

The Henry H. Benham Papers

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Summary Information

Repository	St. Louis Mercantile Library Special Collections
Creator	Benham, Henry Hill, Major, 1858-1911
Creator	Benham, Henry W., Brigadier General, 1813-1884
Title	The Henry H. Benham Papers
Date [bulk]	Bulk, 1875-1907
Date [inclusive]	1839-1919
Extent	6.0 Linear feet (9 ledger boxes and 1 oversized box)
Language	English
Abstract	<p>The Henry H. Benham Papers include the papers of Major Henry Hill Benham, his wife Anne Franchot, and his parents, Brig. Gen. Henry W. and Elizabeth A. Benham. The bulk of the papers encompass the military career of Maj. Henry H. Benham, especially matters pertaining to service records, commissions, recommendations, appointments, and general orders that span his career from 1875 to 1907. In particular, the papers are strongly representative of Maj. Benham's duty during the Spanish-American War in Puerto Rico and Cuba (1898-99). Additionally, the collection contains Maj. Benham's personal uniform insignia, medals, and regalia, postcards from his European vacation, and family genealogical data. The papers related to Brig. Gen. Benham contain biographical materials, his last will and testament, and books related to his military career. Aside from the papers of military and personal interest, the collection contains military portraits of the Benhams, photographs of military life, and portraits of family members. The Henry H. Benham Papers are of value to students of military history, the Indian Wars, the</p>

Spanish-American War, and family history from the nineteenth through the early twentieth century.

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Biographical

Major Henry H. Benham (1858-1911) was born in Massachusetts on February 22, 1858, the son of Major-General Henry Washington Benham (Civil War) and Elizabeth Ann McNeil. In 1889, he married Anne Franchot Benham (1857-1936), sister of N. V. V. Franchot from Schenectady, New York, and they had no children. Major Benham's family line can be traced back to John Benham who arrived in New England on the vessel "Mary and John" in 1630. His family had strong ties to early American history with such notable figures as his grandmother's half-brother President Franklin Pierce and her husband Brig. General John McNeil, who achieved notoriety during the War of 1812. In addition, his sister, Lilla Benham, married the designer and painter Frederick Dielmann.

Major Benham's family was active in every American war from the Revolution to the Civil War. Continuing the tradition of military service, he enrolled at West Point Military Academy in 1875, and seeing duty throughout the world, he was active in Idaho during the Indian Wars, Puerto Rico and Cuba during the Spanish-American War and the Philippines during the Insurrection. Dedicating his entire adult life to the Army, he retired with the rank of Major from Ft. Ontario, New York in 1907. The particulars of Major Benham's military career are best stated by him. The following is an account of his military service record prepared for the National Cyclopaedia of American Biography.

He entered West point military Academy, July 1, 1875. In September, 1879, he was appointed a second lieutenant in the army, and was assigned to the 2nd U.S. Infantry. He performed detached service with Indian scouts and sharpshooters in 1880, and in the following year served at Fort Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. In 1882, he went to Europe to study, and in 1884 he was transferred to the recruiting station at David's Island, N.Y., where he remained until 1886. In the latter year he was appointed professor of military science at Union College, Schenectady. He was promoted first Lieutenant in 1889, and commanded the Indian mounted police at Pine Ridge, South Dakota, in 1890-91. In 1893, he graduated from the Infantry and Calvary School, and in 1898 obtained his company. On the outbreak of the Spanish-American War, he was appointed major and chief ordnance officer of volunteers, and served successively as acting adjutant-general, western district of Puerto Rico (1898), and chief ordnance officer and acting judge advocate and adjutant-general, 2nd division, 2nd corps (1899). He was mustered out as major and chief ordnance officer of volunteers in May, 1899, and in the same year was appointed to the command of the district of Trinidad, Cuba. He was in command of Donsal and Lucena, in the Philippines, as captain and adjutant, 2nd Infantry, in 1900-1901. In 1902, he was promoted major, 23rd infantry. He was commander of the 3rd battalion, 23rd Infantry, 1904-1908; was in command of Camp Vicars, Malabang, in 1904; served in Japan and China in 1905, and was commanding officer of Fort Ontario, N.Y., in 1907. On Mar. 24, 1907, he retired from active service on account of disability. During his residence in New York City, Maj. Benham was captain of the thirty-seventh Separate Company, now Co. F, second regiment, New York National guard. He was admitted to the Washington territorial bar in 1885, to the California bar in 1886, and to the New York bar in 1888. In 1881, he received the degree of A.B. from Harvard, and in 1889 was complimented by a similar degree from Union College. He was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, Society of the War of 1812, Aztec Society, Loyal Legion, Society of Foreign Wars, and Carabao Society.

