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DONALD SMYTHE COLLECTION OF MICHELINE RESCO MATERIALS  
CIRCA 1890-1949 (BULK 1917-1949)

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## Collection Summary

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*Collection number:* DET.4.001

*Repository:* Jesuit Archives & Research Center

*Title:* Donald Smythe collection of Micheline Resco materials

*Date [bulk]:* 1917-1949

*Date [inclusive]:* circa 1890-1949

*Extent:* 1.8 linear feet (three boxes)

*Creator:* Smythe, Donald (Donor)

*Creator:* Resco, Micheline (Creator)

*Language of material:* French and English

*Abstract:* Micheline Resco (b.1896) was a Rumanian-born Parisian portrait artist best known as the mistress and then second wife of John J. Pershing, Commanding General of the American Expeditionary Forces during the First World War. Donald Smythe, SJ, a Professor of American History at John Carroll University and a Pershing biographer, acquired Resco's letters and other materials in the 1970s. This collection contains letters, telegrams, photographs, greeting cards, event memorabilia, speech typescripts, and clippings, as well as financial and legal papers documenting Pershing and Resco's romantic relationship from their meeting in 1917 until the general's death in 1948.

*Custodial history:* This collection was acquired from Micheline Resco by Fr. Donald Smythe, SJ in the early 1970s. Following Smythe's death in 1988, the collection was housed in the archives at John Carroll University. It was transferred to the Jesuit Archives: Central United States in 2014.

*Processing history:* Originally processed by staff at the John Carroll University Archives. Reprocessed by Mary Struckel and Alexandra M. Bisio in 2015.

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*Additional finding aids:* An item level inventory of the John Joseph Pershing letters produced by staff at John Carroll University is available upon request.

*Related materials:* Detroit Province personnel records, Donald W. Smythe series, Jesuit Archives & Research Center.

## Biographical note

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Micheline Resco (b.1896) was a Rumanian-born, Parisian portrait artist best known as the mistress and then second wife of John J. Pershing, Commanding General of the American Expeditionary Forces during the First World War. In 1917, Resco was commissioned by the French Minister of War to paint a portrait of Pershing, and the two met for the first time at the Crillon Hotel in Paris. Resco and Pershing began a relationship that lasted for over thirty years until the general's death in 1948.

Resco followed Pershing to the United States a few months after he left France in 1919, where she split her residence between New York City and Washington, DC. Though their relationship remained secret to the general public, Resco corresponded with several members Pershing's family, particularly his son, Warren, brother, James F. Pershing, and sister-in-law, Jessie Jackson Pershing. Resco and Pershing were married by a Catholic priest at Walter Reed Hospital, where Pershing was recovering from a stroke, in 1946. After the general's death at the age of 88, Resco returned to Paris.

Fr. Donald W. Smythe, SJ, a Professor of American History at John Carroll University and a Pershing biographer, acquired Resco's letters and other materials in the 1970s from a mutual acquaintance, John O'Driscoll. The letters were used in his book, *Pershing: General of the Armies*, published in 1986 by Indiana University Press. Smythe died in 1988.

## Scope and content note

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This collection contains letters, telegrams, photographs, greeting cards, event memorabilia, speech typescripts, and clippings, as well as financial and legal papers documenting the romantic relationship of General John J. Pershing and Micheline Resco from their meeting in 1917 until the general's death in 1948. The bulk of the collection consists of letters and telegrams from Pershing to Resco during the general's time away from his mistress while serving as Commanding General of the American Expeditionary Forces or touring military bases following the First World War. The collection also includes photographs of Pershing, mostly taken during his travels after World War I; Pershing memorabilia, such as calendars and cards bearing his image; several typescripts of speeches delivered by Pershing in honor of the veterans and casualties of the Great War; financial and legal documents benefiting Resco after Pershing's death; as well as clippings about Pershing from era newspapers and magazines.

