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**Title:** James Francis Smith Papers

**Creator:** James Francis Smith

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**Accession number:** 1962.96 (Main Collection), 1962.101 (1 Letter from William H. Taft), 1969.63 (2 Photograph Albums and 25 Letters)

**Accession Dates:** 1962, 1969

**Access Restrictions:** None

**Abstract:** General James F. Smith served in the Philippine Islands during the Spanish-American War. He was appointed governor of the island of Negros and later became associate justice of the Supreme Court of the Philippines.

**Biographical Note:** James Francis Smith was born in San Francisco on January 28, 1859. He graduated from Santa Clara College in 1878, attended Hastings Law School (San Francisco, California), and was admitted to the California Bar in 1881. Commissioned as a Colonel in the 1st California Regiment, U.S. Volunteers, in April 1898, James Smith served in the first expedition to the Philippines. He participated in the Battle of Malate Trenches (July 31, 1898) and the capture of Manila (August 13, 1898). In Manila, he served as the Deputy Provost Marshall for the city and as President of the Military Commission. On October 22, 1898, Colonel Smith assumed command of the 1st Brigade, 1st Division, 8th Army Corps. His unit saw action in the Battle of Santa Ana on February 5, 1899, and fought in San Pedro Mecati, Pateros an Taguig from February 15th to March 1st 1899. On March 1, 1899, Colonel Smith assumed command of the then Philippine sub-district of the Island of Negros. Colonel Smith was promoted to Brigadier General on April 24, 1899, and was briefly appointed as commander of Visayas.

By the end of July 1899, General Smith was appointed Governor of the Island of Negros. In October 1900, he was named Collector of Customs, Philippine Archipelago. General Smith's military career ended with his appointment as an associate justice to the Supreme Court of the Philippine Islands on June 17, 1901, serving until 1906. During this time, he was a member of the Philippine Commission and Secretary of Public Instruction (1903-1906).

On September 20, 1906, James Smith was appointed Governor General of the Philippines. He held this position until his resignation on November 11, 1909. In 1910, he returned to the United States and was named associate judge of the U.S. Court of Customs Appeals, a position he held until his death on June 29, 1928.

**Scope and Content:** This collection provides an invaluable glimpse of the Spanish—American War, the Philippine Insurrection, military rule and civilian governmental affairs in the Philippine Islands through the eyes of a major participant in these events: James F. Smith. Material in the James F. Smith Collection consists chiefly of official reports, correspondence, orders, and documents relating to Smith's service in various capacities, in the Philippine Islands, from 1897 to 1910. While some of the correspondence is of

a confidential or secret nature, a number of the letters were from or to persons holding high government office, including Theodore Roosevelt, Franklin D. Roosevelt, General John J. Pershing, and William H. Taft. Little personal or family correspondence is in the collection. Some of the government documents and correspondence are written in Spanish, few of which has been translated (translations are usually found with the original document).

Aside from government documents and correspondence, the Smith Collection contains a wealth of information on the Philippines and the Spanish-American War in Spanish diplomatic documents/correspondence and combat dispatches/reports of military engagements. Through pamphlets, summaries, and correspondence, the Aguinaldo-Otis Peace Negotiations are represented in this collection.

Also located in this collection is the role of the Catholic Church in Philippine life. Reports of abuses, investigations and synopses of cases of religious controversies calling for action, and correspondence referring to the position of the Catholic Church toward the Philippine Insurrection and the establishment of an independent Filipino church are located in this collection.

Newspapers located within this collection were removed to a box titled "Spanish-American War Newspapers." Photographs of General Smith and the Philippines, along with two photograph albums, were removed from Smith's papers in 1981 and relocated within the photograph collection of the Washington Historical Society. In 1996, all of the Smith photographs were returned to the collection.

**Arrangement:**

Box 1: Addresses, Articles, Civilian Government Records, Correspondence  
Box 2: Correspondence, Invitations, Legal Briefs, Military Operations, Pamphlets,  
Passenger Lists, Personal Papers  
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**Access Terms:**

**Broad Terms**

Colonialism—Spain  
Catholic Church, History  
Colonialism--U.S.  
Civilian Government  
Religious Tolerance  
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History

### **Agencies & Corporations**

Adjutant General's Office, State of California  
Good Year Tire and Rubber Company  
American Federation of Catholic Societies  
Office of the Collector of Customs for the Philippine Archipelago  
American-Irish Historical Society  
Arthur H. Clark Company  
Office of the Insular Purchasing Agent  
Bureau of Insular Affairs for the Philippine Islands  
Carnegie Steel Company  
Office of the President of the U.S.  
The Catholic Missionary Union  
Philippines Constabulary  
China Manila SS Coy, Ltd.  
The Royal Canadian Institute  
Civil Service Board, Philippine Islands  
Secretary of Public Instruction, Philippine Islands  
Court of First Instance—City of Manila  
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Sisters of the Assumption College, P. I.  
City of Manila  
U.S. Army  
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City of Manila  
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U.S. Senate  
U.S. Signal Corps  
Department of the Interior, U.S.  
U.S. Supreme Court  
Department of the Navy, U.S.  
University of California, Berkeley  
Department of War, U.S.  
Wing San Wo and Company  
J.M. Forbes and Company  
W.J. Bernard and Company (Seattle Soap Company)  
The Manila Times  
Military Order of the Carabao  
Native Sons of the Golden West  
Manila Golf Club

### **Individuals**

Aquis, A.  
Duboce, Victor D.  
Kent, William  
Raker, John E.