In 1908, he toured Germany and Italy visiting many resorts and spas to convalesce from a heart condition which forced him to resign from the military. On March 21, 1911, he died in his home at No. 209 W. 97th Street, New York City and was buried with his father in the congressional cemetery.

Henry W. Benham (1813-1884) was born in Connecticut on April 8, 1813, son of Jared Benham, Jr., and Rebecca Hill Benham. In 1843, he married Elizabeth Andrews McNeil. Her mother, Elizabeth Andrews Pierce, was the daughter of Gov. Benjamin Pierce of New Hampshire and half-brother of Franklin Pierce, the 14th President of the United States. She married Gen. John McNeil, who distinguished himself at the battles of Chippewa and Niagara during the War of 1812.

A national figure, Brig. Gen. Benham served alongside Robert E. Lee, George McClellan, and Zachary Taylor. Upon graduating from the U.S. Military Academy in 1837, he served as assistant engineer for the improvement and repair of fortifications along the Atlantic seaboard. Serving as an engineer during the Mexican War, he was wounded at the battle of Buena Vista. Commended for his conduct during this battle, he was brevetted to Captain for gallant and meritorious conduct. From 1848 until 1861, Benham was engaged as superintending engineer for seacoast defense projects from New York to Florida including the construction of a seawall at Boston Harbor and a lighthouse at Buffalo, New York.

During the Civil War, 1861 through 1865, Benham distinguished himself in several actions. In 1861, under Brig. Gen. T. A. Morris, he was chief engineer in charge of fortifying the important Union base, Cairo, Illinois. In July 1861, he was in command of the forces which defeated General Garnett at Carrick's Ford, West Virginia, for which he was brevetted colonel. He took part in the campaign, under General Rosecrans, against the Confederates under Gen. Robert E. Lee, and commanded the leading brigade at the battle at Carnifex Ferry, West Virginia, in pursuit of the rebels at Cotton Hill in September 1861.

Benham was in command of the Northern District of the South in 1862, was present at the capture of Fort Pulaski, Georgia, and at the attack on Secessionville, James Island, South Carolina. From 1863 to 1865, Benham was commander of the Engineer Brigade when he superintended the construction of several famous pontoon bridges, including the bridge constructed under fire, across the Rappahannock River for the passage and retreat of Hooker's Army from Chancellorsville, Virginia. He invented the method of laying pontoon bridges by simultaneous bays, thereby accelerating the movement of troops. He also invented a portable entrenching tool called a picket shovel, which was considered of great value to the efficiency of the army. He retired from service in June 1882 and died in New York City on June 1, 1884, after serving his country for nearly fifty years.

Scope and Contents note

The Henry H. Benham Papers include the military and family papers of Henry H. and Anne Franchot Benham, Henry W. and Elizabeth McNeil Benham, military and family photographs, military insignia and regalia, books, and postcards, from 1839 to 1919. However, the bulk of the collection encompasses the military career of Maj. Henry H. Benham from 1875-1907. The collection consists of 9 legal sized boxes and one oversized box. It is divided into five series, 11 subseries and contains 86 folders.

Processing Information

The original order of the collection upon acquisition has been maintained. An explanation of the original order is needed to understand the arrangement of the collection. The majority of the documents were bound together in 11 separate stacks, and within the stacks, the documents were folded together in separate groups. These stacks and folded groupings have been preserved by dividing them into 11 subseries. Within these subseries, the folded groupings are represented by each folder. This results in folders containing many disparate and unrelated documents. In certain cases, when several folded groupings within a stack contained similar materials, they were brought together in a single folder. Loose or individual documents were collated at the end of each subseries in a related documents folder. The exceptions to the original order are documents specifically related to Henry W. and Elizabeth Benham, which have been collated into Series 2, and the photographs in series 3, which have been organized according to subject matter.

