

# **Guide to the Alex Pisciotta Papers CMS.038**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Center for Migration Studies
<b>Creator</b>	Pisciotta, Alex, 1897-1985
<b>Title</b>	Alex Pisciotta Papers
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	1918-1981
<b>Extent</b>	26.0 Linear feet in 36 boxes.
<b>General Physical Description note</b>	in 36 manuscript boxes
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Abstract</b>	<p>Alex Pisciotta (1897-1985) was an Assistant United States Attorney, Secretary of Department of License, Director of Bureau of Weights and Measures, City Magistrate, US Army Company Commander, Judge Advocate in the US Army and Air Force, opinion writer and legal adviser of the Civil Aeronautics Board, Assistant Chief Attorney in the Veteran Administration, and mayor of Lake Grove, Long Island, and a soldier during World War I. His papers reflect his professional career and personal life and includes correspondence, photographs, election materials, court proceedings, clippings, military documents, organizational materials, and other documents.</p>

### Preferred Citation note

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## Biographical/Historical note

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Alex Pisciotta was born in the town of Melfi in Sicily, Italy on October 5, 1897. In 1901, he emigrated to America with his mother and two sisters and settled in an Italian neighborhood in the Bedford-Stuyvesant neighborhood of Brooklyn, New York. He enlisted in 1917 and served in France with the American Expeditionary Force until 1919 during World War I. Pisciotta received his law degree from Brooklyn Law School and admitted to the New York Bar in 1923. He married Mae McIntyre, and they had three children, two sons and a daughter.

Pisciotta served as Assistant U.S. Attorney, Eastern District of New York from 1926-1929. While serving in that capacity, he was in charge of the Civil Division prosecuting all cases involving the smuggling of contraband, a violation of the National Prohibition Act and the Federal Revenue Laws. In 1935, Pisciotta was appointed to the position of Secretary of the New York City Department of Licenses by Mayor Fiorello La Guardia. In 1937, he became Deputy Commissioner of Department of Public Markets, Weights, and Measures. He became director in 1938, Pisciotta was responsible for licensing and regulating coal, live poultry, and all industries using scales for enforcing all municipal, state, and federal laws dealing with consumer protection in the City of New York. Pisciotta endeavored to make the enforcement of weights and measures laws, as well as other laws pertaining to consumer protection, uniform throughout the country.

In 1942, after being appointed to position of New York City Magistrate, he was called to active duty in World War II. He served in the armed forces from 1943-1946 as Post Judge Advocate of Camp Upton, New York. He returned to the bench as City Magistrate until he was called to active duty during the Korean War in 1950. From 1951-1954, he was assigned to the Board of Review in the office of Judge Advocate General, U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Washington D.C., and from 1954-1957 served as Director of Civil Law, office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Headquarters Continental Air Command, Mitchell Air Force Base, New York. Pisciotta was a judge on the case the *United States v. Clarice B. Covert*.

In 1957, Pisciotta retired from the military and then served two years with the Civil Aeronautics Board in Washington D.C. as its Attorney Adviser and five years with the Veterans Administration in New York City as Assistant Chief Attorney, retiring from federal service in 1965.

Pisciotta was active in professional organizations and in civil affairs. He was an organizer of the American Legion in Kings County, New York, country commander of the Catholic War Veterans, and first national commander of Retreads. Following his retirement from professional life, Pisciotta lived in Lake Grove, Long Island, when he was elected first President of the Lake Grove Civic Association. He led a successful campaign to incorporate the Village of Lake Grove, and in 1968, became the town's first mayor. He was reelected several times until his final retirement in April 1981. Pisciotta died on January 24, 1985.

