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Samuel Montgomery Rigoulot Collection

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Biographical Note

Samuel Montgomery Rigoulot was born on August 22, 1899 to Alfred Rigoulot and Hannah Pitt. He was raised in a large family in New York.

In September of 1917, he enlisted in the Army and served in Company H, 38th Infantry Regiment, 3rd division. Rigoulot served in France and Germany from March 1918 to August 1919, achieving the rank of corporal. While overseas, he was gassed and then billeted with a French family, with whom he kept in touch for many years.

Rigoulot returned to the United States in August 1919. He married Lillian Violet Dahlstrom and they had three children, Lois, Robert, and Kathleen. Until his retirement, he worked as an appraiser for a real estate agency.

Samuel Montgomery Rigoulot died on February 12, 1975.

Scope and Content of the Collection

The Samuel M. Rigoulot Collection contains mostly items pertaining to the military service of Samuel M. Rigoulot, who served in the army during World War I. He was stationed in both France and Germany with Company H, 38th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Division. The collection spans from 1916 to 1986 and includes books, newspapers, maps, photos, correspondence, and other items. Among the personal items included in this collection are Samuel's Doughboy helmet and numerous medals.

Arrangement

Series One: Official Government Documents

This series contains official government documents pertaining mostly to Samuel's military service, including a pay record book, Selective Service registration cards, and a certificate detailing his service. It also contains his death certificate.

Series Two: Correspondence

This series contains correspondence by Samuel and by his family and friends. It is divided into four parts: correspondence from the French family he was billeted with during the war, correspondence to and from his family and friends, correspondence regarding the citation of Captain Herlihy, and government correspondence.

Series Three: Newspapers

This series contains several issues of both *The Watch on the Rhine* and *Recruiting News*, as well as newspaper clippings from publications such as the *Brooklyn Daily Times*.

Series Four: Programs

This series contains programs from various reunions of the 38th Infantry that Samuel attended, as well as a program for Easter Services in 1918.

Series Five: Souvenirs

This series contains souvenirs Samuel obtained while overseas. It includes postcard and photograph books from places he visited, such as Versailles.

Series Six: Miscellaneous

This series contains small items that didn't fit anywhere else, such as a dance card, a bookmark, and sheet music.

Series Seven: Books and Booklets

This series contains books and booklets, including illustrated Michelin Guides, booklets, and a book called The Third Division.

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Separations

Item ID	Call Number	Description
		Posters
800116107		Poster, World War I Roster for Company H, 38th U.S. Infantry
		Artifact
800116108		Doughboy Helmet, 3rd Infantry Division Insignia
800116109		Wristwatch (broken)
800116110		38th Infantry Regiment Service Blouse
800116111		World War I Victory Medal w/6 campaign bars and 2 bar pins
800116112		Marne Division Medal
800116113		3rd Division Pendant
800116114		US 38 brass buttons (2)
800116115		Brass button with H and crossed rifles
800116116		Metal U.S. Buttons (3)
800116117		Veterans of Foreign Wars pendant
800116118		State of New York World War I Medal
800116119		Croix de Guerre medal with laurels
800116120		Box that contained Victory Medal

800116121	Box that contained a medal
800116122	Uniform Pin, red and green
800116123	Pin, purple and white
800116124	Medal, red and green
800116125	Ribbon and envelope

Maps

800116084	MAP 00901	Map of Principal Sites and Monuments in Paris
800116085	MAP 00902	American Red Cross Map of Paris
800116086	MAP 00903	Bartholomew's General Map of Europe
800116087	MAP 00904	Map of the Western Front
800116088	MAP 00905	Photocopy of Map of Dispositions of MC Alexander's 38th Infantry Regiment on the Marne, July 15, 1918
800116089	MAP 00906	Photocopy of Map of Rock of the Marne Action of the U.S. 3rd Division, July, 1918 (2)

Photographs

Military Photos

800116090	PHOTO 05446	Group photo. Caption: "Third Platoon, Co. H, 38th Inf., [illegible]. Obermendig, Germany, 23, 3, 1919"
800116091	PHOTO 05447	Group photo. Caption: "All that is left of the old original company "H" 38th Infantry just returned from overseas, Aug 23rd, 1919." Back: List of names.
800116092	PHOTO 05448	Photo of Thirty-Eighth Infantry, Third American Division decorated in recognition of its service
800116093	PHOTO 05449	Photo of a soldier. Caption: "Very sincerely, Kenny." Back: "Kenneth [illegible], 109 W. Lincoln Ave, Delaware, Ohio."