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Publication Information

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Provenance

The Henry H. Benham Papers were inherited by N.V.V. Franchot after the death of his sister, Anne Franchot Benham. From there, they were passed down through the Franchot family line until they became a part of the Mercantile Library's Special Collections.

Controlled Access Headings

Personal Name(s)

- Benham, Anne Franchot, 1857-1936
- Benham, Elizabeth McNeil
- Benham, Henry Hill, Major, 1858-1911
- Benham, Henry W., Brigadier General, 1813-1884

Subject(s)

- Indians of North America—Wars, 1866-1895—Idaho
- Indians of North America—Wars, 1866-1895—Maps
- Indians of North America—Wars, 1866-1895—Washington
- Philippines—History—Philippine American War, 1899-1902
- United States—History—Civil War, 1861-1865—Personal Narratives
- United States—History—Mexican War, 1846-1848
- United States—History—Spanish American War, 1898—Campaigns—Cuba
- United States—History—Spanish American War, 1898—Puerto Rico

Other Finding Aids note

Henry W. Benham Family Papers, AR388, Box Number, Folder Number, Special Collections, The University of Texas at Arlington Library

Collection Inventory

Series 1: The Henry H. Benham Papers 1875-1919

Scope and Contents note

Series 1 contains the papers of Henry H. and Anne Franchot Benham. The majority of the papers pertain to Maj. Benham's military career (1875-1907), especially during the Spanish-American War in Puerto Rico and Cuba in 1898-99. Most of the military papers are service records, certificates, commissions, appointments, general orders and letters of recommendations. The documents from Puerto Rico, though, go beyond the politics of his career and document his role as Chief Ordnance Officer through a series of handwritten exchanges between Maj. Benham, his superiors, and Lt. Col. Picarzo of Spain. Documents related to the events of his retirement are also well represented, including the medical notes of doctors, a transcription of the retirement hearing, and correspondence concerning the details and circumstances of his retirement. Also of note, Benham's military papers include two hand drawn maps detailing routes and troop movements through the Idaho Mountains near the Salmon River circa 1880; presumably, this was a part of his detached service in Idaho listed in his record of service. Beyond this, Benham's papers contain personal documents and correspondence related to the family estate, bank accounts, and his death. Documents related to his death and estate involves his wife Anne Franchot, her brother N.V.V. Franchot, and Mrs. Elizabeth A. Benham. Aside from papers concerning the military career of Maj. Benham, Series 1 contains a substantial number of German and Italian Postcards from his European vacation in 1908. The postcards are dated and glued to hotel stationary and include significant notes detailing the day's events. Genealogical materials related to Maj. Benham's family are also in Series 1, and they contain documents with a detailed family tree, and a list of passengers on the vessel "Mary and John" from 1630. The series also contains a scrapbook of newspaper clippings from Maj. Benham's career. Photographs related to Benham's military career, including portraits, company photos, military posts in Puerto Rico and Cuba are contained in series 3 and series 5.

Subseries 1

Subseries 1

Military records of service, obituaries, and correspondence 1908-1913

	Box	Folder
Text	1	1

Certificates of Admittance to Military Societies--Aztec Club, Foreign Wars, War of 1812

	Box	Folder
Text	1	2

Quit claim deed between Henry Benham and Frances McNeil Potter - 1889

	Box	Folder
Text	1	3

Two Warranty Deeds - 1879 and 1883

	Box	Folder
Text	1	4

Bank Account Statement-1898

Subseries 1

	Box	Folder
Text	1	5

Certificate of Appt. as Cadet to US Military Academy - 1875

	Box	Folder
Text	1	6

Letters to H.H. Benham, From Azel Ames; Oct. 18,24, & 25, 1898- Puerto Rico

	Box	Folder
Text	1	7

Grave Receipt for H.H. Benham (congressional cemetery); Last Will and Testaments: E.A. Benham, H.H. Benham & H.W. Benham - 1911

	Box	Folder
Text	1	8

Correspondence to Capt. Benham, From C. Martin; Nov. 22, 1902--Manila, Philippines

	Box	Folder
Text	1	9

Subseries 1

Personal Correspondence concerning Elizabeth Benham and the gravesite of H.H. Benham-1919

