U.S. Ambassador. Personal correspondence (1944–2002), speeches (1954–1976), and personal records of Everett F. Drumright, including an outline and notes for Drumright's autobiography, and miscellaneous writings by his wife, Florence Teets Drumright. The collection also contains printed matter on Chinese history and culture, Taiwan, and Hong Kong; and seven photograph albums and scrapbooks (1950–1984) documenting Drumright's life and career as U.S. ambassador to China.

Note: This collection is located at the Library Service Center. Materials must be requested in advance of a research visit. Please contact the Western History Collections at 405-325-3641 or via our website for assistance.

Biography:
Everett Francis Drumright was born in 1906, in Drumright, Oklahoma. His father, Aaron Hatcher Drumright, was one of the founders of Drumright, Oklahoma for whom the town was named. Everett graduated from the University of Oklahoma in 1929 with a degree in business and within a year had joined the U.S. Foreign Service. He served his first probationary tour in Juarez, Mexico and was then sent to China to study the Chinese language. After his studies in Peking, he was transiting through Shanghai while enroute to Hankow in February 1932, when he was caught in the crossfire between Chinese troops and Japanese forces which were attempting to overrun China. He later served in Nanking, Chungking, and Shanghai between 1932 and 1941. He was taken prisoner by the Japanese less than a week after he arrived in Shanghai and spent over six months in an internment camp. He and other American officials were released only when the Americans and Japanese agreed to an exchange of diplomats. After a brief stay in Washington D.C., Drumright returned to West China in January 1943 and remained there until 1944. He was then assigned to Washington D.C. once again and was reassigned to Tokyo, Japan as Deputy to the Political Affairs Division of General MacArthur’s headquarters. He stayed in Japan for only a month before he was sent to Korea where he helped establish the U.S. Embassy to the new Korean government. When fighting broke out with North Korea, he was instrumental in evacuating more than 600 American civilians from Seoul, placing them on commercial vessels bound for Japan. Then he helped the American Ambassador load up his car with official documents, and the two of them followed the Korean government to safety in the south. Drumright’s career took him to India for two years, before he finally returned to Washington D.C. where he served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Far Eastern Affairs. He served as Consul General to Hong Kong from 1954 to 1958. The highlight and culmination of his 31-year career came in 1958 when he was appointed U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of China on Taiwan. During his four years in Taiwan, Drumright was the official channel between Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek during the crisis over Quemoy and Matsu, two small islands off the coast of China. Everett Drumright retired from the Foreign Service in 1962 and spent the remainder of his life sharing his Asian expertise and knowledge with government officials, including President Nixon, and interested
private citizens. He and his wife led several tour groups to Taiwan and Asia to introduce them to
Asian culture. He died in 1993 at Poway, California at the age of 86.

**Florence Mae (Teets) Drumright** [also known by her pen name, Florence Bergen] was born in
1915, in Milledgeville, Illinois. She was the daughter of George Bergen Teets, a harness maker. In
1942, she graduated from Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa with a Bachelor of Arts degree in
English. Florence later attended Columbia University in New York City. She lived and worked in
New York City as a public relations representative for Boeing Airplane Company until after World
War II. She was the first woman to fly in the B-29 during its first press flight. She later worked at the
*New York Times* before becoming a feature and travel writer for the *Christian Science Monitor*.
For years she spent six months in New York and six months on the skyways and highways of the
world, specializing in aviation articles. In 1953, she published a book titled, *She's Going Abroad; Her
Pocket Advisor*, a travel guide for women. Her writing also appeared in other newspapers and
magazines. In March of 1955, while in the Philippines working on a series on women’s travel for the
*Christian Science Monitor*, she met Everett Drumright, or “Dru” as she called him. After
several meetings, she agreed to look him up when she arrived at Hong Kong, the next stop on her
agenda. Friends would later joke that she had stopped in Hong Kong to pick up her M-A-I-L and
came out with a M-A-L-E. They were married three months later in Tokyo, Japan. For the next
eight years, Florence played Foreign Service wife to her diplomat husband, entertaining world-
renowned guests in her home. In 1961, she published a novel titled *The Men Who Loved Lucinda*,
under her pen-name Florence Bergen. The “stream of consciousness” novel was never widely
popular or well-known. After Drumright’s retirement, the couple often led art and cultural tours to
China and other locations in Asia. In 1969, Florence published her third book titled *Taiwan, Eden in
Asia* under the name Florence Drumwright [instead of Drumright]. Everett and Florence Drumright
donated art pieces consisting of 70 Chinese paintings and calligraphy, which among them 26 were
done mostly by masters of the 1950s and '60s in Taiwan, to the San Diego Chinese Historical
Museum. After Drumright’s death, Florence endowed two scholarships, one at the University of
Illinois at Chicago and one at the University of Oklahoma, to enable American-born Chinese
students to study their cultural heritage. Florence died at Cape Coral, Florida in 2003, at the age of
88.