## Arrangement note

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This collection is arranged in four series:

- Series 1. Letters, 1917-1940
- Series 2. Photographs, circa 1890-1925, undated
- Series 3. Memorabilia, speeches, and official documents, 1917-1949
- Series 4. Clippings, circa 1918-1920s

Series 1. Letters, 1917-1940, is arranged in four subseries:

- Subseries 1.1. John Joseph Pershing letters, 1917-1940
- Subseries 1.2. Letters from others, 1917-1940
- Subseries 1.3. Telegrams, 1918-1926
- Subseries 1.4. Translations, 1918-1925 (circa 1970s)

Series 3. Memorabilia, speeches, and official documents, 1917-1949, is arranged in three subseries:

- Subseries 3.1. Memorabilia, circa 1917-1920
- Subseries 3.2. Speeches, 1920-1921
- Subseries 3.3. Official documents, 1929-1949

All materials are arranged in chronological order.

## Collection Contents

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### [Series 1. Letters, 1917-1940](#)

#### *Scope and content note:*

This series contains letters and telegrams sent to Resco by John J. Pershing and others from 1917 to 1940. While Resco preserved letters she received, only two copies of letters sent by her to Pershing are found in this collection. Translations done by Donald Smythe in the 1970s for a number of the Pershing letters have also been included in this series.

#### *Arrangement note:*

Series 1. Letters, 1917-1940 is arranged in four subseries:

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- Subseries 1.2. Letters from others, 1917-1940
- Subseries 1.3. Telegrams, 1918-1926
- Subseries 1.4. Translations, 1918-1925 (circa 1970s)

All materials are arranged in chronological order.

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### [Subseries 1.1. John Joseph Pershing letters, 1917-1940](#)

#### *Scope and content note:*

This series contains letters written by John J. Pershing to his mistress, Micheline Resco. Many of the letters were written to Resco during Pershing's time as Commanding General of the American

Expeditionary Forces during the First World War while Resco was living with her mother on the rue Desrenaudes in Paris. Letters written after World War I were often written by Pershing during his travels inspecting United States military outposts in South America and while on speaking tours. Pershing often included two letters, written days apart, in the same envelope or continued several days of correspondence on the same sheet of paper. Some of Pershing's letters include clippings from newspapers and popular magazines, visiting cards, and pressed flowers.

Dates written in pencil and pen on accompanying envelopes may have been added later by Resco or a collector.

*Arrangement note:*

This subseries is arranged chronologically.

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1917	August 29 <i>Scope and content note: Includes pressed flower.</i>	Box 1: Folder 1
1917	September 5 <i>Scope and content note: Two letters.</i>	Box 1: Folder 1
1917	September 5	Box 1: Folder 2
1917	September 20 <i>Scope and content note: Includes pressed flower and visiting card.</i>	Box 1: Folder 2
1917	September 25	Box 1: Folder 2
1917	October 21	Box 1: Folder 3
1917	November 2	Box 1: Folder 3
1917	November 7	Box 1: Folder 3
1917	November 15	Box 1: Folder 4
1917	November 19	Box 1: Folder 4
1917	November 22	Box 1: Folder 4
1917	November 24	Box 1: Folder 5
1917	November 25	Box 1: Folder 5
1917	November 28 <i>Scope and content note: Includes visiting card.</i>	Box 1: Folder 5
1917	December 8 <i>Scope and content note: Two letters.</i>	Box 1: Folder 6
1917	December 12	Box 1: Folder 6
1917	December 19	Box 1: Folder 7
1917	December 26	Box 1: Folder 7
1917	December 30	Box 1: Folder 7
1917	December 31	Box 1: Folder 8
	Circa 1918-1919	Box 1: Folder 25

