

Henry Howard Houston, II Papers
1903-1918
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Summary Information

Repository	American Philosophical Society
Creator	Houston, Henry Howard, II, 1895-1918
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Abstract	<p>Henry Howard Houston II (1895-1918) was the son of a prominent Philadelphia family, the Houstons. He enjoyed a privileged upbringing, graduating from Chestnut Hill Academy in 1912 and from the University of Pennsylvania in 1916. Upon his graduation date, he enlisted in Battery C of the First Field Artillery, Pennsylvania National Guard, and was sent to the Texas and New Mexico borders in response to Pancho Villa's raids from Mexico. In January 1917, he volunteered with the American Field Ambulance Service in France during World War I, stationed near Verdun, where he was constantly under fire when performing his duty to pick up wounded soldiers from the trenches. Henry took a commission to serve with the French Army and enrolled in its transportation school. The French government awarded him the Croix de Guerre for gallantry under fire. When the U.S. entered the war, Henry resigned his commission in the French army and rejoined his Pennsylvania National Guard unit, the 53rd Field Artillery Brigade, 28th Division. He returned to the U.S., and received training as an aerial observer at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. It seems that, in early 1918, he returned a second time to France. In August 1918, German bombing squadrons attacked nightly, and Henry, then a lieutenant</p>

and personal aide to General Price, was killed south of Arcis-le-Ponsart while returning from an air field. He was 23. The bulk of this eight linear feet collection reflects Henry's personal life as a son, soldier, friend and lover, during the last three years of his life 1916 to 1918.

Background note

First Lieutenant Henry Howard Houston II, April 5, 1895-August 18, 1918. Born to Samuel Houston and Edith Atlee Corlies Houston in Chestnut Hill, Pennsylvania on April 5, 1895. His mother died days after his birth. Seven years later his father married Charlotte Harding Shephard Brown, who brought two children to the marriage. In 1910, Samuel and Charlotte welcomed the birth of their daughter, Eleanor.

'Hennie' as he was known, attended Chestnut Hill Academy and the University of Pennsylvania, graduating in 1916. He was a sailor and accomplished soccer player. He enlisted in Battery C of the First Field Artillery, Pennsylvania National Guard, the same day he graduated and was sent to the Texas and New Mexico borders in response to Pancho Villa's raids from Mexico. In January 1917, he volunteered for the American Field Ambulance Service in France. Stationed near Verdun, he was frequently under fire while performing picking up wounded soldiers. He took a commission to serve with the French army, and by invitation, enrolled in the French Army Transportation School. He was awarded the Croix de Guerre for gallantry under fire.

He resigned his commission when the United States entered the war and rejoined his Pennsylvania National Guard unit, the 53rd Field Artillery Brigade, 28th Division. He was trained as an aerial observer at Fort Sill, Oklahoma before returning to France. From France he wrote to his father in February 1918 about the School of Fire where he was receiving more training for aerial observation: "This is the branch of aviation for which all other branches exist. A fighting plane goes up merely to protect friendly observation planes and sink enemy craft. Artillery would be blind without aerial observation. By getting into this game I am not getting out of artillery but merely raising it to the 17th power. Don't worry, I won't get hurt."

Brigade Commander General William Price requested that the well-trained Lieutenant Houston serve on his staff as a personal aide. On August 18, 1918, Houston was killed south of Arcis-le-Ponsart while returning from an airfield. He had volunteered to go to the airfield for the purpose of establishing more thorough cooperation between the aerial observers and the heavy batteries of the 108th Field Artillery, whose fire they were then directing.

Henry Howard Houston, II is buried in the military cemetery in Suresnes, France. He was 23 years old when he was killed. In his honor, Henry's parents gave a stone building to the local American Legion and the building is named the Henry Howard Houston, 2nd Post.

Scope & content

The Henry Howard Houston, II Series (1895-1918, bulk 1910-1918) consists of material from throughout Houtson's life, including school report cards, early letters to his parents, and photographs from his childhood and college days. However, the majority of the the material is from his time in the ambulance service and the military, mainly correspondence, photographs and other material from his time in France during World War I.