	Box	Folder
Text	1	10

Military Letters of Recommendation -1899-1901

	Box	Folder
Text	1	11

Special Passport, 1893; correspondence relieving Benham from duty in Puerto Rico, 1898

	Box	Folder
Text	1	12

Succinct Account of Services Report from June 1901 - June 1902

	Box	Folder
Text	1	13

Military Letters of Recommendation -1886,1894,1895,1897

Subseries 2

	Box	Folder
Text	1	14

Letters of Promotion, Newspaper Clippings, and Special Orders- 1876-1908

	Box	Folder
Text	1	15

Subseries 2

Military Correspondence, Special Orders, Telegrams, and Handwritten Notes related to Maj. Benham's retirement - 1906-1907

	Box	Folder
Text	1	1

Personal Correspondence - 1906-1907

	Box	Folder
Text	1	2

Military Documents: Puerto Rico - 1898

	Box	Folder
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Subseries 3

Text	1	3
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H.H. Benham's Last Will and Testament; Newspaper Clippings Announcing his Death-1911

	Box	Folder
Text	2	4

Related Documents: 2 telegram (undated), song lyrics "Revelry of the Dying", List of securities

	Box	Folder
Text	2	5

Subseries 3

Personal Correspondence 1890: Related to securities and investments in Pierre, S.D.

	Box	Folder
Text	2	1

Genealogical Data: Memorial of the first church of Dorchester, Mass.,1630; Chart Illustrating eligibility for membership into the order of the Founders of the American Revolution

	Box	Folder
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Subseries 3

Text	2	2
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Military Documents, 1898: Puerto Rico -- correspondence, orders, and telegrams

	Box	Folder
Text	2	3

Military Documents: 1880,1881,1886,1888,1891,1893,1895,1897

	Box	Folder
Text	2	4

Military Documents: undated 2 "reports", undated "account of service", Marksman Certificate -1886, Matthews' American Armory and Blue Book

	Box	Folder
Text	2	5

Related Documents: Military uniform drawings, correspondence, account information--1894

	Box	Folder
Text	2	6

Subseries 4

Subseries 4

Military Correspondence: To Adjutant General of Brigade, From Major Benham -- Headquarters Western District Puerto Rico, Aug. 18,1898

	Box	Folder
Text	2	1

Correspondence between Lt. Col. Picarzo (Spain) and Major Benham, Puerto Rico -- Aug, 1898

	Box	Folder
Text	2	2

Correspondence between Lt. Col. Picarzo (Spain) and Major Benham, Puerto Rico, Con't -- Aug. 1898

	Box	Folder
Text	2	3

Related Military Correspondence, 1898, Puerto Rico

	Box	Folder
Text	2	4

Subseries 5

Related Military Correspondence, Aug. 1898, Puerto Rico

	Box	Folder
Text	2	5

Pamphlet: "Elementos de Geografia de la Puerto Rico" with a letter pasted to inside board, Aug. 16, 1898

	Box	Folder
Text	2	6

Subseries 5

Personal Correspondence Related to property in Ft. Gratiot, MI and personal accounts, 1888-1894

	Box	Folder
Text	2	1

Military Documents, 1880-1890: record of service, letters of rec. and special orders

	Box	Folder
Text	2	2

Subseries 5

Military Documents, 1895: Application for promotion, record of service, letters of rec. and introduction for the position of Judge Advocate

	Box	Folder
Text	3	3

Military correspondence: H.H. Benham to Recruiting Station, May 3, 1902 and Recruiting station to H.H. Benham, June 20, 1902

	Box	Folder
Text	3	4

Military Documents: Fund Vouchers -- October to December, 1900

	Box	Folder
Text	3	5

Military Documents: Fund Vouchers --January to May, 1901

	Box	Folder
Text	3	6

Subseries 6

Related Documents: Personal Correspondence, 1889, 1902; Receipt of resignation, 1901; Translation from "La Tribuna," Dec. 5, 1899

	Box	Folder
Text	3	7

Photograph of an unidentified boy

	Box	Folder
Text	3	8

Subseries 6

Military Documents: Annual Report of General W. Davis from Oct. 1902 to July 1903