		Box 1: Folder 26
Circa 1918	January	Box 1: Folder 8
Circa 1918	January 4	Box 1: Folder 8
1918	January 14	Box 1: Folder 9
1918	January 15	Box 1: Folder 9
1918	January 17	Box 1: Folder 9
1918	February 29	Box 1: Folder 10
1918	March 1	Box 1: Folder 10
1918	March 3	Box 1: Folder 10
	<i>Scope and content note: Includes clipping</i>	
1918	March 14	Box 1: Folder 11
1918	March 19	Box 1: Folder 11
1918	April 1	Box 1: Folder 11
1918	April 5	Box 1: Folder 12
1918	April 9	Box 1: Folder 12
1918	April 20	Box 1: Folder 12
1918	April 21	Box 1: Folder 13
1918	May 5	Box 1: Folder 13
1918	May 8	Box 1: Folder 13
1918	May 28	Box 1: Folder 14
1918	June 6	Box 1: Folder 14
1918	June 13	Box 1: Folder 14
1918	June 25	Box 1: Folder 15
1918	June 27	Box 1: Folder 15
1918	July 4	Box 1: Folder 15
1918	July 7	Box 1: Folder 16
1918	July 25	Box 1: Folder 16
1918	August 14	Box 1: Folder 16
1918	August 18	Box 1: Folder 17
1918	August 28	Box 1: Folder 17
1918	September 3	Box 1: Folder 18
1918	September 5	Box 1: Folder 17
1918	September 10	Box 1: Folder 18
1918	September 29	Box 1: Folder 18
1918	October 13	Box 1: Folder 19
1918	November 2	Box 1: Folder 19
1918	November 13	Box 1: Folder 19

1918	November 26	Box 1: Folder 20
1918	November 28	Box 1: Folder 20
1918	December 2	Box 1: Folder 20
1918	December 5	Box 1: Folder 21
1918	December 10	Box 1: Folder 21
1918	December 23	Box 1: Folder 21
	<i>Scope and content note: Visiting card with handwritten note.</i>	
Circa 1918	December	Box 1: Folder 22
1918	December 23	Box 1: Folder 22
1918	December 27	Box 1: Folder 22
1918	December 29	Box 1: Folder 23
	<i>Scope and content note: Includes visiting card.</i>	
1919	January	Box 1: Folder 24
1919	January 3	Box 1: Folder 23
1919	January 7	Box 1: Folder 23
1919	January 26	Box 1: Folder 24
1919	January 27	Box 1: Folder 24
	<i>Scope and content note: Includes clipping.</i>	
1919	February 14	Box 1: Folder 26
	<i>Scope and content note: Includes pressed flower.</i>	
Circa 1919	February	Box 1: Folder 27
Circa 1919	March	Box 1: Folder 27
Circa 1919	April	Box 1: Folder 27
1919	April 17	Box 1: Folder 28
1919	May 9	Box 1: Folder 28
1919	May 15	Box 1: Folder 28
1919	May 22	Box 1: Folder 29
1919	May 27	Box 1: Folder 29
	<i>Scope and content note: Includes pressed flower.</i>	
Circa 1919	May	Box 1: Folder 29
1919	May 28	Box 1: Folder 30
Circa 1919	May 29	Box 1: Folder 30
1919	June 3	Box 1: Folder 30
1919	June 13	Box 1: Folder 31
Circa 1919	June 14	Box 1: Folder 31
1919	June 15	Box 1: Folder 31

1919 July 21	Box 1: Folder 32
<i>Scope and content note: Two letters.</i>	
1919 July 25	Box 1: Folder 32
1919 July 25	Box 1: Folder 33
1919 July 26	Box 1: Folder 33
1919 July 28	Box 1: Folder 33
1919 July 29	Box 1: Folder 34
Circa 1919 July 30	Box 1: Folder 34
Circa 1919 August	Box 1: Folder 37
	Box 1: Folder 38
	Box 1: Folder 42
1919 August 1	Box 1: Folder 34
1919 August 1	Box 1: Folder 35
1919 August 2	Box 1: Folder 35
1919 August 4	Box 1: Folder 35
<i>Scope and content note: Two letters.</i>	
1919 August 5	Box 1: Folder 35
1919 August 7	Box 1: Folder 36
1919 August 8	Box 1: Folder 36
1919 August 11	Box 1: Folder 36
1919 August 12	Box 1: Folder 37
1919 August 13	Box 1: Folder 37
1919 August 15	Box 1: Folder 38
1919 August 16	Box 1: Folder 38
	Box 1: Folder 39
1919 August 18	Box 1: Folder 39
1919 August 19	Box 1: Folder 39
<i>Scope and content note: Includes visiting card.</i>	
1919 August 20	Box 1: Folder 39
<i>Scope and content note: Set of seven Italian postcards sent in one envelope.</i>	
1919 August 23	Box 1: Folder 40
1919 August 24	Box 1: Folder 40
1919 August 25	Box 1: Folder 40
1919 August 26	Box 1: Folder 41
1919 August 27	Box 1: Folder 41
1919 August 28	Box 1: Folder 41