This series is rich in materials related to World War I history and early 20th century history of one of Philadelphia's most prominent families at that time, the Houstons. Those studying the regimental history of the 28th Division (Pennsylvania National Guard, "Iron Division") during World War I will find this collection valuable. Of special note is the correspondence between Henry and his parents, Samuel Frederic Houston and Charlotte Harding Houston. Also, of significance, a letter from Major General W.G. Price to Henry is included, dated February 15, 1918. In the Graphics Subseries are photographs of Henry and his division but also photographs from his time at Fort Bliss in Texas.

The material is organized into eight subseries: Correspondence; Military Communication; Personal; Bound Volumes; Printed Materials; Graphics; Maps; and Realia. Most of the series are arranged alphabetically, except where the Arrangement Note indicates otherwise.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

American Philosophical Society

Related Materials

Related Material

Material about the life of Henry Houston, II, including condolence letters to his parents and information about the cemetery in which he is buried can be found in the Samuel Frederic Houston Papers, Series 18 of the Smith-Houston-Morris-Ogden Family Papers, Ms Coll 76.

Indexing Terms

Corporate Name(s)

- University of Pennsylvania

Personal Name(s)

- Houston, Charlotte
- Houston, Samuel Frederick, 1866-1952

Subject(s)

- Philadelphia. Citizens
- United States. Army--History--Punitive Expedition into Mexico, 1916
- United States. Army--History--World War, 1914-1918
- World War, 1914-1918 --Regimental histories --United States --28th (Iron) division
- World War, 1914-1918--France
- World War, 1914-1918--Regimental histories--United States

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Subseries A. Correspondence

Collection Inventory

Subseries A. Correspondence

1901, 1906, 1916-1918

The Correspondence sub-series consists mainly of Henry's correspondence with his parents, Samuel F. Houston and Charlotte Harding Houston, while Henry served in the armed forces. The second largest category of letters comes from letters to and from his friends. There are a few touching letters between Henry and his youngest half-sister, Eleanor Houston.

Arrangement note

These letters are generally arranged alphabetically by the last name of the sender. Under that sender's last name, the letters are arranged chronologically. Where the last name of the sender is unclear, the letter is arranged alphabetically by the sender's first name.

Allen, W. Letter to Henry Howard Houston II	1917 August 23	1.0 item
Andrews, D Letter to Henry Howard Houston II Letter from D. Andrews, Henry's friend, to Henry. Fraternity activities.	1918 January 6	1.0 item
Bandellini, F Letter to Henry Howard Houston II	1917 October 17	1.0 item
Bébé. Letter to Henry Howard Houston II Brief letter of amorous nature. Year uncertain, but most likely 1918.	1918 August 1	1.0 item
Coan, Ray Letter to Henry Howard Houston II Last name uncertain, could be "Coan" or "Coun."	1917 May 7	1.0 item
Cousin. Letter to Henry Howard Houston II Letter written in a child's handwriting. Initialed "HHW" at the end.	undated	1.0 item

Subseries A. Correspondence

Houston, Charlotte Letter to Henry Howard Houston II	1916 October 15	2.0 items
Houston, Charlotte Letters to Henry Howard Houston II	1918 April-August	5.0 items
Smith, Houston, Eleanor Letters to Henry Howard Houston II	1917 February 28, 1918 August 4	3.0 items
Houston, Henry Howard, II, 1895-1918 Letter to Mrs. Graham	1918 March 19	1.0 item
Houston, Henry Howard, II, 1895-1918 Letter to Charlotte Houston	1910 October 18	1.0 item
Houston, Henry Howard, II, 1895-1918 Letters to Charlotte Houston	1915 June-July	5.0 items
Houston, Henry Howard, II, 1895-1918 Letters to Charlotte Houston	1916 July-August	5.0 items
Houston, Henry Howard, II, 1895-1918 Letters to Charlotte Houston	1916 October-November	4.0 items
Houston, Henry Howard, II, 1895-1918 Letters to Charlotte Houston	1917 January-April	11.0 items
Houston, Henry Howard, II, 1895-1918 Letters to Charlotte Houston	1917 May-October, November	10.0 items
The year of the November letter is unknown, but most likely 1917.		
Houston, Henry Howard, II, 1895-1918 Letters to Charlotte Houston	1918 January-June	9.0 items
Houston, Henry Howard, II, 1895-1918 Letter to Charlotte Houston	undated	1.0 item
Houston, Henry Howard, II, 1895-1918	undated	1.0 item

