

# National Press Club Archives

## Finding Aid for the Henry Paul Stevens Greene Collection (1865-1947)

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### Summary Information

**Creator:** Henry Paul Stevens Greene  
**Title:** Henry Paul Stevens Greene Collection  
**Inclusive Dates:** 1865-1947  
**Extent:** 1 linear foot  
**Language:** All materials are in English  
**Repository:** National Press Club Archives  
**Accession Number:** N/A  
**Collection Number:** MSS 12

### Access and Use

**Acquisition Information:** The collection was found in a storeroom of the National Press Club.  
**Access Restrictions:** No information is available from the donor on access and use of the collection.  
**Copyright:** National Press Club

### History

Henry Paul Stevens was born in Boston, Massachusetts, on October 28, 1892. He was the son of Amy Bodwell Stevens and Henry Brooks Greene. His genealogical research indicated that the Bodwell and Stevens families were active in the American colonial and revolutionary periods.

He graduated from Methuen (MA) High School and wrote the "Prophecy" for the class of 1911.

Greene was a member of the 1916 class of Amherst College but left in January of that year to join an ambulance unit in the French army.

His stories and reminiscences suggest that he may have joined the elite French flying unit, the Lafayette Escadrille, and have transferred to the American Air Service.

In August 1919, he received the Diploma of Honor of the Aerial League of America for his services in the First World War.

Greene published fictional accounts World War I aviators, the “flying aces,” in magazines such as Aces and Wings in the 1920’s and 1930’s.

At a later period, while in residence at veteran’s hospitals in Tucson, Arizona, and Los Angeles, California, he wrote adventure tales of Mexico and the old West. By the 1940’s rejection slips had become common in his correspondence.

One long novelette, “A Child, an Old Woman, and a Cow,” is partially an autobiographical statement, detailing the experiences of ambulance drivers and aviators in the First World War and a character who undergoes treatment at a veteran’s hospital. It is also a fantasy which describes a decorated war hero and a successful aviation writer.

H.P.S. Greene was known by his colleagues at the National Press Club as the man who lived out of a suitcase. His manuscripts and personal papers were stored at the Club after his death.

No information on a death date is available.

## **Arrangement**

The materials have been arranged in three series: personal files, typescripts, and printed material. Within the typescripts and printed materials, the articles are arranged alphabetically by title.

## Collection Scope and Content Note

The H.P.S. collection (1865-1947) consists of two boxes of personal papers, transcripts, and printed articles, which document the efforts of a freelance writer to record his impressions of the First World War and publish them.

The collection was discovered in a cardboard suitcase in a storeroom of the National Press Club and appears to be the only remaining information on its creator. In the suitcase, Greene kept his correspondence and personal records, such as a genealogical survey, his "Prophecy" for his 1911 high school class, a college newspaper which mentions his World War I service, s diploma from the Aerial League of American, and his reminiscences. He also stored typescripts of his articles and novellas, and clipped copies of stories which had been published in the magazines Wings and Aces.

The articles consist largely of adventure stories of World War I: ambulance drivers and aviation aces. They appear to be drawn, in part, from the personal experiences of the author. The lack of his military record suggests, however, that they are embellished composites.

## Box List

<b>Box</b>	<b>Series</b>	<b>Folder</b>	
1	Personal Files	Correspondence, General 1935-1947	
1		Correspondence – Ryan School of Aeronautics of Arizona, 1942	
1		Genealogy	
1		Genealogy, Wheeling, WVA, 1865	
1		Methuen H.S. Prophecy 1911	
1		Newspaper: <u>The Amherst Student</u> 4/10/16	
1		Reminiscence – "The Biggest Scare"	
1		Reminiscence – day bomber in the Air Service	
1		Diploma of Honor	
1		Periodical: <u>The Writer</u> 10/1946	
1		Typescripts	"Air Race Assassins" 40 pp.
1			"Ambitions and Conscientious" 10 pp.
1			"The Beer Drinking Bear" 17 pp.
1	"Bombers Below" 37 pp.		

<b>Box</b>	<b>Series</b>	<b>Folder</b>
1		"Cannibal Aces" 36 pp.
1		"A Child, an Old Woman, and a Cow" 1 of 2 (coversheet - 180)
1		"A Child, an Old Woman, and a Cow" 2 of 2 (181-382)
1		"Cowgirl" 35 pp.
1		"Cowgirl of the Nineties" 26 pp. (incomplete)
1		"The Crabbed Colonel" 19 pp.
1		"Dangerous Pilot" 29 pp.
1		"Death in the Black Swamp" 63 pp.
1		"Drains" 8 pp.
1		"Fit to Command" 21 pp.
1		[Flying Lieutenant Tommy Lang] 22 pp.
1		"The Hero" (incomplete) 20 pp.
1		"Killings on the Line" 20 pp.
2		"Lazy" 12 pp.
2		"Lily of the Rubbers" 25 pp.
2		"The Loss of the Lazy L" 45 pp.
2		"A Lunatic at Large" 21 pp.
2		"Odds One to Three" 9 pp.
2		"Poor Mamie" 3 pp.
2		"Prologue" 10 pp.
2		"Reminiscences of Mrs. S.L. Sanborn, Cowgirl of the Nineties" 4 pp.
2		"The Revenge of Romescu" 15 pp.
2		"Rustler's Ruin" 23 pp. & 22 pp. (2 versions)
2		"The Second Battle of the Panama-Costa Rican War" 15 pp.
2		"The Secret Front" pp. 55-71
2		"Senior Redhead" 38 pp. (2 copies)
2		"Sky Highjack" 65 pp.
2		"Soviet Heroine" 4 pp.
2		"This Education" 6 pp.
2		"The Twelve Deaths of One Man" 171 pp.
2		"The Villerkopf Road" 21 pp.
2		Miscellaneous, incomplete
2	Printed Materials	A-G
2		"Bomb 'em or Bust" 1931
2		"Death Track" n.d.

<b>Box</b>	<b>Series</b>	<b>Folder</b>
2		"Flying Ferret" 1931
2		"Front and Back" 1931
2		"La Gloire" n.d.
2		H-N
2		"The Kiwi Crow" 1928
2		"Lucky Little Stiff" 1927
2		"Night Hawk" 1942 (in <u>Wings</u> )
2		O-R
2		"An Old Bird" 1929
2		"Peculiar Officers" 1929
2		"Red in the Sky" 1932
2		"The Reward of the Brave" 1928
2		S-Z
2		"Sky Class" n.d.
2		"Sky-High Treason" 1932
2		"Spy Drome" 1931
2		"Traitor's Nest" 1932