Circa 1919 August 28	Box 1: Folder 42
1919 August 30	Box 1: Folder 42
1919 August 31	Box 1: Folder 42
1919 September 1	Box 1: Folder 43
1919 September 15	Box 1: Folder 43
1919 September 18	Box 1: Folder 43
1919 September 19	Box 1: Folder 44
1919 September 21	Box 1: Folder 44
1919 September 24	Box 1: Folder 44
1919 September 28	Box 1: Folder 45
1919 September 30	Box 1: Folder 45
1919 October 2	Box 1: Folder 45
1919 October 3	Box 1: Folder 46
1919 October 5	Box 1: Folder 46
1919 October 8	Box 1: Folder 46
1919 October 9-11	Box 1: Folder 47
1919 October 14-16	Box 1: Folder 47
1919 October 15	Box 1: Folder 47
1919 October 18	Box 1: Folder 48
1919 October 23-24	Box 1: Folder 48
1919 October 27	Box 1: Folder 49
1919 October 28 and 30	Box 1: Folder 49
1919 November 1-5	Box 1: Folder 49
1919 November 8-10	Box 1: Folder 50
1919 November 13	Box 1: Folder 50
<i>Scope and content note: Includes clipping.</i>	
1919 November 17	Box 1: Folder 50
<i>Scope and content note: Includes clippings.</i>	
1919 November 21-22	Box 1: Folder 51
1919 November 23-24	Box 1: Folder 51
1919 November 28	Box 1: Folder 51
1919 December 13 and 16	Box 1: Folder 52
1919 December 28	Box 1: Folder 52
<i>Scope and content note: Two letters.</i>	
1920 January 5 and 6	Box 1: Folder 53
1920 January 8 and 11	Box 1: Folder 53
1920 January 28	Box 1: Folder 53
1920 January 31	Box 1: Folder 54

1920	February 13	Box 1: Folder 54
1920	February 14	Box 1: Folder 54
1920	March 1	Box 1: Folder 55
1920	March 4	Box 1: Folder 55
	<i>Scope and content note: Includes clipping.</i>	
1920	March 7-8	Box 1: Folder 55
1920	March 12	Box 1: Folder 56
	<i>Scope and content note: Includes clipping.</i>	
1920	March 19	Box 1: Folder 56
	<i>Scope and content note: Includes clipping.</i>	
1920	March 20	Box 1: Folder 56
1920	March 22 and 23	Box 1: Folder 57
1920	March 24	Box 1: Folder 57
1920	March 27	Box 1: Folder 57
1920	March 28	Box 1: Folder 58
1920	April 3	Box 1: Folder 58
	<i>Scope and content note: Includes pressed flower.</i>	
1920	April 5	Box 1: Folder 58
1920	April 7	Box 1: Folder 59
1920	April 8	Box 1: Folder 59
1920	April 12	Box 1: Folder 59
1920	April 19	Box 1: Folder 60
1920	April 24	Box 1: Folder 60
1920	April 29	Box 1: Folder 60
1920	May 24	Box 1: Folder 61
1920	May 27	Box 1: Folder 61
1920	June 15	Box 1: Folder 61
1920	July 4	Box 1: Folder 62
1920	July 5	Box 1: Folder 62
1920	July 15	Box 1: Folder 62
1920	July 26	Box 1: Folder 63
1920	August 2	Box 1: Folder 63
1920	August 10	Box 1: Folder 63
1920	September 13	Box 1: Folder 64
1920	September 14	Box 1: Folder 64
	<i>Scope and content note: Two letters.</i>	