Subseries A. Correspondence

Letters to Charlotte Houston		
Letters to Charlotte Houston	undated	1.0 item
Houston, Henry Howard, II, 1895-1918	1910 August 5, 1917 January	2.0 items
Letters to Eleanor Houston	16	
Houston, Henry Howard, II, 1895-1918	1903 July 19	1.0 item
Letter to Mrs. Henry Howard Houston, Grandmother		
Houston, Henry Howard, II, 1895-1918	1917 July, 1918 July	5.0 items
Letters to Eugénie Iselin		
Houston, Henry Howard, II, 1895-1918	1917 April 30	1.0 item
Letter to Harry Iselin		
Letter to Cousin.		
Houston, Henry Howard, II, 1895-1918	1918 June 8	1.0 item
Letter to Harry Iselin		
Letter to Samuel F. Houston	1915, July 11	1.0 item
Houston, Henry Howard, II, 1895-1918	1916 June-October	9.0 items
Letters to Samuel F. Houston		
Houston, Henry Howard, II, 1895-1918	1917 January-March	6.0 items
Letters to Samuel F. Houston		
Houston, Henry Howard, II, 1895-1918	1917 April-September	5.0 items
Letters to Samuel F. Houston		
Houston, Henry Howard, II, 1895-1918	1918 February-July	8.0 items
Letters to Samuel F. Houston		
Houston, Henry Howard, II, 1895-1918	1901 November 25	1.0 item
Letter to Santa Claus		
Houston, Henry Howard, II, 1895-1918	1916	1.0 item

Subseries A. Correspondence

Letter to unknown

Composed in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Houston, Henry Howard, II, 1895-1918	1917 August 13	1.0 item
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Telegram to unknown

Telegram sent from Paris, France.

Houston, Samuel Frederick, 1866-1952	1917 January-February	7.0 items
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Letters to Henry Howard Houston, II

Houston, Samuel Frederick, 1866-1952	1917 March-April	5.0 items
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Letters to Henry Howard Houston, II

Houston, Samuel Frederick, 1866-1952	1917 May-June	4.0 items
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Letters to Henry Howard Houston, II

Houston, Samuel Frederick, 1866-1952	1917 June-July	5.0 items
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Letters to Henry Howard Houston, II

Houston, Samuel Frederick, 1866-1952	1918 July-August	3.0 items
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Letters to Henry Howard Houston, II

Houston, Samuel Frederick, 1866-1952	unknown	1.0 item
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Letter to Henry Howard Houston, II

Letter fragment.

Iselin, Helene	1917 July 13	1.0 item
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Letter to Henry Howard Houston, II

Nance. Letter to Henry Howard Houston, II	1917 May 23	1.0 item
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Peg. Letter to Henry Howard Houston, II	1917 June 30	1.0 item
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Pilger, Richard	1913 June 9	1.0 item
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Letter to Henry Howard Houston, II

Other Descriptive Information

Subseries A. Correspondence

Receipt for speeding ticket

Price, Jr., W.G., Major General	1918 February 15	1.0 item
Letter to Henry Howard Houston, II		

Rex, Hilary	unknown	1.0 item
Letter to unknown		

Henry was most likely the recipient of this Christmas card, because this card came from the U.S. Flying Corps and Henry was part of aerial observation.

Thompson, Hank B.	1917 November 11	1.0 item
Letter to Henry Howard Houston, II		

Trotter, Betty	1918 July 29	1.0 item
Letter to Henry Howard Houston, II		

University of Pennsylvania	1916 February 15	1.0 item
Letter to Henry Howard Houston, II		

Whitaker, Samuel	1917 May 11	1.0 item
Letter to Henry Howard Houston, II		

Subseries B. Military Communications**Subseries B. Military Communications 1916-1918**

The Military Communications sub-series mainly consists of official letters and telegrams to Henry from the War Department of the United States and the French military. They detail orders which transfer Henry to a different division or location, or promote Henry to a new position.

Arrangement note

These documents are arranged alphabetically by the first letter of an organization's name. For example, "W" for "War Department," and "F" for "French Military."