Muller-Prost Family Photos

800116094	PHOTO 05450	Portrait of Muller-Prost family. Caption in French. Taken in Remich.
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800116095 PHOTO 05451 Communion portrait. Caption: "Souvenir de ma iere communion! Leone. Remich, le 8 juin 1924"

Photos of Samuel Rigoulot

800116096 PHOTO 05452 Photo of Samuel in uniform, taken outside.

800116097 PHOTO 05453 Photo of Samuel in uniform in front of a house.

800116098 PHOTO 05454 Formal portrait of Samuel in uniform, posed in a chair.

800116099 PHOTO 05455 Photo of Samuel smiling outside

Photos from brother Bert's Accident

800116100 PHOTO 05456 Photo of damaged boat

800116101 PHOTO 05457 Photo of wreckage

800116102 PHOTO 05458 Photo of boat deck

800116103 PHOTO 05459 Photo of miners

Panoramic Photos

800116104 PHOTO 05460 Photo of 38th Infantry, 3rd Division (Marne) at Coblenz

800116105 PHOTO 05461 "2nd BN.-38th Inf.-3rd Div. (Marne)-Review of July 14th, at 1919 at Coblenz" large photograph

800116106 PHOTO 05462 "All that is left of the old original Company "H" 38th Infantry 3rd Just returned from over seas Aug 23rd 1919" group photograph labeled with handwritten names

Key Subjects

This collection is indexed under the following heading in the Library's online catalog. Researchers interested in materials about related topics, persons, or places should search the catalog using these subject headings.

Names

Rigoulot, Samuel M. -- 1899-1975

Rigoulot, Samuel M. – Correspondence World War, -- 1914-1918.

Subjects

World War, -- 1914-1918. -- 3rd Division -- 38th Infantry Regiment

World War, -- 1914-1918. -- Regimental histories -- United States

Container List

Box	Folder	Item ID #	Title	Dates
			Series One: Official Government Documents	1916-1975
1	1	800116001	Certificate of Registration of an Alien	7/17/1916
		800116002	Certificate promoting Samuel to rank of corporal.	2/1/1918
		800116003	Letter from King George V wishing soldiers good luck	4/1/1918
		800116004	Individual Pay Record Book	1/9/1918
		800116005	Letter from John Pershing to soldiers thanking them for their service	2/23/1919
		800116006	Third Division Certificate detailing Samuel's military history	6/1/1919
		800116007	Honorable Discharge certificate (2 copies)	8/29/1919
		800116008	Veterans of Foreign Wars card in envelope	3/1/1924
		800116009	Adjusted Service Bonds	9/18/1924
		800116010	Selective Service registration card	2/16/1942
		800116011	Selective Service postal card	1/5/1943
		800116012	Notice of Classification cards (2 cards)	9/2/1944
		800116013	Death Certificate	5/27/1975

Series Two: Correspondence

Correspondence from the Muller-Prost Family		1922-1937, n.d.
800116014	Includes two letters, one in French and one typed in English asking Samuel to visit and updating him on family news	1/2/1922
800116015	Letter from Helene Muller-Prost thanking Samuel for photograph and includes family news, mother's illness	6/6/1923
800116016	Letter from Helene Muller-Prost written in French	2/8/1924
800116017	Postcard from Helene Muller-Prost written in French	7/10/1924
800116018	Postcard from Muller-Prost family written in French	12/30/1926
800116019	Letter from Muller-Prost family includes: letter from Leone written in English expressing sympathy for Samuel's mother's passing and including family news; and a letter from Helene written in French	12/27/1928
800116020	Letter from Leone Muller-Prost written in French	12/24/1929
800116021	Christmas Card from Muller-Prost family written in French and English	12/17/1937
800116022	Postcard from Muller-Prost family written in French	n.d.
800116023	Postcard from Muller-Prost family written in French	n.d.
Correspondence to and from Samuel's Family and Friends		1916-1969
800116024	Letter from Mother regarding Samuel's journey, family news	7/11/1916
800116025	Letter from Mother regarding family news, subway accident	7/14/1916
800116026	Letter from brother Harold regarding family news	5/2/1918

800116027	Letter from Samuel to his mother regarding life in France	6/13/1918
800116028	Letter from Samuel to his mother written in French	8/22/1918
800116029	Letter from Corporal Charles King requesting affidavit from Samuel (enclosed)	7/2/1919
800116030	Letter from William Harne to Samuel expressing his condolences for the death of Samuel's mother	1/30/1935
800116031	Letter from Samuel to son Robert regarding details of his military service for a scholarship	[1969]
Letters regarding Capt. Herlihy		1919-1933
800116032	Letter from American Expeditionary Forces regarding Capt. Herlihy's Silver Star citation (3)	6/3/1919
800116033	Letter from 3rd Division Headquarters regarding Capt. Herlihy's actions that warranted a Silver Star citation (2)	7/8/1919
800116034	Letter from Samuel to the Adjutant General describing Capt. Herlihy's heroic actions and recommending him for recognition (2)	12/28/1931
800116035	Letter from Adjutant General regarding investigation of Capt. Herlihy's actions and decision not to award him decorations	1/25/1932
800116036	Letter from Samuel to Adjutant General asking that his letter be attached to Herlihy's record	1/27/1932
800116037	Letter from Adjutant General regarding decorations for Capt. Herlihy and enclosing a copy of his previous letter	2/1/1932
800116038	Letter from Capt. Herlihy thanking Samuel for his recommendation letter and describing life with family in Puerto Rico.	8/23/1933
800116039	Letter draft written by Samuel to Capt. Herlihy	2/2/1932