	Box	Folder
Text	3	1

Military Documents: Letter from the Sultan of Tubuk, Jan. 27, 1904, Phillipine Islands, and a related document

	Box	Folder
Text	3	2

Subseries 6

Military Report: Expedition of Battalion 2nd Infantry, June 1901

	Box	Folder
Text	3	3

Military Documents: Special and General Orders, 1880-1891

	Box	Folder
Text	3	4

Personal Correspondence: 1899

	Box	Folder
Text	3	5

Related Military Documents: 2 hand drawn maps of Idaho, Marksman Certificate, and Correspondence

	Box	Folder
Text	3	6

Envelope Addressed to Anna Franchot: contains 4 photos, newspaper clippings, funeral bulletin

Subseries 7

	Box	Folder
Text	3	7

Subseries 7

Personal Correspondence: To Henry, from mother, Sep. - Oct. 1897

	Box	Folder
Text	4	1

Benham Genealogical Data: List of 4 passengers on the vessel "Mary and John" which arrived in New England in 1630

	Box	Folder
Text	4	2

Military Correspondence: 1893 and 1901

	Box	Folder
Text	4	3

Subseries 8

Undated Document Titled "Uniforms and Equipment"

Subseries 8

	Box	Folder
Text	4	1

Undated Document Titled "Coyote"

	Box	Folder
Text	4	2

Military Correspondence: To the Post Adjutant, from Benham, Ft. Omaha, Sep. 14, 1894

	Box	Folder
Text	4	3

Undated and Untitled Handwritten Document

	Box	Folder
Text	4	4

Related Military Documents: Correspondence, 1885 & 1899; Certificate of Membership and Promotion, 1884 & 1898; Diploma (BA Degree), 1889

	Box	Folder
Text	4	5

Subseries 9

Subseries 9

Postcards and Notes form European Travels: Italy and Germany, 1908

	Box	Folder
Text	4	1

Postcards and Notes form European Travels: Italy and Germany, 1908

	Box	Folder
Text	4	1

Postcards and Notes form European Travels: Italy and Germany, 1908

	Box	Folder
Text	4	3

Postcards and Notes form European Travels: Italy and Germany, 1908

	Box	Folder
Text	4	4

Subseries 10**Subseries 10**

Military Correspondence: Letters of recommendation, 1888-1995

	Box	Folder
Text	5	1

Documents related to Henry H. Benham's portion of the estate of Mrs. E.A. Benham, 1911-1915

	Box	Folder
Text	5	2

Subseries 11

Military Documents: Telegrams, General orders, Commissions, 1898

	Box	Folder
Text	5	1

Military Documents: Bills of Lading, Receipts, Statements of Account, 1898

	Box	Folder
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Subseries 11

Text	5	2
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Military Correspondence: General Orders, Puerto Rico, 1898

	Box	Folder
Text	5	3

Military Letters of Recommendation, 1881, 1888, 1895

	Box	Folder
Text	5	4

Related Military Documents: Cuba, 1899, Philippine Islands, 1902; Service Record of Brig. Gen. John McNeil

	Box	Folder
Text	5	5

List of Tropical Service Officers since June 1st 1898

	Box	Folder
Text	5	6

Box

Series 2: The Henry W. Benham Papers

6

Scrapbook of Newspaper Clippings related to the military careers of Henry H. Benham and Henry W. Benham

Bin

Monograph: Robert H. Hall, "List of Cadets Admitted in to the United States Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., From its Establishment till September 30, 1876" (Washington: Government Printing Office, 1876)

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Series 2: The Henry W. Benham Papers**Scope and Contents note**

Series 2 contains the papers of Brig. Gen. Henry W. and Elizabeth Benham from 1839-1886. The papers related to Henry W. Benham include both military and personal documents with significant biographical information including service records, patents and personal accounts of projects and battles he was involved with. Series 5 contains a large fold out map detailing an engineering project at Fort McClark, Plymouth Harbour, N.H. in 1862 that Brig. Gen. Benham was presumably involved with. Eight books from his military career are also included in the series. Of significant note, several of the books have been tipped in, rebound, and amended to Brig. Gen. Benham's specifications. Specifically, the 11 volume edition of Rebellion Record was rebound into a single volume entitled Rebellion Record: Parts to include only the significant events relating to his Civil War career. Newspaper clippings, personal accounts of the Battle of Buena Vista and the West Virginia Campaign have also been added. The Biographical Registry has also been amended by Benham to include biographical and career information from graduates of the same West Point class. Also of note, a personal scrap book and Civil War ledger are in the collection. Series 4 and series 5 contain several portraits and military company photographs relating to Benham's career. The papers related to Elizabeth Benham concern her application to receive a military pension following her husband's death. Portraits of Mrs. Benham with other family members are contained in Series 4 and Series 5.