The bulk of the papers and memorabilia in the Drumright Collection were donated to the University
of Oklahoma by Florence’s nephew, David L. Madeira, in 2003.
Box 1: General Subject Files

1. American Women’s Association of Hong Kong, LTD, scholarship correspondence, 1996
2. Bowles, Chester, biographical information
   Pamphlet, burial of Chiang Kai-Shek, China Post [no date]
4. Chiang, May-Ling Soong, news clippings and biographical information
5. China, articles and news clippings, 1965 - 1997
6. China – art, articles and pamphlets relating to artists, art history, painting, ceramics and calligraphy
   Prints of works by the artist, Ma Shou-Hua, presented to Florence Drumright by the National Palace Museum
7. China – culture, articles, news clippings, and an orientation lecture
8. China – history, news clippings
   Map of China, (color) drawn specially for the Chinese Year book by Tseng Shih-Ying, research fellow, National Geological Survey [no date]
11. China – music, articles and pamphlets about opera, musical instruments
12. China – Tian An Men, June 1989, news clippings, articles,
13. China – unknown authors, three anecdotal narratives about life and travel in China
14. China – World War II
15. Chinese calendar, three poems written by Florence Drumright (January, February, March)
   Narrative on classic Chinese flower arrangements by Florence Drumright
   Pamphlets, articles on Chinese calendar and zodiac
17. DACOR (Diplomatic and Consular Officers, Retired, Inc.), miscellaneous papers
18. Diplomacy, *Social Usage in the Foreign Service*, Foreign Service Institute, June 1957 (pamphlet)  
American Diplomacy and the Foreign Service, American Foreign Service Association. c1989 (pamphlet)  
Miscellaneous articles relating to diplomacy

**Box 2: General Subject Files**

1. Drums, miscellaneous news clippings, articles and pamphlets about drums, and the collection accumulated by the Drumrights, which they donated to the Los Angeles County Museum, Los Angeles, California in 1965


3. Fang Lizhi, miscellaneous news clippings about Chinese astrophysicist who became a dissident, 1989-1990


5. Hong Kong, news clippings and articles many of which deal with Hong Kong reverting back to Chinese control in 1997

6. Human maturity, miscellaneous articles

7. Ing Jakob Hsi Chi, funeral eulogy


9. Korean culture, clothing and textiles

10. Korean War, two narratives

11. Poetry / philosophy, miscellaneous poems and bits of philosophy collected by Florence Drumright

12. Rugs – oriental, two descriptive articles


15. Shanghai, news articles


17. U.S. Department of State, miscellaneous news clippings and articles, 1956 - 57

18. U.S. Foreign Relations – Asia, article
   Miscellaneous news articles


21. Unknown author [T.E.W. with whom Everett F. Drumright shared a house in Chunking], copies of letters, September 1938 – May 1941

22. “Statement on Viet-Nam” Office of Public Services, Bureau of Public Affairs, Department of State, 1965

23. Wang Chang Ling, biographic chronology

24. Switzerland, 1939 – 40, Yung, Frank, narrative description of a young English engineer in Switzerland on the eve of World War II

**Box 3: Social Itineraries, 1957 - 1996**

1. Reception, 4th of July Celebration, Drumright residence, [Taipei, Taiwan, July 4, 1958]. Invitation card

2. Cruise Party in honor of Everett and Florence Drumright, Officers’ Club, Naval Air Station, Alameda, Oakland, California, August 10, 1957, hosted by George and Irene Threlkel [Florence’s sister and brother-in-law]. Guest list, menu, invitation, program, description of decorations and favors