1920	September 15	Box 1: Folder 65
1920	September 16 <i>Scope and content note: Includes clipping.</i>	Box 1: Folder 65
1920	September 17	Box 1: Folder 65
1920	September 20	Box 1: Folder 66
1920	September 22 <i>Scope and content note: Two letters.</i>	Box 1: Folder 66
1920	September 23 and 24	Box 1: Folder 67
1920	October 1	Box 1: Folder 67
1920	October 2	Box 1: Folder 67
1920	October 3	Box 1: Folder 68
1920	October 4	Box 1: Folder 68
1920	October 15	Box 1: Folder 68
1920	October 18- 19, 20-21, 26, and 27 <i>Scope and content note: Includes a key listing code words used by Pershing in his telegrams to Resco.</i>	Box 1: Folder 69
1920	October 28 and November 2	Box 1: Folder 69
1920	October 30, November 4-7, and November 8	Box 1: Folder 69
1920	November 9 <i>Scope and content note: Includes clipping.</i>	Box 1: Folder 70
1920	November 11 and 16	Box 1: Folder 70
1920	November 16	Box 1: Folder 70
1920	November 22-25	Box 1: Folder 71
1920	November 27 - December 2	Box 1: Folder 71
Circa 1920	December	Box 1: Folder 71
1920	December 5-9	Box 1: Folder 71
1920	December 23-28	Box 1: Folder 72
1921	January 2-5	Box 1: Folder 72
1921	January 5-10	Box 1: Folder 73
1921	January 6	Box 1: Folder 72
1921	January 12-13 <i>Scope and content note: Includes clipping.</i>	Box 1: Folder 73
1921	January 14-21 <i>Scope and content note: Includes clipping.</i>	Box 1: Folder 73
1921	January 23-26 <i>Scope and content note: Includes clipping.</i>	Box 1: Folder 74

1921	January 27-31	Box 1: Folder 74
1921	February 1-5	Box 1: Folder 74
1921	February 6-7 <i>Scope and content note: Includes clipping.</i>	Box 1: Folder 75
1921	February 13-15	Box 1: Folder 75
1921	February 16 <i>Scope and content note: Includes clipping.</i>	Box 1: Folder 75
1921	February 17-24	Box 1: Folder 76
1921	February 27-March 5	Box 1: Folder 76
1921	March 5	Box 1: Folder 76
1921	March 6-8 <i>Scope and content note: Includes clipping.</i>	Box 1: Folder 77
1921	March 10-15	Box 1: Folder 77
1921	March 17-22	Box 1: Folder 77
1921	March 28-April 2	Box 1: Folder 78
1921	April 3-8	Box 1: Folder 78
1921	April 9-16	Box 1: Folder 78
1921	April 17-20	Box 1: Folder 79
1921	April 23	Box 1: Folder 79
1921	April 23-24	Box 1: Folder 79
1921	April 25-May 1	Box 1: Folder 80
1921	May 4-10	Box 1: Folder 80
1921	May 8-13	Box 1: Folder 80
1921	May 16-24	Box 1: Folder 81
1921	May 25-June 12	Box 1: Folder 81
1921	June 14	Box 1: Folder 81
1921	June 19-25	Box 1: Folder 82
1921	July 1-4	Box 1: Folder 82
1921	July 5-8	Box 1: Folder 82
1921	July 9-11	Box 1: Folder 75
1921	July 17-20 and 24	Box 1: Folder 82
1921	July 20-23	Box 1: Folder 83
1921	July 28-August 16	Box 1: Folder 83
1921	August 20-24, 27, 29-30, and September 3 <i>Scope and content note: Includes visiting card.</i>	Box 1: Folder 83
1921	September 8	Box 1: Folder 84
1921	September 22 <i>Scope and content note: Two letters.</i>	Box 1: Folder 84