Personal Documents: Correspondence; Last Will and Testament, 1839 and 1861

Series 2: The Henry W. Benham Papers

	Box	Folder
Text	6	1

Military Documents: Record of Service, Commendations, and Promotions

	Box	Folder
Text	6	2

Biographical Information 1864-1884

	Box	Folder
Text	6	3

Military Documents: Manuscript, "Pontoon Bridges of the Army of the Potomac"

	Box	Folder
Text	6	4

Documents Related to the Estate of Henry W. Benham: Bond List, Patent, Correspondence, 1884-1886

	Box	Folder
Text	6	5

Box

Cataloged Books from the Collection Henry W. Benham

Ledger of Civil War Documents and Correspondence: 1863-1864	6
Scrapbook of Newspaper Clippings related to the military careers of Henry W. Benham and Henry H. Benham	6
Monograph: Bound volume entitled "Rebellion Record: Parts" and it contains Henry W. Benham's account of the West Virginia Campaign and the Battle of Buena Vista	6
Monograph: Bound volume entitled "Rebellion Record: Parts" and it contains Henry W. Benham's account of the West Virginia Campaign and the Battle of Buena Vista	7
Cataloged Books from the Collection Henry W. Benham	
	Bin
Monograph: George W. Cullum, "Biographical Register of the Officers and Graduates of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y." Volume II, 1841-1867 (New York: D. Van Nostrand, 1868).	UMSL Merc Rare U410 .H5 1867 v.2
Monograph: George W. Cullum, "Biographical Register of the Officers and Graduates of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y." Volume I, 1802-1840 (New York: D. Van Nostrand, 1868).	UMSL Merc Rare U410 .H5 1867 v.1
Monograph: J.B. Fry, "Brevets in the Armies of Great Britain and the United States"(New York: D. Van Nostrand, 1877).	UMSL Merc Rare UB430 .F79 1877

Series 3: Military and Family Photographs

Monograph: William H. Powell, "Records of the Living Officers of the U.S. Army" (Philadelphia: L.R. Hamersly & CO., 1890).

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Series 3: Military and Family Photographs

Scope and Contents note

Series 3 is divided into eight folders according to their subject matter. The series mostly consists of military portraits and photographs that span Maj. Benham's career. Personal and family photographs, many of which contain unidentified people, are also significantly represented. The undated and unidentified photo album features a series of images from a military camp situated in a dense forest near a river, and the folders containing the Puerto Rican and Cuban photographs have scenes of villages, people, and buildings. The photograph of the Pine Ridge Indian Police features numerous Lakota Sioux standing in formation holding rifles. In some cases, subjects and people have been identified on the backs of the photographs.

Family Photographs & Portraits

		Box
Graphic materials		7
	Box	Folder
Graphic materials	7	1

Military Photographs: Portraits of H.H. Benham

Series 3: Military and Family Photographs

	Box	Folder
Graphic materials	7	2

Military Photographs: Military Photo Album (Location and Date Unknown)

	Box	Folder
Graphic materials	7	3

Military Photographs: Cuba, 1899-1900

	Box	Folder
Graphic materials	7	4

Military Photographs: Indian Police, Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, 1890-1891

	Box	Folder
Graphic materials	7	5

Military Photographs: Aquadilla, Puerto Rico

	Box	Folder
Graphic materials	7	6

Series 4: Military Regalia, Insignia, and related Realia

Military Photographs: Officer Group Portraits

	Box	Folder
Graphic materials	7	7

Military Photographs: Related Portraits: John McNeil, Henry W. Benham, & John Pierce

	Box	Folder
Graphic materials	7	8

Series 4: Military Regalia, Insignia, and related Realia 1.0 Linear feet**Scope and Contents note**

Series 4 is divided into two boxes containing realia related to Maj. Benham's military career. The series mostly consists of regalia and insignia from the uniforms of Maj. Benham which he can be seen wearing in several of his military portraits.