6. Farewell Reception and Art Exhibition, in honor of Florence Drumright, San Diego, California, [hosts, date unknown]. Program

**Travel Itineraries, 1952 - 1994**

7. Central and South India [official travel], March 11 – April 12, 1952. Memorandum, observations and comments, Everett F. Drumright

8. San Diego [California] Art Group, art study trip to Taipei, Taiwan, November 1976. News clippings which list group members, itinerary, location

10. San Diego [California] Art Group, art study tour to Taipei, Taiwan, June 3 – 17, 1978. News clippings, letters of appreciation from group members, menu cards from various dinner receptions

11. Foreign Affairs Recreation Association, Capitals of Eastern Europe tour, October 5-22, 1979. Travel itinerary, hotel list, travel tips, exchange rates

12. Crown International Travel V.I.P. art tour, Hong Kong, Manila, Taipei, November 15 – December 3, 1979. Travel itinerary, group list, rooming list, news clipping, letters of appreciation from group members

13. Crown International Travel V.I.P. art tour, Hong Kong, Thailand, Taiwan, March 3 – 22, 1981. Tour group list, articles describing tour itinerary and events


15. V.I.P. art tour, Korea and Taiwan, October 27 – November 14, 1982. Tour group list


17. Art / medical tour, Hong Kong, Taiwan, October 28 – November 16, 1984. Tour group list


**Visitors’ Itineraries, 1960 - 1961**

20. U.S. Presidential Far Eastern Tour, Taipei [Taiwan], Okinawa [Japan], Seoul [S. Korea], Dwight D. Eisenhower, June 18 – 19, 1960. Official itinerary, official party list, embassy staff assignments for visit, list of senior Chinese officials with bios, news clippings and magazine articles about the visit


**Box 4: Personal Records**

1. Certificate, Department of State, 18 years of service, Everett F. Drumright, July 1949
   Certificate, Order of the Master Mule Skinners of the Grand Canyon Trails, Everett F. Drumright, June 8, 1966
   Certificate, Department of State, Reserve Consultants Roster, Everett F. Drumright, November 4, 1966
   Certificate, San Diego, California – Taichung Sister City, in appreciation to Mrs. Florence Drumright, November 12, 1995
Certificate, University of Illinois President’s Council, in appreciation to Florence T. Drumright, [no date]


3. Drumright, Everett F., manuscript outline and notes for an uncompleted autobiography


5. Drumright, Everett F., biographical information, various sources

6. Drumright, Everett F., news clippings, various newspapers and journals, 1942 – 1994

7. Drumright, Everett F., news clippings [Chinese language]

8. Drumright, Everett F., death certificate, obituaries, April 1993


10. Drumright, Florence M. (Teets), narrative writing on various subjects, especially thoughts on being a diplomat’s wife

11. Drumright, Everett F., University of Oklahoma scholarship fund correspondence, 1996

12. Genealogy, Drumright family


   Membership cards, Kappa Sigma fraternity, Everett F. Drumright, 1934, 1935

   Membership card, 32º Freemason, Everett F. Drumright, Oklahoma Consistory

15. Chinese driver’s license with photograph, 1923-1925, Everett F. Drumright [Chinese language]

   Chinese identification papers with photograph, 1923, Everett F. Drumright [Chinese language]