1921	September 25	Box 1: Folder 85
1921	September 26	Box 1: Folder 85
1921	September 27	Box 1: Folder 85
1921	October 1	Box 1: Folder 86
1921	October 3	Box 1: Folder 86
1921	October 10	Box 1: Folder 86
1921	October 20	Box 1: Folder 87
	<i>Scope and content note: Two letters.</i>	
1921	October 21-22, 24, and 26	Box 1: Folder 87
1921	November 6 and 8	Box 1: Folder 88
1921	November 16	Box 1: Folder 88
1921	November 21	Box 1: Folder 88
1921	December 15	Box 1: Folder 89
1921	December 29-1922 January 1	Box 1: Folder 89
	<i>Scope and content note: Three letters and one telegram.</i>	
1922	January 1	Box 1: Folder 90
1922	January 9	Box 1: Folder 90
	<i>General physical description note: Telegram.</i>	
1922	January 27	Box 1: Folder 90
	<i>Scope and content note: Includes clipping.</i>	
Circa 1922	February	Box 1: Folder 92
1922	February 6	Box 1: Folder 91
	<i>Scope and content note: Includes holy card.</i>	
1922	February 20	Box 1: Folder 91
1922	February 23	Box 1: Folder 91
1922	February 25	Box 1: Folder 92
Circa 1922	March	Box 1: Folder 93
	<i>Scope and content note: Three small notes with attached clippings.</i>	
1922	March 8	Box 1: Folder 92
	<i>Scope and content note: Includes clippings.</i>	
1922	March 11	Box 1: Folder 93
1922	March 14	Box 1: Folder 93
1922	March 16	Box 1: Folder 93
1922	March 20	Box 1: Folder 93

1922	March 28	Box 1: Folder 93
1922	April 10	Box 1: Folder 94
1922	July 21	Box 1: Folder 94
1922	December 25	Box 1: Folder 94
1924	November 17	Box 1: Folder 95
1924	November 18	Box 1: Folder 95
1924	November 22	Box 1: Folder 95
1924	November 28	Box 1: Folder 96
1924	December 4	Box 1: Folder 96
1924	December 17	Box 1: Folder 96
1924	December 23	Box 1: Folder 97
1924	December 28 and 1925 January 1	Box 1: Folder 97
1925	January 5	Box 1: Folder 97
1925	January 26	Box 1: Folder 97
1925	February 4	Box 1: Folder 98
1925	February 6	Box 1: Folder 98
1925	February 28	Box 1: Folder 98
Circa 1925	March	Box 2: Folder 1
	<i>General physical description note: Telegram.</i>	
1925	March 22	Box 2: Folder 1
1925	March 25-26	Box 2: Folder 1
1925	April 23	Box 2: Folder 1
1925	May 5-6	Box 2: Folder 2
1925	May 14	Box 2: Folder 2
1925	May 16	Box 2: Folder 2
1925	May 17	Box 2: Folder 3
1925	May 18	Box 2: Folder 3
1925	May 29	Box 2: Folder 3
	<i>General physical description note: Telegram.</i>	
1925	June 1	Box 2: Folder 4
1925	June 2	Box 2: Folder 4
1925	June 3	Box 2: Folder 4
	<i>Scope and content note: Two letters.</i>	Box 2: Folder 5
1925	June 4	Box 2: Folder 5
	<i>Scope and content note: Two letters.</i>	
1925	June 17	Box 2: Folder 6