Box

8

Medal: Sons of the Revolution

8

Medal: Military Order of the Carabao

8

Aztec Club Medal "Societas Belii"

Series 4: Military Regalia, Insignia, and related Realia

Service Medal and ribbons for Indian Wars	8
Service Medal and ribbons for the War with Spain	8
Service Medal and Ribbons for the Philippine Insurrection - 1899	8
Medals: Military Order of Loyal Legion	8
Medal Presented to Sons of the American Revolution who served in the War with Spain	8
Military Order of Foreign Wars Medal	8
Aztec Club - City of Mexico, Army of Occupation Medal	8
Medal: War of 1812	8
	Box
Spanish Order of Isabella the Catholic Medal	8
Printmaking Tools: 3 copper plates etched with H.H. Benham, hollow scraper, and square burin	8
Vulcanized Cutta Percha Document Wallet	8

Series 4: Military Regalia, Insignia, and related Realia

Black Metal Box with H. Vallien & Co. Emblem	8
Helmet Insignia: 2nd Infantry	8
Insignia: Marksman Sharpshooter	8
Related Insignia: a collection of buttons, medals (orphelinat des Armees), belt buckle, and USMA patch	8
Eagle Insignia worn on caps	8
23rd Infantry Collar Insignia	8
U.S. Collar Insignia	8
Sharpshooter Insignia	8
Service Buttons	8
Gillette Safety Razor	8
Aiguillettes	9

Series 5: Oversized Materials—Photographs, Documents, and Maps

Belt	9
Cord and Tassels	9
Shoulder Knots: Captain, 2nd Infantry	9
Shoulder Straps: 1st Lieutenant	9
2 Sword Knots	9

Series 5: Oversized Materials—Photographs, Documents, and Maps**Scope and Contents note**

Series 5 consists of one oversized box containing photographs, documents, and maps that would not fit in legal sized folders. The organization of the box is consistent with the rest of the collection with materials sorted according to their subjects and materials. The series mostly consists of official documents pertaining to Maj. Benham's promotions and military society affiliations. The certificates of military promotion have the presidential signatures of Hayes, Harrison, McKinley, and Theodore Roosevelt. There is also a hand drawn map of Idaho, Oregon, and Washington Territories. On the backside of a portrait of Mrs. E.A. Benham, in 1931, N.V.V. Franchot wrote a paragraph identifying the subjects of the photograph and containing genealogical materials related to the Benham family.

Henry H. Benham Photographs: Military portraits, and a Drawing of a military scene presented to Benham, 1894

Series 5: Oversized Materials—Photographs, Documents, and Maps

	Box	Folder
Graphic materials	10	1

Henry W. Benham Photographs: Military portraits and gravestone and an Etching of an Engineer Brigade commanded by Benham

	Box	Folder
Graphic materials	10	2

Family Portraits & a Fine Art Print from the Musee de Luxembourg (copy)

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Certificate from the Sons of the American Revolution for service in the War with Spain, 1898	10
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Certificate of promotion to Major, 1902 (Signed by Roosevelt)	10
Membership Certificate to the Aztec Club, 1891	10
Certificate of promotion to Chief Ordnance Officer, 1898 (Signed by Mckinley)	10
Membership Certificate for New York Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, 1891	10
Lieutenant Henry H. Benham, Special Passport, 1893	10
Maj. Henry H. Benham, Special Passport, 1908	10

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License to practice as an Attorney and Counsellor in New York, 1888	10
Henry H. Benham: Oversized Military Equestrian Portrait	10
Certificate of promotion to Chief Ordnance Officer of the Volunteers, 1898 (Signed by McKinley)	10
Certificate of Promontion to Major of the Infantry, 1902 (Signed by Roosevelt)	10
Certificate of promotion to Second Lieutenant, 1879 (Signed by Hayes)	10
Membership Certificate to the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, 1885	10
Harvard University Diploma	10
Diploma from the Infantry and Cavalry School, 1893	10
Attorney at Law Certificate for California, 1886	10