**Box 5: Personal Records**

1. Small diary, Florence M. Teets, 1953

5. Guest book, June 18, 1960 to December 6, 1961

Box 6: Speeches, Everett F. Drumright

1. Problems in the Far East, before the Board of Directors, National Chamber of Commerce, Mayflower Hotel, Washington D.C., September 17, 1854
2. Effectiveness of the U.S. Information Agency in the Far East, Chiefs of Mission Conference, Tokyo [Japan], March 19-21, 1956
3. Statement on departure from Hong Kong, 1958
   Presentation of Credentials, Republic of China, 1958
   Remarks, Dedication ceremony at Tsing-Hua University Research Center for Nuclear Science at Hsinchu, Taiwan, May 25, 1958
   Chinese Students in the United States, American University Club, July 3, 1958
   Foreign policy, August 1958
   Statement, Free China Relief Association reception center cornerstone laying, 1958
   Statement, Joint Commission on Rural Reconstruction (JCRR) 10th Anniversary Ceremony, September 30, 1958
   Double Tenth Statement, Recorded Message for Department of Protocol, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of China, October 9, 1958
   Double Tenth Message, China News, Taiwan, October 10, 1958
   Address, Opening ceremony for new U.S. Information Services (USIS) Center, Taipei, Taiwan, December 1, 1958
   Statement, Christmas greetings, Taipei, Taiwan, December 1958
4. America’s Policy Toward China, Chinese Association for the United Nations, January 20, 1959
   Remarks, Completion ceremony of Additional Facilities at National Taiwan University Hospital, Taipei, Taiwan, February 5, 1959
   Remarks, Launching of oil tanker at Ingalls-Taiwan Shipbuilding yard, Keelung, Taiwan, March 6, 1959
   American Policy and Collective Security, Chinese naval Command and Staff College, Tsoying [Taiwan] April 11, 1959
   Address, presentation of three pieces of crystal art at the National Museum, April 24, 1959
   Remarks, Memorial Service for John Foster Dulles, Broadcasting Corporation of China, May 25, 1959
   Remarks, Presentation of 30-year service award to Raymond H. Davis, Commissioner of JCRR, Taipei, Taiwan, May 29, 1959
   4th of July Statement, Recording in Chinese for “Voice of America” [recorded June 19, 1959, recorded in English for AFRT June 29, 1959]
   Fourth of July Challenge, July 4, 1959
American Policy and Collective Security (with changes), Reserve Officers Association of Taiwan, July 7, 1959
Double Tenth Message, [Hsin Sheng Pao] October 10, 1959
Double Tenth Message, [China Post] October 10, 1959

5. Remarks, Opening Ceremony 2nd class of the National War College and 9th Class of Armed Forces Staff College, Yang Ming Shan, February 29, 1960
Statement, Development Loan Fund to China Development Corporation in Taipei, Taiwan, March 24, 1960
Personal Message, Occasion of the Inauguration of President Chiang Kai-Shek, May 20, 1960
Comments, New Cabinet, May 31, 1960
Statement, President Eisenhower’s Visit to the Republic of China, June 18-19, 1960
United States Educational Exchange Program, American University Club Dinner, July 3, 1960
The Winning of Freedom, July 4, 1960
Statement, Broadcasting Corporation of China, recorded in English and Mandarin, July 4, 1960
Disarmament, Taipei Lions Club, August 26, 1960
Address, 5th Anniversary of the founding of the Sino-American Cultural and Economic Association, 1960
Remarks, First Army General Hospital, [Taipei, Taiwan], October 8, 1960
Double 10th Message [China Post], October 10, 1960
Remarks, Inauguration of tidal reclamation project near Hsinchu, November 5, 1960
American Presidential Election System and Procedure, Taipei Rotary North, November 8, 1960
Statements on various American holidays and occasions, 1960
Rule of Law in International Relations, Soochow University Law School, November 29, 1960
Some Thoughts on Economic Development, Foreign Correspondents’ Club in Taipei [Taiwan], December 12, 1960

America’s Policy Toward China, Reconstruction Magazine group at Legislative Yuan Meeting Room, February 23, 1961
Welcome Speech, Thailand United States Educational Foundation (USEF), Golden Dragon Parlor, Grand Hotel [Taipei, Taiwan], February 28, 1961
Remarks, Rotary International Luncheon, Taipei City Hall, May 25, 1961
Statement, upon return to Taipei, August 10, 1961
Double Tenth Message, October 10, 1961
Statements on various American holidays and occasions, 1961
Remarks, Dedication of the Tsing Hua University Nuclear Research Reactor, December 2, 1961

7. Role of the American Chamber as a Representative of American Business Interests, Taipei American Chamber of Commerce, January 31, 1962
Sino-U.S. Alliance to Continue Everlastingly, written statement issued prior to leaving, March 8, 1962
Departure Statement, [upon leaving Taipei], March 8, 1962


