

George C. Vaillant Director's Office Records

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Summary Information

Repository	University of Pennsylvania: Penn Museum Archives
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Abstract	<p>George Clapp Vaillant was born in Boston, Massachusetts and educated at Noble and Greenough School and Phillips Academy. Vaillant attended Harvard University where he was a lackluster student until he discovered archaeology. Vaillant worked on the cliff-houses in northeastern Arizona and dug at Pecos, New Mexico while an undergraduate. In graduate school, Vaillant worked with George A. Reisner in Egypt. Under the direction of the Carnegie Foundation and Sylvanus Morley, he dug at Chichen Itza in 1926. Following his time in Mexico with Morley, Vaillant was appointed assistant curator at the American Museum of Natural History in New York, in charge of archaeological activities in Mexico. This employment lasted until 1941 when he was appointed Director of the University of Pennsylvania Museum. The George C. Vaillant Administrative records are contained in five archival boxes and consist mostly of correspondence with some administrative records and personal files.</p>

Biography/History

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During WWI, Vaillant volunteered in the Student Army Training Corps and served briefly in the U.S. Marine Corps.

Vaillant also represented the United States government as a cultural relations attache in Peru. His national service was to continue in Spain as a representative of the Office of War Information in 1945 but was interrupted by his untimely death.

Vaillant was a member of many societies and well known as a lecturer and author. He taught at Harvard, Yale, New York University and Columbia during his diverse career.

Vaillant maintained memberships in the American Ethnological Society, the American Anthropological Association, the Society for American Archaeology, the Harvard and Rittenhouse Clubs and the Century Association.

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The administrative series includes a combination of staff and sales lists, safety directives, expedition and collection business and Board of Managers and University administrative business. Among the personal records are information from Vaillant's service to the U.S. government and some manuscripts and membership certificates. Personal notes from his tenure at the Penn museum are present. Several files deal with the effects of his untimely death and the issue of succession.

Administrative Information

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Controlled Access Headings

PERSONAL NAME(S)

- D'Harnoncourt, Rene, 1901-1968
- Johnson, Eldridge Reeves, b. 1867-d. 1945
- Kidder, Alfred Vincent, 1885-1963
- Loo, C.T., b.1880-d.1957
- Madeira, Percy C., Jr., 1889-1967
- Morley, Sylvanus Griswold, 1883-1948
- Vaillant, George C., b.1901-d.1945

SUBJECT(S)

- Army and Navy Intelligence Office
 - Rockefeller Foundation
 - U.S. State Department
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General note

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA MUSEUM

University Archaeological Association (1889–1899) First President Joseph Leidy President William Pepper, Jr. 1893–1897

Board of Managers, Department of Archaeology and Palaeontology / Free Museum of Science and Art President Charlemagne Tower, Jr. elected Jan 14, 1892 resigned Oct 9, 1894 President William Pepper, Jr. elected Oct 9, 1894 died Aug 3, 1898 President Daniel Baugh acting Aug 3, 1898 elected Jun 22, 1899 President Justus C. Strawbridge elected Jan 19, 1901 resigned 1903 President Sara Yorke Stevenson elected Jan 15, 1904 resigned Feb 24, 1905 President Samuel F. Houston acting Mar 17, 1905 elected Jan 19, 1906 1910

Directors of the University of Pennsylvania Museum Stewart Culin Jun 1, 1892–Jun 28, 1899 George Byron Gordon Feb 1, 1910–Jan 30, 1927 Jane M. McHugh (Acting) 1927–1929 Horace H. F. Jayne 1929–1940 George C. Vaillant 1941–1945 Marian Angell Godfrey (Acting) 1945–1947 Froelich G. Rainey 1947–1976 James B. Pritchard (Acting) 1976–1977 Martin Biddle 1977–1981 Robert H. Dyson (Acting) 1981–1982 Robert H. Dyson 1982–1994 Jeremy A. Sabloff 1994–2004 Richard M. Leventhal 2004–2006 Jeremy A. Sabloff (Interim) 2006–2007 Richard Hodges 2007–2012 Julian Siggers 2012–

Collection Inventory

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Aharan, Gregor.	1
Albany Institute of History and Art.	1
Albright, W.F.	1
Alexander, Mrs. Raymond Pace.	1
American Anthropological Association.	1
American Council of Learned Societies.	1
American Folklore Society.	1
American School of Oriental Research.	1
Amram, David W.	1
Aparicio, Francisco de.	1
Academy of Natural Sciences 1941-1946.	1
American Council of Learned Societies 1942.	1

American Museum of Natural History 1941-1946.	1
American Philosophical Society 1941-1947.	1
B General 1941-1947.	1
	Box
Bache, Charles.	1
Bache, Margaret.	1
Bachman, Mrs. Frank H.	1
Bancroft, Joseph (Sons and Co.).	1
Barringer, Lt. Col. Brandon.	1
Batista, Andrew.	1
Batten, Charles E.	1
Beggs, Virginia.	1
Beidler, Paul.	1
Bellinger, Louise.	1
Beltran, Pedro D.	1
Ben-Dor, Immanuel.	1
Bennett, Dann.	1
Bentsen, Conrad.	1
Bigler, Rev. Eugene F.	1

Birnbaum, S.	1
Blackman, Rose Wilder.	1
Blom, Frans.	1
Bodde, Dirk.	1
Bodde, Theodore.	1
Borbolla, Daniel F. Rubin (de la).	1
Bowker, Lt. Comm. H.F.	1
Brampton, Frederick L.	1
Bremmer, Anita.	1
Brickelmeier, Paul H.	1
Brown, John Carter Library.	1
Brown, Robert C.	1
Brown, W. Norman.	1
Brown University.	1
Brugler, L.J.	1
Bryan, Kirk.	1
Bucher, George.	1
Buck, J.L.	1
Bullitt, Orville H.	1

