



A. Duer Irving photograph collection 1973.347

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Summary Information

Repository:	Audiovisual Collections
Creator:	Irving, Alexander Duer, 1873-1941
Title:	A. Duer Irving photograph collection
ID:	1973.347
Date:	1919
Physical Description:	19 item(s)
General Physical Description:	19 photographic prints : b&w ; various sizes. 1 photo gravure : oversize.
Language of the Material:	English .
Abstract:	Alexander Duer Irving, Jr. (1873-1941) was assigned as a junior naval aide to President Woodrow Wilson (1856-1924) on his trip to the Paris Peace Conference, primarily because of his knowledge of French. He served with the rank of lieutenant under Wilson's personal physician, Admiral Cary T. Grayson (1878-1938). This small collection contains materials relating to his work while serving as aide to President Wilson during the Peace Conference in France, 1919.

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Biographical Note

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In Paris Irving was assigned to handle presidential mail and do translations. He does not appear to have been in on negotiations. He had little direct contact with Wilson and saw more of Herbert Hoover (1874-1964) while in Paris. In May 1919 Irving was asked to translate French Primer Minister George Clemenceau's (1841-1929) letter for the Decoration Day ceremonies at the American Cemetery, and to read his translation before Wilson's two-day tour of the battlefields in Belgium.

Irving was born on May 24, 1873 the son of Alexander Duer Irving, Sr., and len Eugenia du Pont, and grandson of Henry du Pont (1812-1889).

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Scope and Content

Materials primarily relate to the work of A. Duer Irving as aide to President Wilson during the 1919 Peace Conference in France. There are U.S. Army Signal Corps photographs showing general views of the Palace of Versailles, a photograph of Prime Minister Clemenceau addressing German delegates, a photograph of President Wilson at Longchamp Race Course, two photographs of President Wilson at an American cemetery in France on Memorial Day, 1919, and one page of photo gravures from a German newspaper. Also included are two portrait photographs of Irving.

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Access Restrictions

This collection is open for research.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Treaty of Versailles (1919 June 28)
- Politicians
- World War, 1914-1918.
- Paris Peace Conference (1919)

- Wilson, Woodrow, 1856-1924

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances
Paris Peace Conference and surrounding activities	box GL 3
Two portraits of A. Duer Irving	box DF 7