10. Speech, Poway High School, Poway, California, April 13, 1967
American Policy Toward China, Methodist-sponsored group, San Diego, California, May 6, 1967
Whither Red China? China Mfg. [indecipherable word] Los Angeles, California, December 16, 1967


13. Some Observations on Our China Recognition Policy, Southwest Conference on Asian Studies, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, October 15, 1976

14. Correspondence related to various speaking engagements for Everett F. Drumright

Speeches – Other People


19. Spiers, Ronald I. Diplomacy, the Foreign Service and the Department of State, Boston Committee on Foreign Relations, Boston, Massachusetts, February 26, 1986


Box 7: General Correspondence

1. General correspondence: Miscellaneous, 1944 – 1950

2. General correspondence: A miscellaneous, 1951 – 1953

3. General correspondence: B miscellaneous, 1951 - 1953
Correspondence relating to R.K. Karanjia forgery case with Chester Bowles

4. General correspondence: C miscellaneous, 1951 - 1953
Correspondence with Prescott Childs who was implicated in the Karanjia forgery incident. Drumright was his replacement.

5. General correspondence: D miscellaneous, 1951 - 1953

7. General correspondence: G miscellaneous, 1951 - 1953
9. General correspondence: K miscellaneous, 1951 - 1953
10. General correspondence: L miscellaneous, 1951 - 1953
11. General correspondence: M miscellaneous, 1951 - 1953
18. General correspondence: Wedding congratulations cards and letters, 1955

**Box 8: General Correspondence**

1. General correspondence: Wedding congratulations cards, letters and telegrams, 1955
2. General correspondence: Miscellaneous, 1956
3. General correspondence: Miscellaneous, 1957
7. General correspondence: Miscellaneous, 1958
8. General correspondence: Miscellaneous, 1959


17. General correspondence: Miscellaneous, 1971 - 1975


Box 9: General Correspondence


2. General correspondence: Frederic W. Terrien in regards to Everett F. Drumright writing his memoirs, 1986 - 1987


4. General correspondence: Condolence letters and cards on Everett F. Drumright’s death, 1993

5. General correspondence: Condolence letters and cards on Everett F. Drumright’s death, 1993

6. General correspondence: Condolence letters and cards on Everett F. Drumright’s death, 1993

7. General correspondence: Condolence letters and cards on Everett F. Drumright’s death, 1993

8. General correspondence: Condolence letters and cards on Everett F. Drumright’s death, 1993


10. General correspondence: Miscellaneous, date unknown

Box 10: Objects and Memorabilia

1. Plaque, shield-shaped (10 x 8), wood with enameled brass overlay with Chinese inscription; yellow dove with navy blue sun above between the wings

2. Plaque, oblong (12 x 9), wood with brass and black enamel plate inscribed, “Coe College [Cedar Rapids, Iowa] President’s Associates, (president’s medallion), Florence Teets Drumright, 1993-94”

3. Plaque, oblong (12 x 9), wood with brass plate inscribed, “Chinese Historical Society of Greater San Diego & Baja California, presented to Mrs. Florence Drumright in Honor of her Contributions to the Chinese-American Communities and her Generosity and Commitment in Preservation of Chinese Culture, Arts and Historical Heritage, San Diego, California, September 15, 1996.”
4. Book plate, (7 x 5), black on white, matted and framed with no glass inscribed, “UCSD Libraries Ambassador Everett Drumright Endowment”; Chinese inscription at bottom of plate


6. Medal with ribbon (2” diam), bronze with red, white, blue ribbon inscribed, “National Museum of History, Republic of China” on one side, Chinese inscription on reverse

7. Medal (3” diam) encased in clear acrylic (4.5” square), bronze, portrait of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek on front, flag and Chinese inscription on back

8. Coin, (2.5” diam), brass with square hole in center, Chinese inscriptions on both sides

9. Coin, (2” diam), green/crystal acrylic display box (2.75” square), gold-tone with Russian inscriptions on both sides


11. Medal (1.25” diam), sterling silver on burgundy and white ribbon in clear acrylic display box (7 x 3.5) inscribed, “United States of America, Department of State, Superior Service [miniature lapel pin is missing]