1925	July 3	Box 2: Folder 6
1925	July 6	Box 2: Folder 6
1925	July 10	Box 2: Folder 7
1925	July 23	Box 2: Folder 7
1925	July 25	Box 2: Folder 7
1925	July 29- 31	Box 2: Folder 8
1925	August 2	Box 2: Folder 8
1925	August 5	Box 2: Folder 8
1925	August 8	Box 2: Folder 9
1925	August 14	Box 2: Folder 9
1925	August 22	Box 2: Folder 9
		Box 2: Folder 10
<i>Scope and content note: Two letters. First letter includes enclosed correspondence to Pershing to be passed on to Pershing's military aide, George E. Adamson.</i>		
1925	August 25	Box 2: Folder 10
1925	August 26	Box 2: Folder 10
1925	August 30-September 3	Box 2: Folder 11
1925	September 5	Box 2: Folder 11
1925	September 6	Box 2: Folder 11
1925	September 10 and 13	Box 2: Folder 12
1925	September 17	Box 2: Folder 12
1925	September 22	Box 2: Folder 12
1925	September 24-25	Box 2: Folder 13
1925	September 29	Box 2: Folder 13
1925	October 6	Box 2: Folder 13
1925	October 12	Box 2: Folder 14
1925	October 17	Box 2: Folder 14
1925	October 28	Box 2: Folder 14
1925	October 29	Box 2: Folder 15
1925	November 4	Box 2: Folder 15
1925	November 7	Box 2: Folder 15
1925	December 6	Box 2: Folder 16
1925	December 26	Box 2: Folder 16
1926	January 2	Box 2: Folder 16
1926	February 27	Box 2: Folder 17
1926	February 28	Box 2: Folder 17
1926	March 3	Box 2: Folder 17
1926	March 8	Box 2: Folder 18
1926	March 9	Box 2: Folder 18
1926	March 10	Box 2: Folder 18
1926	March 11	Box 2: Folder 19

*Scope and Content note: Two letters.*

1926	March 23	Box 2: Folder 19
Circa 1926	April	Box 2: Folder 20
1926	April 7	Box 2: Folder 20
1926	April 13	Box 2: Folder 20
1926	May 5	Box 2: Folder 21
1926	May 8	Box 2: Folder 21
1926	May 13	Box 2: Folder 21
1926	May 19-21	Box 2: Folder 22
1926	May 28	Box 2: Folder 22
1926	June 7	Box 2: Folder 22
1928	December 10	Box 2: Folder 23
1931	December 12	Box 2: Folder 23
	<i>Scope and content note: Includes copy of correspondence with Resco dated August 27, 1931.</i>	
1936	November 8	Box 2: Folder 23
1939	April 22	Box 2: Folder 24
1940	November 8	Box 2: Folder 24

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#### Subseries 1.2 Letters from others, 1917-1940

*Scope and content note:*

This subseries consists of letters written to Resco from individuals other than General John J. Pershing, primarily Pershing's military aide George E. Adamson. Resco also corresponded with members of the Pershing family including his son, Warren, brother, James F. Pershing, and sister-in-law, Jessie Jackson Pershing.

Letters sent to Pershing and kept by Resco, as well as a roll of microfilm acquired by Donald Smythe containing correspondence between Pershing and Governor-General of the Philippines, William Cameron Forbes, are also found in this subseries.

*Arrangement note:*

This subseries is arranged chronologically. Letters to Pershing kept by Resco or otherwise acquired by Smythe are at the end of this subseries.

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1919	Box 2: Folder 25
1920	Box 2: Folder 26-27
1921	Box 2: Folder 28
1922	Box 2: Folder 29



1924	Box 2: Folder 30
1925	Box 2: Folder 31
1926	Box 2: Folder 32
Empty addressed envelopes, 1917-1925	Box 2: Folder 34
John Joseph Pershing to William Cameron Forbes, 1913-1941	Box 3: Folder 24
<i>General physical description note: Microfilm.</i>	
Letters to Pershing from others, 1922-1940	Box 2: Folder 33

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### Subseries 1.3 Telegrams, 1918-1926

#### *Scope and content note:*

This series contains telegrams sent to Micheline Resco from General John J. Pershing, his military aide, George E. Adamson, as well as members of Resco and Pershing's social circle. In order to maintain their privacy, Pershing sent all telegrams to Resco under a series of pseudonyms. He also devised telegram codes with certain words standing in for longer, often romantic, phrases. Keys for these telegram codes, written in Pershing's own hand, have been included in this series.

