



# **Guide to the John Dallas Langston Papers, 1842-1969 (bulk 1941-1946)**

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## Summary

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**Collection Title:**

John Dallas Langston papers, 1842-1969, bulk 1941-1946

**Creator:**

Langston, John Dallas, 1881-1963

**Abstract:**

U.S. Army colonel from North Carolina. Bound volumes, correspondence, scrapbooks, and clippings detailing Langston's activities as a Trinity College (later became Duke University) student, then later as a U.S. Army colonel in World War II, and assistant to General Lewis B. Hershey on the Selective Service Board. Langston also served on General E. H. Crowder's draft board in Washington, D.C. during World War I: Crowder was chiefly responsible for drafting of the Selective Service Act which was passed in May 1917, and as Provost Marshal General had responsibility for administering the program during the war. The bulk of the material covers the period 1941-1946. Other items provide evidence for Langston's support of Prohibition, and his role as opponent of Al Smith in the N.C. Democratic primary in 1928. Later additions to the collection document earlier Langston family history. They also contain Langston's poems, and correspondence with Professor Edwin Mims about them, a scrapbook of the Simmons-Bailey campaign for the U.S. Senate in 1930, and his correspondence with New York attorney Roscoe S. Conkling concerning Langston's opposition to compulsory military service during peacetime.

**Extent:**

13.2 Linear Feet  
9,900 Items

**Physical Location:**

For current information on the location of these materials, please consult the Library's online catalog.

**Language:**

English

**Language:**

Material in English

**Collection ID:**

RL.00797

**Permalink:**

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## **Background**

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### **Scope and Content**

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## **Administrative Information**

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## **Acquisition Information**

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## **Processing Information**

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## **Names and Subjects**

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- Draft -- United States -- History -- 20th century
- Prohibition -- United States -- History
- Simmons, Furnifold M. (Furnifold McLendel), 1854-1940
- Trinity College (Durham, N.C.) -- History
- Mims, Edwin, 1872-1959
- Hershey, Lewis Blaine, 1893-
- Langston family
- Crowder, E. H. (Enoch Herbert), 1859-1932
- Duke University -- History
- Bailey, Josiah William, 1873-1946
- Conkling, Roscoe S. (Roscoe Seely), 1884-1956

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## Collection Inventory

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### Papers, 1842-1969 (bulk 1941-1946)

**Physical Description:** 30 boxes

Memoranda to all officers, 1941-1946	Box 1
Memoranda to all division chiefs, 1941-1945	Box 1
Memoranda to all employees, 1941-1945	Box 1
Advice to all officers, telegrams, 1943-1944	Box 1
Flag memos to General Hershey, 1946	Box 1
Langston's Commonplace Book	Box 2
Langston's special miscellaneous files, 1942-1946	Box 2
Speeches, addresses and lectures delivered by Colonel Langston	Box 2
Reminiscences and biographical sketch	Box 3
Legal papers, 1842-1954	Box 3
Miscellany	Box 3
Newspaper clippings	Box 3
Pamphlets and printed material	Box 3
Pictures	Box 3
Correspondence, 1970	Box 4
Clippings, 1941-1946	Box 4
Map	Box 4
Clippings, 1966-1969	Box 5
Correspondence, 1903-1963	Box 6

Work or Fight	Box 7
Universal Military Training	Box 7
Universal Military Training Committee, final report on assignments of 1944 Aug. 2	Box 7
<del>Planning Council</del> organization and recommendation	Box 7
Scrapbook	Box 7
National headquarters organization	Box 7
Tables of organization from national headquarters and state headquarters	Box 7
Directors report, 1941-1945	Box 7
Addresses, lectures and speeches	Box 7
Policy determinations, 1943-1945	Box 8
Rescinded policy determinations, 1943-1945	Box 8
Officer personnel (active), 1941-1945	Box 8
Officer personnel, 1898-1944	Box 8
Personnel assigned to state headquarters, 1944-1945	Box 8
Selective Service clippings, general, 1944 Sept. 11-1945 Nov.	Box 9
Correspondence, personal, 1950-1954	Box 10
Important letters, 1918-1949	Box 10
Correspondence with Bruce Crave, 1928-1940	Box 10
Correspondence with David A. Lockmiller, re. Enoch H. Crowder biography, 1919-1955	Box 10
Monthly statistics, 1944-1945	Box 11
Statistics, personal, confidential, 1940-1943	Box 11

Miscellaneous statistics, 1941-1945	Box 11
Civilian public service camps, statistical report, 1941-1946	Box 11
Regulations	Box 12
Amended and rescinded regulations	Box 12
Important memoranda, 1940-1945	Box 13
Digest of significant memoranda, 1942-1944	Box 13
Administrative memoranda, 1941-1946	Box 14
Miscellaneous	Box 15
News digest, 1940	Box 16
News digest and editorial comments, 1944-1945	Box 16
Presidential appeals, organization	Box 17
Statistics on presidential appeals compiled by R and S	Box 17
Weekly status report for presidential appeals, 1941-1946	Box 17
Selective Service statistical report of presidential appeals, 1942-1945	Box 17
Monthly statistical analysis and number appeals decided by classification, 1941-1946	Box 17
Newspaper clippings, general, 1945 Nov.-1946 May	Box 18
Post war planning clippings, 1943 June-1945 Feb.	Box 18
Clippings and interesting data on General Hershey	Box 18
Local board memoranda, 1941-1946	Box 18

Selective Service presidential appeals, 1941-1945	Box 19
State director advice, memoranda to all state directors, 1942-1945	Box 20
State director advice, 1943-1946	Box 20
Miscellaneous memoranda to all state directors	Box 20
Rescinded state director advices, 1941-1945	Box 20
Correspondence, Personal,	Box 21
1905-1937, 1940 Aug.-1941 Aug.	Box 21
1940 Mar.-1950 Dec.	Box 22
Selective Service report in reply to complaints of National Committee on Conscientious Objectors organized by the American Civil Liberties Union	Box 23
Pertinent data pertaining to conscientious objectors and Jehovah's Witnesses	Box 23
Conscientious objectors, report on Civil Liberties' Union complaints	Box 23
Pertinent data pertaining to ministers of religion	Box 23
Legal opinions	Box 23
Legal opinion file, 1944-1945	Box 23
Studies in post war training	Box 23
Selective Service extension course, 1935	Box 23
Selective Service studies, 1935-1940	Box 23
Stayback File, 1943 Mar.-1946 May	Box 24
Selective Service clippings, general, 1943 Jan.-1944 Sept.	Box 25

Stayback File, 1935 Feb.-1943 Feb.	Box 26
Correspondence, personal, 1925-1954	Box 27
Printed material	Box 28-30

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### **Addition 1987**

**Physical Description:** 2 boxes

Volumes 1-7,	Box 1
Early Life	Box 1
World War I	Box 1
Lt. Gov. Race (1928)	Box 1
Prohibition	Box 1
World War II	Box 1
Volumes 8-13,	Box 2
World War II	Box 2
Miscellaneous	Box 2

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### **Manuscript Volume Series**

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### **Additional Materials**

Clipping, 1968	Box 31 > Folder In Small Collections:
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