7th Division	1917 September	1.0 item
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28th Division	1917 August- 1917 October, 1918 February-1918 April 10	11.0 items
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Correspondence from the Pennsylvania National Guard Division, 28th from multiple creators. Includes fitness report signed off by General W. G. Price.

Indexing Terms**Corporate Name(s)**

Pennsylvania. National Guard. Infantry Division, 28th.. -- Correspondence

53rd Artillery Brigade	1918 April 26-1918 July 10	3.0 items
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American Ambulance Hospital in Paris	undated	2.0 items
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Commonwealth of PA, Adjutant- General's Office	1917 July 3	1.0 item
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French Military Correspondence, 1914	1914	1.0 item
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French Military Correspondence, 1917 Folder 1 of 5	1917	4.0 items
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	1917	7.0 items
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Subseries B. Military Communications

French Military Correspondence, 1917 Folder 2 of 5		
French Military Correspondence, 1917 Folder 3 of 5	1917 February 16-1917 July 25	2.0 items
Davis, David J. French Military Correspondence, 1917 Folder 4 of 5	1917	4.0 items
French Military Correspondence, 1917 Folder 5 of 5	1917	5.0 items
French Military Correspondence, undated Folder 1 of 2	undated	4.0 items
French Military Correspondence, undated Folder 2 of 2	undated	3.0 items
Houston, Henry Howard II Travel Documents to France	1917, undated	8.0 items
Other Descriptive Information Tickets and Pass		
National Guard, Pennsylvania	1917 June 29	1.0 item
National Security League Certificate	1916 April 10	1.0 item
Ordnance Department, USA	1917 December 18	1.0 item
United States War Department Correspondence	1916 October 28, 1918 January 24, 1918 March 26, undated	7.0 items

Subseries C. Personal

Subseries C. Personal**1906-1912, 1916-1917**

The Personal sub-series consists of some of Henry's personal effects. These include his handwritten draft of a poem in iambic pentameter while he was in grade school, and its published form in the school newsletter. There are also his handwritten notes while he took lessons in artillery mechanics during his time in the service. In the back of this sub-series, there are folders labeled "Ephemera." These include invitations and programs to events in honor of the 28th Division, which Henry may likely have attended.

Arrangement note

This subseries is arranged alphabetically by the first letter of an organization's name. For example, "C" for "Chestnut Hill Academy," "U" for "University of Pennsylvania."

Battery "C", PA, Reception Program	1916	1.0 item
Chestnut Hill Academy. The Wissahickon (Publication)	1912	1.0 item
Houston, Henry Howard II. Chestnut Hill Academy Report Cards	1906-1912	1.0 box 12 Folders
Houston, Henry Howard II. Immunization Certification	1916 June 23	2.0 items
Houston, Henry Howard II. Invitation for a Ball	1917	1.0 item
Houston, Henry Howard II. Poem "The Race" Hand Written	undated	1.0 item
Houston, Henry Howard II. Receipt for Tailored Clothes	1917 January 31	1.0 item
Houston, Henry Howard II. School Papers	undated	4.0 folders
Other Descriptive Information		
School Papers of Dr. Robert Bridges, the Poetry of Hanefield, Lawrence Hope, Rudyard Kipling, Henry Newbert, Alfred Noyes, Robert Service, and Francis Thompson		
	undated	3.0 items

Subseries C. Personal

Houston, Henry Howard II. United States

Map

Colored with crayons

Menu in French of French Cuisine	[October] 1917	1.0 item
University of Pennsylvania. Soccer Team, 1915 (News Clipping)	1915 March	2.0 items
University of Pennsylvania Tickets and Brochures	1911-1917	12.0 items

Subseries D. Bound Volumes

Subseries D. Bound Volumes**1917-1918, and undated**

Arrangement note

The items in this sub-series are arranged alphabetically.

This sub-series of bound volumes contains a number of personal notebooks and journals. The bulk of the materials are notes and journals from his time in artillery school. There is also a type-written transcript of some of Henry's journal entries as well as an unused booklet of postcards from France.

Abbaye, N.- D. d'Igny Postcards	undated	1.0 folder
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Houston, Henry Howard Journal	(Bulk, 1914-1915) 1914-1916	1.0 item
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This black leatherbound journal contains Henry's concise journal entries. The majority of the entries are between 1914-1915; only a few a recorded in 1916.