Government Correspondence**1924-1969**

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| 800116040 | Letter from Adjutant General acknowledging receipt of letter regarding use of commercial armed cars | 3/24/1924 |
| 800116041 | Letter from Veterans Bureau enclosing Adjusted Service Certificate | 1/1/1925 |
| 800116042 | Letter from Veterans Bureau acknowledging change of beneficiary | 6/3/1927 |
| 800116043 | Letter from Robert Rigoulot to Adjutant General asking for verification of Samuel's service (includes personal records) | 4/10/1969 |

Miscellaneous**1916-1924, n.d.**

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| 800116044 | Letter from Dr. George E. Reed confirming date and place of Samuel's birth | 7/6/1916 |
| 800116045 | Envelope addressed to Samuel | 12/29/2024 |
| 800116046 | Letter from Veterans Administration regarding location of Samuel and his wife's graves, including a map and list | 4/14/1986 |
| 800116047 | Envelope addressed to Samuel | n.d. |

1 3**Series Three: Newspapers and Clippings***The Watch on the Rhine*

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| 800116048 | Volume 12, No. 4 | 2/1/1931 |
| 800116049 | Volume 12, No. 5 | 4/1/1931 |
| 800116050 | Volume 13, No. 5 | 4/1/1932 |

Recruiting News

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| 800116051 | Volume XV, No. 7 | 4/1/1933 |
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Clippings

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| 800116052 | <i>Brooklyn Daily Times</i> : "The Story of the World War: 241 - The 3rd Division on the Marne" (2 copies)(comic strip) | 8/12/1929 |
| 800116053 | <i>Brooklyn Daily Times</i> : "The Story of the World War: 251 - The Close of the 2nd | 8/23/1929 |

Marne" (comic strip)

800116054	<i>New York Times</i> : "M'Alexander Lauds Pershing War Data" (2 copies)	3/16/1931
800116055	Photocopy of <i>The Herald Statesman</i> , page three	1/26/1935
800116056	Clipping: Photo of Thirty-Eighth Infantry, Third American Division being decorated in recognition of its service	n.d.

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Series Four: Programs

800116057	Program for Easter Services	3/31/1918
800116058	Memorial Services for 38th Infantry	5/11/1919
800116059	Rock of the Marne pamphlet commemorating anniversary of the Second Battle of the Marne	7/15/1920
800116060	3rd Annual Reunion of 38th U.S. Infantry	7/18/1922
800116061	Rock of the Marne Post Reception in honor of Major-General Ulysses Grant McAlexander	3/23/1931
800116062	National Reunion and Convention of 3rd Division	7/14/1932

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Series Five: Souvenirs

800116063	Pantheon de la Guerre Postcard Book	4/2/1905
800116064	Souvenir de Toul postcard book with inscription from Samuel inside	3/26/1919
800116065	Versailles photograph book	n.d.
800116066	Panorama of the Rhine	n.d.

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Series Six: Miscellaneous

800116067	Dance Card from Obermendig, Germany	5/27/1919
800116068	K. Sobol photography card	n.d.
800116069	Michelin Guides bookmark	n.d.
800116070	Sheet Music for Rock of the Marne march	n.d.

		800116071	Envelope addressed to Mother containing photos of Bert's accident	n.d.
		800116072	Business Card for Michel Muller-Prost	n.d.
		800116073	Victory Medal receipt form	n.d.
		Series Seven: Books and Booklets		n.d.
2	1	Illustrated Michelin Guides		n.d.
		800116074	Arras Lens-Douai and The Battles of Artois	n.d.
		800116075	Lille: Before and During the War	n.d.
		800116076	Rheims and the Battles for Its Possession	n.d.
		800116077	The Somme, Volume 1	n.d.
		800116078	The Somme, Volume 2	n.d.
		800116079	Verdun and the Battles for Its Possession	n.d.
		800119080	The Yser and the Belgian Coast	n.d.
2	2	Booklets		1905
		800116081	General Pershing's Official Story of the American Expeditionary Forces in France	4/2/1905
		800116082	The Rock of the Marne: A Chronological Story of the 38th Regiment, U.S. Infantry	3/1/1919
2	3	800116083	New Testament, illustrated	n.d.