#### *Arrangement note:*

This subseries is arranged chronologically. A key for the code words used by Pershing and Resco when sending telegrams is at the end of this subseries.

1918-1919	Box 3: Folder 1
1920	Box 3: Folder 2
1921	Box 3: Folder 3
1922	Box 3: Folder 4
1924	Box 3: Folder 5
1925	Box 3: Folder 6
1926	Box 3: Folder 7
Code word keys	Box 3: Folder 23

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### Subseries 1.4 Translations, 1918-1925 (circa 1970s)

#### *Scope and content note:*

Fr. Donald W. Smythe, SJ, Professor of American History at John Carroll University and Pershing biographer, translated many of Pershing's letters to Resco, originally written in French. Not every letter in the collection is included in these translations, while some letters seem to be misdated or missing.

#### *Arrangement note:*

Materials in this subseries are in their original order.

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### Series 2. Photographs, circa 1890-1925, undated

*Scope and content note:*

This series includes photographs kept by Micheline Resco of General John J. Pershing. Most pictures of Pershing in this series were taken during his travels after World War I, though two date from before Resco and Pershing's meeting. Also included in this series are photographs Pershing's residences during his travels, as well as a small cutout of Jessie Jackson Pershing, the general's sister-in-law.

*Arrangement note:*

This series is arranged chronologically.

Pershing Rifles portrait, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, circa 1890-1895	Box 3: Folder 8
John Joseph Pershing, Russo-Japanese War, Manchuria, 1905	Box 3: Folder 8
John Joseph Pershing, Phoenix, Arizona, circa 1920-1921	Box 3: Folder 9
<i>Scope and content note: Two photographs.</i>	

"Jessie," 1921 January	Box 3: Folder 10
John Joseph Pershing, 1924 December	Box 3: Folder 10
Room interior, Arica, Chile, 1925 September 29	Box 3: Folder 10
Chateau, undated	Box 3: Folder 8
"Life in Camp," John Joseph Pershing, undated	Box 3: Folder 9

### Series 3. Memorabilia, speeches, and official documents, 1917-1949

*Scope and content note:*

This series contains Pershing memorabilia, typescripts of speeches given by Pershing on his tours of the United States and South America, and financial and legal documents. Memorabilia includes material collected by Resco, such as calendars and cards with the general's image, as well as personal mementos. Typescripts of speeches delivered during speaking tours by Pershing generally honor of the veterans and casualties of the World War I. Financial and legal documents include check stubs, a life insurance policy benefiting Resco after Pershing's death, and the couple's 1946 marriage certificate.

*Arrangement note:*

Series 3. Memorabilia, speeches, and official documents, 1917-1949, is arranged in three subseries:

- Subseries 3.1. Memorabilia, circa 1917-1920
- Subseries 3.2. Speeches, 1920-1921

Subseries 3.3 Official documents, 1929-1949

Materials in these subseries are arranged chronologically.

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Subseries 3.1. Memorabilia, circa 1917-1920

Illustrated postcards, circa 1917-1920s	Box 3: Folder 11
Commemorative calendar and cards, circa 1918	Box 3: Folder 12
Inter-Allied Games material, 1919 June and July	Box 3: Folder 13
Personal visiting and greeting cards, circa 1920	Box 3: Folder 14

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Subseries 3.2. Speeches, 1920-1921

1920	Box 3: Folder 15
1921	Box 3: Folder 16

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Subseries 3.3. Official documents, 1929-1949

Financial documents, 1929-1949	Box 3: Folder 17
Marriage Certificate, 1946	Box 3: Folder 18

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Series 4. Clippings, circa 1918-1920s

*Scope and content note:*

This series contains clippings collected by Resco about General John J. Pershing and sent to Resco by Pershing himself. Some clippings have been annotated by the couple. The clippings series also includes pages from *La Vie Parisienne*, a risqué French magazine that Pershing warned American service men against purchasing during the war.

*Arrangement note:*

This series is arranged chronologically.

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Clippings, circa 1918-1920s	Box 3: Folders 19-22
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