Houston, Henry Howard Journal	1917	1.0 item
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This small red leatherbound journal contains lengthy entries by Henry during the time that he was stationed in France.

Houston, Henry Howard Poems	1914	1.0 item
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This large red leatherbound journal contains a few of Henry's poems written in his own hand. A poem on a looseleaf sheet of paper is folded within the journal. Three photographs of Henry's grave is also enclosed in the journal.

Houston, Henry Howard List of Card Recipients and Addresses		1.0 item
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In a small notebook, a list of card recipients and their addresses is recorded in Henry's own hand.

Houston, Henry Howard Artillery Class Notes	unknown	1.0 item
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This notebook contains copious notes on artillery machinery in Henry's own hand.

Houston, Henry Howard Artillery and Mechanical Class Notes in France	undated	1.0 item
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Subseries D. Bound Volumes

Houston, Henry Howard Field Gunnery Class Notes Fort Sill, Oklahoma	1917	1.0 item
Houston, Henry Howard Pocket Journal, Poetry Composition, and School Grades	undated	1.0 folder
Houston, Henry Howard Transcript of Journal	1917 March	1.0 item
Zeta Psi's Memorial Certificate in Honor of Henry Howard Houston, II	1918	1.0 item

This memorial certificate, issued by Zeta Psi, honors members of the Zeta Psi fraternity who gave their lives during World War I.

Subseries E. Printed Materials

Subseries E. Printed Materials	1911-1962	1.0 item
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Arrangement note

This sub-series is arranged into boxes determined by subject matter. For example: those materials pertaining to France or the western front of World War I are included in the box labeled "France" and materials pertaining to Henry Howard Houston II as a student at the University of Pennsylvania are included in the box labeled "University of Pennsylvania. The contents of each box are organized alphabetically.

This sub-series is a collection of printed materials covering a wide range of topics including information about the World War I and the Western Front, field artillery, the University of Pennsylvania, and newspaper clippings.

Subsubseries 1 - France	1915, 1917, 1919, 1920	
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This subsub-series of Printed Materials consists of published works relating to France and the western front of World War I.

Armistice Glade and Monument	unknown	1.0 item
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A small booklet about the monument for the armistice built in France.

La Bataille de Verdun: un Guide, un Panorama, une Histoire	1919	1.0 item
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Clermont-Ferrand, Michelin & co, c1919. Print.

Book detailing the Battle of Verdun. Book is in French. Contains dried and pressed flowers from Verdun.

Indexing Terms**Subject(s)**

Battlefields--France--Verdun

La Belgique et l'Allemagne	1915	1.0 item
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Subseries E. Printed Materials

Informational book about Belgians and Germans, in French. Contains a handkerchief.
Londres: Imprime par Harrison et Fils, 1915. Print.

Indexing Terms**Geographic Name(s)**

Belgium

Subject(s)

World War I -- Germany

Carnival for Wounded	1917 July 14	1.0 item
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Pamphlet detailing the events of a carnival/festival put on for the wounded. Pamphlet is in French.

American Field Service.	1920	1.0 item
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Extracts from the History of the
American field service in France,
"Friends of France," 1914-1917

Small booklet of extracts from the History of the American Field Service in France.
Boston and New York, Houghton Mifflin company, 1920.

Nelson Doubleday Complete War Map of 1918 Western Europe		1.0 item
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This is a printed, foldable pocket map of western Europe during World War I.

Rand McNally War Map of the French Front	unknown	1.0 item
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This is a published, folded pocket map of the French front during World War I. It shows the battle lines of 1914 and 1918.

Subseries E. Printed Materials

Rheims and the battle for its possession 1919 1.0 item

Published book detailing the battle of Rheims. Contains dried and pressed flowers from Rheims. Clermont-Ferrand, Michelin & co, c1920. Print.

Indexing Terms**Subject(s)**

Battlefields--France--Rheims

Subsubseries 2 - Miscellaneous 1911, 1914-1918

This subsub-series of Printed Materials consists of miscellaneous printed works either owned by or pertaining to Henry Howard Houston II. There are several religious texts (hymnals, prayer books, etc) along with a book he received as a gift, a newspaper, and two editions of a local Philadelphia newsletter.