Alcocer, Martin G.  
Dungan, J.H.  
King, Martin  
Rama, Leandro  
Alton, James  
Dunne, Peter J.  
Lawshe, A.L.  
Raymond, S.M.  
Anderson, Thomas M.  
Edwards, Clarence R.  
Ledesma, Jose  
Roach, William C.  
Andriano, Sylvester  
Egan, J. Martin  
Legarda, B.  
Rooker, Frederick  
Angellotti, H.M.  
Egan, Katherine A.  
Legarda, Vincente  
Roosevelt, Franklin D.  
Auger, Katherine  
Farrell, P.J.  
Loeb, William,  
Jr. Roosevelt, Theodore  
Barrett, A.W.  
Fergusson, Arthur W.  
Lukban, Vincente  
Root, Elihu  
Bath, Mrs. H.G.  
Fields, J.C.  
MacArthur, Arthur  
Rosario, S.  
Bernard, W.J.  
Fitzgerald, John P.  
McCain, H.P.  
San, Toy  
Biddle, W.  
Forbes, J.M.  
MacDonald, William  
Saxton, Samuel  
Black, Fannie J.  
Ford, Tirey L.  
McKinney, Peter  
Seamans, W.H.  
Blanchard, R.D.  
Fuller, George  
MacLeod, John T.  
Settle, May  
Blount, James H.  
Gallagher, James L.  
McQuade, James D.  
Sheehan, E.M.  
Boure, Clement L.  
Gallagher, P.J.

Magoon, Charles E.  
Sheridan, Sol N.  
Bourne, Lyman M.  
Gantenbein, C.O.  
Makemson, W.S.  
Shuster, W. Morgan  
Bramwell, W.L.  
George, Jesse  
Manning, Frank W.  
Sime, Hugh T.  
Brent, C.H.  
Gibbon, F. Cardinal  
Matre, Anthony  
Smith, Anna  
Byrne, B.A.  
Gilbert, Newton W.  
Meagher, T.F.  
Smith, Cyril  
Caronna, Jennie  
Gleeson, Richard A.  
Merrill, Mrs. John  
Spencer, C.T.  
Carpenter, Frank  
Glen, Edwin  
Metcalf, Victor H.  
Spitz, Enrique  
Carr, Richard B.  
Gorman, Thomas O.  
Miley, J.D.  
Stetson, Frank  
Chapelle, P.L.  
Greely, A.W.  
Morrow, William W.  
Stratton, F.S.  
Clough, S.  
DeWitt Hamer, Thomas R.  
Morton, C.W.  
Taft, William H.  
Colbert, William J.  
Hanigan, H.A.  
Moses, Bernard  
Tait, George S.  
Connolly, Genevieve  
Harbord, J.G.  
Mullarkey, Bee  
Taussig, E.D.  
Daugherty, Harry M.  
Hartigan, T.S.  
Murphy, Andrew C.  
Tavera, Trinidad  
Dean, W.E.  
Harty, Jeremiah J.  
Nolan, Joe  
Taylor, Wallace C.

Dewey, George  
Hayne, A.P.  
Norton, Charles D.  
Thompson, Fred  
Dickinson, John  
Helen Margaret, Sister  
O'Connell, John J.  
Underwood, Oscar W.  
Dods, C.H.  
Heller, Joseph M.  
Odlin, Arthur F.  
Vattman, E.J.  
Dohrmann, Fred W.  
Hendrick, Thomas A.  
O'Hanlon, R.J.  
Vilallonga, Joaquin  
Donovan, William H.  
Higgins, Charles C.  
Wilkin, Mae  
D'Oria, G.  
Hughes, R.P.  
Peeler, R.L.  
Willis, Percy  
Dornin, John C.  
Ide, Henry  
Perkins, George C.  
Winthrop, Beekman  
Doyle, A.P.  
Ireland, John  
Perrine, Frank J.  
Worcester, Dean C.  
Doyle, John  
Kahn, Julius  
Pershing, John J.  
Work, Hubert  
Drew, Frank C.  
Kelly, James E.  
Petrelli, Joseph  
Yangco, Teodoro R.  
Drury, T.J.  
Kennon, L.W.  
Phelan, I.

### **Locations**

Hong Kong San Francisco, California Silay, Philippine  
Island of Negros, Philippine San Jose, California Islands  
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