November 4
b. 2, f. 2	South Africa	1943 November 5-1943 November 22
b. 2, f. 3	Cairo	1943 November 23-1944 January 20
b. 2, f. 4	Cairo	1944 January 21-1944 May 6
b. 2, f. 5	Cairo	1944 May 7-1944 July 30
b. 2, f. 6	Cairo-Athens	1944 July 31-1944 November 19
b. 2, f. 7	Athens	1944 November 21-1944 December 7, 1945 April 13-1945 April 30
b. 3, f. 1	Cairo Diary, uncorrected typescript and fair copy by Margaret MacVeagh The file contains a transcript, notes, and Tribute to President Roosevelt, typescript, 1945 April 13.	undated, 1945 April 13
b. 3, f. 2	Cairo Diary, uncorrected typescript and fair copy by Margaret MacVeagh	undated

b. 3, f. 3

Guestbook

1945-1947

Contains a guestbook kept by Lincoln MacVeagh while in Athens.

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.

Occupations

Ambassadors

Subjects

Ambassadors -- United States

Diplomacy

Diplomatic and consular service

Diplomatic and consular service, American

World War, 1939-1945