Grenfell, Wilfred Thomason 1914 1.0 item

The Prize of Life

Small book that was given to Henry Howard Houston II by his Aunt Martha. Boston, New York [etc.] The Pilgrim press [c1914] Print.

In Honour: An Elegy by a Father 1915 1.0 item

Small booklet dedicated to a soldier who died at the battle of Ypres in 1915. Markings in the margins.

London: Constable and Company LTD., 1915. Print.

Newsletter - The Wissahickon 1912-1918 1.0 item

Two editions of "The Wissahickon" newsletter from April 1912 and November 1918.

Prayer Book and Hymnal 1911 March 12 1.0 item

Subseries E. Printed Materials

Small pocket sized prayer book and hymnal given to Henry Howard Houston II for his confirmation on March 12, 1911.

Prayer Book for Soldiers and Sailors	1917	1.0 item
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Prayer book given to Henry Howard Houston II by his sister Eleanor.
Philadelphia: Bishop White Prayer Book Society, 1917.

Prayer Book - Intercessions for the Church: War Edition	1914-1918	1.0 item
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Prayer book. Contains a small picture and prayer insert.

Prayer book	1917	1.0 item
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very small prayer pamphlet.

New York Times	1916 January 11	1.0 item
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This is a folded edition of the New York Times newspaper dated January 11, 1916.

Physical & technical details

This document is folded and fragile. It is flagged in the box and should be looked at by the Conservation Department.

Subsubseries 3 - US Military	1911, 1916, 1917, 1939, undated	
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This subsub-series of Printed Materials contains documents and texts pertaining to the United States military, specifically Henry Howard Houston II's unit, the 28th division of the 53rd Field Artillery Brigade.

United States. War Dept. General Orders No. 32	1916 July 28	1.0 item
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Pamphlet containing the War Department's general orders no. 32.

Instruction Pamphlet for Gunner's Examination in the Field Artillery, Service Schools Bulletin No. 6	undated	1.0 item
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Subseries E. Printed Materials

Brooklyn: Second Field Artillery, N.G.N.Y.

Official History of the Militia and the National Guard of the State of Pennsylvania	1939	1.0 item
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20th Anniversary Edition booklet special issue dedicated to Major General WM. G. Price, Jr and the 28th Division. Bookmark on page commemorating Henry Howard Houston II.
Compiled and Published by Colonel Charles J. Hendler. Philadelphia, PA. December 1939.

Price, William Gray. Activities and Citations of the 53rd Field Artillery Brigade 28th Division United States Army: World War, 1914-1918	1919	1.0 item
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Pamphlet describing the activities and citations of the 53rd Field Artillery Brigade.
Chester, PA: Press of Chester Times, 1919. Print.

The Service and its Insignia	1917	1.0 item
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Philadelphia: Bailey, Banks & Biddle Company. 1917.
A small pamphlet detailing the various signs, symbols, and insignia of the United States Armed Forces.

United States. War Dept. Drill regulations for Field Artillery	1911	1.0 item
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Henry Howard Houston II's copy of drill regulations for horse and light field artillery in the United States Army.
Washington, Govt. Print. Off., 1911.

Subsubseries 4 - University of Pennsylvania 1916-1918

This subsub-series of Printed Materials contains published works relating to the University of Pennsylvania and the Zeta Psi fraternity, of which Henry Howard Houston II was a member.

University of Pennsylvania 160th Commencement pamphlet	1916 June 21	1.0 item
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Subseries E. Printed Materials

Brochure for the 160th commencement ceremony.

University of Pennsylvania. General Alumni Society	June 1917 & November 1918	1.0 item
Alumni Register		

Two editions of the monthly alumni register published by the General Alumni Society.

University of Pennsylvania	1924 December 19	1.0 item
The Pennsylvania Gazette		

This edition of the PA Gazette has an article on page 252 about the Houston Cup given to the UPenn soccer team in memory of Henry Howard Houston II who was a member of the team while a student at the University of Pennsylvania.

Published by the University of Pennsylvania.

Fraternity House Photographs	unknown	1.0 item
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Interior and exterior photographs of the Zeta Psi fraternity house at the intersection of 33rd and Walnut streets in Philadelphia, PA.