Burnet, Cora T.	1
Burrill, A.	1
Butler, Mary.	1
Bliss, Robert Woods 1942.	1
Boston Museum of Fine Arts 1941-1942.	1
Brooklyn Museum 1941-1945.	1
Buffalo Museum of Science 1942.	1
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	Box
Cadley, A.B.	1
Calder, Alexander.	1
Campbell, Monroe Jr.	1
Carter, George Revido.	1
Caso, Alfonso.	1
Century Association.	1
Chandler, Charles Lyon.	1
Chapman, Anne M.	1
Cheyney Training School for Teachers.	1
Chinese Collections.	1

Cleveland Museum of Art.	1
Clifford, Esther.	1
Coffin, Roy G.	1
Collins, Henry H.	1
Collins, W.H.	1
Colorado Museum of Natural History.	1
Columbia University.	1
Comfort, Howard.	1
Commercial Museum.	1
Corning, John.	1
Covarrubios, Miguel.	1
Cranbrook Institute of Science.	1
Crawford, W. Rex.	1
Crozer Theological Seminary.	1
Chanhu-Daro 1938-1941.	1
Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs 1941-1942.	1
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	Box
Dam, Mrs. Cornelia H.	1

Dauterman, Carl C.	1
Davidson, D.S.	1
Dimick, John M.	1
Director.	1
Dixon, Mrs. J. Shipley.	1
Dohan, Edith H.	1
Douglas, F.H.	1
Drinker, Mrs. Henry S.	1
Drinker, Henry S.	1
DuBarry, William H.	1
DuBois, Mrs. Goddard.	1
Dumbarton Oaks Research Library and Collections.	1
DuPont, Henry Betin.	1
DuPont, Stephan.	1
Dutton, Bertha P.	1
Duvall, A.W.	1
Daniel, John F. 1942-1946.	1
Drinker, Biddle & Reath 1942-1944.	1
D' Harnoncourt, Rene 1942-1946.	1

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Ebehardt, H.A.	2
Eckart, Samuel B.	2
Eckardt, George H.	2
Ehrman, Mrs. Robert.	2
Ellis, Mrs. Thomas H.	2
Engerrand, George C.	2
F General 1941-1947.	2
	Box
Fairbairn, Don.	2
Fairchild Aerial Surveys Inc.	2
Fairmount Park Art Association.	2
Falson, Frank.	2
Fernald, Helen C.	2
Fewkes, Vladimir J.	2
Field Museum of Natural History.	2
Fitler, W.W.	2
Fogg Museum of Art.	2
Forsdyke, John.	2

Foster, James W.	2
Fountain, Adele.	2
Fowler, William S.	2
Francisco, Joseph E.	2
Franklin, Gilbert A.	2
Film Librarian 1946.	2
Foster, Lawrence 1942-1946.	2
G General 1941-1947.	2
	Box
Gallery Downtown.	2
Garrett, Erwin Clarkson.	2
Gazette des Beaux-Arts.	2
Godfrey, William S. Jr.	2
Goetze, Albrecht.	2
Goldschmidt, Margot.	2
Goodenow, Lucene.	2
Gordon, Edmond T.	2
Goudy, Alice M.	2
Grace, Virginia Randolph.	2

Grancsey, Stephen V.	2
Grand Rapids Art Gallery.	2
Granite, Mark.	2
Griffin, Cynthia.	2
Gibson, Mercedes 1942-1946.	2
Godfrey, Mrs. William S. 1941-1946.	2
Grace Line 1942.	2
H General 1941-1947.	2
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Haiti.	2
Hallowell, A. Irving.	2
Hamill, Alfred E.	2
Hamill, S. McG.	2
Harrington, Mrs. Gwyneth B.	2
Haury, Emil.	2
Hause, Helen.	2
Henry, Mrs. Grace P.	2
Hall, Henry Usher.	2
Hepburn, Charles J.	2

Hergesheimer, Joseph.	2
Heusser, Eleanor E.	2
Hilderbrand, Mildred.	2
Hiller, Margaret L.	2
Hinchman, Margaretta S.	2
Hodgskin, Mrs. N.N.	2
Hoffmeister, Katherine M.	2
Holmes Foundation Bronzer.	2
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Inter-American Center 1942.	2
J General 1941-1947.	2
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James, Orlov R.T.	2
Jayne, Horace H.F.	2
Jones, Mrs. John Price.	2
Joyce, Mrs. Charles D.	2
Justice, Hilda.	2
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Johnson Film Fund 1941-1946.	2

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Kaelin, Jaida M.	2
Kelly, Leon.	2
Kevorkian, H.	2
Khayat, John.	2
King, Col. Fain White.	2
Komor, Mathius.	2
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Lake, Kirsopp.	2
Lee, Jean Gordon.	2
Legrain, L.	2
Lewis, John P.	2
Lewis, Mary Butler.	2
Library of Congress.	2

Lippincott, J.B. Co.	2
Lloyd, Malcolm Jr.	2
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Long, Katherine B.	2
Lord, Mrs. J. Carlisle.	2
Lucas, John D. Printing Co.	2
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Marshall, Mrs. Henry.	3
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McDonald, A.D.	3
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Reeves, Rutin.	4
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Seyrig, Henri.	4
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Smith, Mrs. Henry L.	4
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Weddell, Alexander Wilbourne.	4
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