12. Lapel / souvenir pins (fifty-three pins, some duplicates)

13. Award, etched glass (3 x 12), inscribed (English and Chinese), “In appreciation of Mrs. Florence Drumright’s Contribution in Chinese Art, Asian Art Committee of San Diego Museum of Art”

14. Business / calling cards, Drumright, Madame Chiang, others

**Scrapbooks / Albums**

15. Photograph album, (12 x 11.5) inscribed, “To Mrs. F. Drumright presented by Dr. T. S. Lin speaker Taipai City Council, March 1981” (Eighteen 5 x 7 color photographs)

16. Photograph album, (9.5 x 11.5) with red leatherette cover inscribed, “To Ambassador and Mrs. E. F. Drumright presented by Dr. T. S. Lin chairman Tatung Company, November 1984” (Fifteen 5 x 7 color photographs)

17. Photograph album, (9 x 11.5) with red satin cover inscribed, “In Commemoration of the Seventieth anniversary of the founding of the Republic of China, with the compliments of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of China [October 7-15, 1981]” (Thirty-four 6.5 x 9 color photographs, news clippings, memorabilia)
Oversized Boxes

Box 11: Scrapbooks / Albums

1. Scrapbook, (12 x 16 x 9) inscribed, “Taiwan Assignment” (photographs, news clippings, memorabilia) [adhesive and tape used to fix object in scrapbook have yellowed and deteriorated to the point where items are discolored, stuck together, or falling out]

Box 12: Portrait

1. Portrait of Everett F. Drumright in ornate gilt frame (24 x 30), color enlargement from a smaller photograph; no photographer identified [circa 1990]

Box 13: Scrapbooks / Albums

1. Photograph album, (9.9 x 14.4 x 6), red cover titled, “Snapshots”, over two hundred 3 x 3 black and white, some color photographs documenting Florence Teets world travels before and shortly after her marriage to Everett F. Drumright, 1950 – 1956 (binding has come undone and pages are loose in the box)

Box 14: Objects and Memorabilia

1. Name Plate (16.5 x 2.5), black lacquer [chipped] with mother of pearl [abalone?] inlayed letters and embellishments inscribed, “E. F. Drumright”


3. Tray, sterling silver hallmarked “Camusso, made in Peru” (20” diam), engraved to Mr. and Mrs. Everett F. Drumright with signatures of diplomatic corps engraved around the rim, Taipei, Taiwan, dated March 8, 1962

Certificates & Diplomas

1. Certificate, (11.75 x 15.5), commission of Everett F. Drumright as “Consul General of the United States of America”, dated November 24, 1952 and signed by President Truman. [creased from folding]

2. Certificate, (11.75 x 15.5), commission of Everett F. Drumright as “Consul General of the United States of America for Portuguese India”, dated December 16, 1952 and signed by President Truman. [creased from folding]

3. Certificate, (11.75 x 15.5), commission of Everett F. Drumright as “Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States to China”, dated February 7, 1958 and signed by President Eisenhower [brittle, cut down and dog-eared to fit a frame]

4. Certificate, (11.75 x 15.5), commission of Everett F. Drumright as “Career Minister in the Foreign Service”, dated August 27, 1960, and signed by President Eisenhower

5. Certificate, (17 x 14), Governor of the State of Oklahoma, Honorary Colonel on Governor’s staff, dated April 25, 1958
6. Certificate, (16 x 12), untranslated Chinese language document

7. Certificate, (16 x 20), Citation for the Grand Order of the Brilliant Star [Chinese language w/ English translation], dated June 12, 1962

**Box 15: Scrapbooks / Albums**

1. Photograph album, (10.5 x 14.5) black leatherette cover, black and white photographs all identified, India, [circa 1952]

2. Scrapbook, (12 x 16) inscribed, “Hong Kong Assignment” (photographs, news clippings, memorabilia) [adhesive and tape used to fix object in scrapbook have yellowed and deteriorated to the point where items are discolored, stuck together, or falling out]

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