Indexing Terms

Corporate Name(s)

Zeta Psi Fraternity. Sigma Chapter.

Zeta Psi Fraternity. Sigma Chapter.	1917 November 1	1.0 item
Sigma Zetes doing their bit		

Broadside from Sigma chapter of Zeta Psi fraternity at University of Pennsylvania with list of fraternity alumni in service during the war. Henry Howard Houston II is listed approximately 1/3 of the way down the right hand column.

Zeta Psi Fraternity. Sigma Chapter.	1918 November	1.0 item
The Circle of Zeta Psi		

Subseries E. Printed Materials

National newsletter for Zeta Psi fraternity. Article of Henry Howard Houston II and his death on pages 57-58.

Subsubseries 5 - Newspaper Clippings 1917-1936, 1962

This subsub-series of Printed Materials is comprised of newspaper clippings, many of which are related to Henry Howard Houston II's death, the anniversary of his death, or the role of artillery during World War I. Because these materials are oversize, they are located in an oversize box separate from the other Printed Materials.

From Sam Houston to Henry Howard Houston II	July 1918 and unknown	1.0 item
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One pouch contains newspaper clippings that were loosely mixed in with some correspondence between Sam and Henry Houston. All of them pertain to the war.

Sky Spies	September 28, 1962	1.0 item
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A brief newspaper article about artillery spotters in balloons during World War I.

Miscellaneous Newspapers	1918-1936	1.0 item
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Three large folders of newspapers, newsletters, and pamphlets spanning the years 1918 to 1936. Includes a large full page article about Henry Howard Houston II from the Germantown Independent Gazette Aug 18, 1921.

Subseries F. Graphics

Subseries F. Graphics**1914-1918, unknown**

The Graphics sub-series consists of large, mid-size, and small photographs. Most of these photographs capture Henry's surroundings during the time he served in the armed forces. Therefore, a large portion depict France during World War I, and some may depict his surroundings during his training period (Fort Sill, Oklahoma; the Texas-Mexico border). They show the everyday life of a World War I soldier and, from the stark images of bombed out buildings, the ravages of war itself.

Arrangement note

For each photo or group of photos, we made an educated estimate of the most prominent location or person depicted in the photo. We then arranged the photos alphabetically based on the first letter of that prominent noun. For example, "B" for "Bombed Building," "H" for "Henry Howard Houston, II," and "F" for "France." Where the location was unknown and there was no date, those photos were categorized under "U" for "Undated."

Arc de Triomphe, Print	1919
Aerial Photograph, French Regions	
Bombed Building, before and after	undated
Cathedrale de Reims, Print	undated
Cathedrale de St.-Jean - La Somme, France - Print	undated
Enumerated Description of Photographs	undated
It is unclear to which photographs this list corresponds. However, the photos would be from Henry's time in the armed service.	
France, small photographs	1916, undated
France, small photographs	1918, undated
France, mid and small-sized photographs	1917-1918, undated
French Battlescene Postcards, unsent	1914-1921, undated
French Battlefield Photos	1917-1918

Subseries F. Graphics

Houston, Henry Howard II and Ambulance 1917-1918
Trucks, Folder I

Houston, Henry Howard II and Ambulance 1917-1918
Trucks, Folder 2

Houston, Henry Howard II and Ambulance 1917-1918
Trucks, Folder 3

Houston, Henry Howard II and Ambulance 1917-1918
Trucks, Folder 4

Houston, Henry Howard II and Ambulance 1917-1918
Trucks, Folder 5

Houston, Henry Howard II and Ambulance 1917-1918
Trucks, Folder 6

Houston, Henry Howard II - Boat to France undated

Houston, Henry Howard II and Brother, undated
Childhood

Houston, Henry Howard II, Childhood unknown
Album

This large leather album chronicles Henry's childhood and teenage years with many photographs. It is oversized.

Arrangement note

Original order was preserved in this album.

Houston, Henry Howard II - Mexico undated

Houston, Henry Howard II - Military
Portraits, Oversize

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This oversize blue box contains a negative print press from which Henry's image was imprinted, two military portraits of Henry, a small leather album of Henry while he was in the service, and oversize photos of Henry in the army and at Penn.

Houston, Henry Howard II - Portrait Photographs	undated
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Houston, Henry Howard II - Postcards - Friends	undated
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Houston, Henry Howard II - S.S.U. #12 - Group Photo	1917 January
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Maison de Jeanne d'Arc - Domzeny - France, Print	undated
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Marais sur le front americain, Print	undated
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"Pour Madame Houston" Postcards	undated
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Small Photos and Accompanying Enumerated Descriptive List

The list in Henry's handwriting has numbers paired with descriptions that correspond to the numbers on the back of each photo.

Unknown Persons and Buildings	undated
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On the back of each photo are numbers that may correspond to the numbers and descriptions in the "Enumerated Description of Photographs" list.

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Subseries G. Maps

Subseries G. Maps**1914-1918**

Arrangement note

The Maps are not arranged in alphabetical order, but in accordance with the size of each map with a view to protect and preserve the material. A Rand McNally map of the western front battle lines of 1914 and 1918 is located in Subseries D - Bound Volumes, due to its smaller physical size.

These Maps are located in the Oversize section of the collection. The Maps sub-series consists of very large maps of western Europe, France, and specific French regions. A couple maps have Henry's name written on the back in pencil.

Maps of France - Oversized folder**1914-1918**

One oversized folder contains: -One small map of the area surrounding Ypres that shows the approximate lines of advance for the Battle of Ypres. Dated November 6, 1917 - April 29, 1918. -One large map of Reims and the surrounding area in great detail. -One large map of Meaux(?), France. "Meaux" is written in pencil on the back. -One large map of Soissons. "H H Houston" written in pencil on the back. -One large map of the Region Laon-Soissons. "H H Houston" written in pencil on the back.

Indexing Terms**Subject(s)**

Maps

World War I -- France

World War, 1914-1918

Subseries H. Realia

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The Realia sub-series consists of large to small cultural artifacts. Of significance are (a) ambulance armbands in white with a red cross which Henry, as an ambulance driver, may have worn; and (b) a "US Army" sewn lapel which Henry may have worn.

Arrangement note

The Realia were arranged with three goals in mind: (a) to keep artifacts which accompanied each other together; (b) to keep objects of like size together; and (c) to protect fragile items.

Realia Box 1 - Keys, Lock, Bullet, Metal

Pellet

-Three small metal keys -One large iron key -One small lock -One large bullet -One small metal pellet/ball

Realia Box 2 - Linen handkerchief and oil

painting on wood

-One small white linen handkerchief with blue letter "P" and red letters "A" and "F" embroidered on it. -An oil painting of a cemetery on a piece of wood.

Realia Box 3 - Flag and Handkerchief

-One large white linen handkerchief with "Henry Houston" embroidered on it. date 1899. -One large red linen flag with a white five point star sewn into the center.

Realia Box 4 - Decorative Asian

Handkerchief, Pocket Square Purse, Bowtie,
Ambulance Armband, Armband with
Numbers and Red Cord.

-One purse made of a fragile purple cloth with flags (USA, Romania, France, Japan, Belgium). -One decorative handkerchief with asian theme. -Armband with numbers "87" and a red cord. -Ambulance armband (red cross on white background) -Various striped, colored ribbons

Realia Box 5 - War Related Realia

Subseries H. Realia

- One large black leather wallet, with the yellow inscription "H. H. Houston, Philadelphia" inscribed
 - One thermometer encased in a blue box - Two shells welded together as a curiosity - A box which had contained Philadelphia soil. An inscription states that this soil had been placed on Henry's grave in Suresnes, France. - One small beaded ring which depicts the ambulance cross (white, with a red cross in the center).
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Realia Box 6 - Miscellaneous realia

- Two felt bicentennial armbands with years 1740 and 1940 -Ticket stub for transportation between El Paso and Tobin, Texas -Unknown container lid with condolences for Henry Howard Houston II's death -Henry Howard Houston II's money: 4x \$1 silver bank notes from 1899 and 1x 1904 gold \$5 coin. -A toy airplane made from a bullet -Dried Flowers removed from bottom of larger storage box that came with accession of manuscript collection. -One United States Army Badge -One cloth ambulance armband -One fabric cord -One pencil sharpened by Henry Howard Houston II
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