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## Scope and Contents note

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Alex Pisciotto served the people of New York City, the United States Armed Forces, and the Village of Lake Grove, Long Island, in various capacities during his distinguished career. Pisciotto retained many papers, letters, photographs, clippings, and other documents. His papers span the period from 1918-1981 and reflect his professional and political activities which include the following, Assistant United States Attorney, Secretary of Department of License, Director of the Bureau of Weights and Measures, City Magistrate, US Army Company Commander, Judge Advocate in the US Army and Air Force, opinion writer and legal adviser of the Civil Aeronautics Board, Assistant Chief Attorney in the Veteran Administration, and mayor of Lake Grove, Long Island. The papers also contain material pertaining to the emigration and naturalization of his parents, his education and law practice, his service in the United States Army during World War I, and his personal life.

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## Arrangement note

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This collection is arranged into 16 series:

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Series III: Secretary of the New York City Department of Licenses and Director of the New York City Department of Weights and Measures

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition note

Gift of the Pisciotta family.

### Processing Information note

In 2013, this collection was entered into the Archivists' Toolkit in compliance with DACS. Some photographs were scanned and described in AT in 2013.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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### Geographic Name(s)

- France |x History |y 1914-1940.
- Lake Grove (New York)
- New York (New York)

## Occupation(s)

- Judges |z New York (State)
- Lawyers |z New York (State) |z New York.

## Subject(s)

- Military life |z United States |y 1900-1920.
- World War, 1914-1918.

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## Other Finding Aids note

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The original inventory is available in print upon request.



## Series I: Biographical Material

## Collection Inventory

## Series I: Biographical Material 1897-1985

## Scope and Contents note

The Biographical Material Series concentrates on important events in the life of Alex Pisciotto and his family. Included in this Series are legal documents such as Pisciotto's parents' 1900s-era immigration and naturalization papers, Pisciotto's birth certificate, his educational records from elementary school through law school, certificates of admission to the bar, and his last will and testament. There are also documents that were important to Pisciotto personally, such as high school publications and the program from a 1974 testimonial dinner marking his fiftieth year of public service. An unusual feature, considering Pisciotto did not pursue an art career, is the number of drawings he did as a young man for his high school yearbook.

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#### Scope and Contents note

Contained in this Series are documents from Alex Pisciotto's time as Secretary of the New York City Department of Licenses as well as his time as Director of the New York City Department of Weights and Measures from 1936 to 1949. There are many letters of congratulations on both appointments as well as letters of appreciation from people Pisciotto had assisted during his time as well as a letter of commendation from Mayor La Guardia for his department's campaign against misleading advertising in 1949. During his time as Director of the Department of Weights and Measures, New York was faced with an influx of "bootleg coal" from abandoned mines in Pennsylvania; the Series contains the new rules and regulations that Pisciotto implemented for the entire industry. Of special interest are the transcript of Pisciotto's weekly radio broadcasts on WNYC from November 5, 1938 to April 15, 1939 that gave advice and general information for the protection of consumers at the time.

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Contained in this Series are documents pertaining Alex Pisciotto's time as Magistrate of the City of New York. It includes the booklet of the his induction ceremony in 1942 as well as multiple letters of congratulations on his appointment. It also includes two memorandums of law, a decision and the minutes of a case adjudged by Pisciotto. Further archives on the City Magistrate may be available at the Municipal Archives of the City of New York.

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**Scope and Contents note**

This series begins with Pisciotta's service during World War I and the letters Pisciotta wrote to his parents, siblings and fiancée. It contains Pisciotta's letters from France to his parents, during World War I, photographs, application and correspondence for the commission as a lieutenant with the US Army's officer, reserve corps, general orders, and official correspondence. Included are letters from civilians requesting favors from Pisciotta, as the commanding officer at Camp Upton, NY during World War II, and letters from soldiers who had served under his command. Finally, there are publications concerning the military and an album containing his photographs as a Lieutenant-Colonel, general orders, award of commendations, citations, and discharges.

Also included are files on the cases that Pisciotta presided over during his time as Judge Advocate. Folder 111 documents a rape case, Folder 114 documents a homosexuality case, Folders 103-107, 109, and 112-113 document cases of military misconduct including "reckless use of an airplane", Folders 108 and 110 document murder cases the most famous of which was U.S vs. Clarice Covert. It also includes Pisciotta's investigation in 1955 as to whether the Air Force had exclusive jurisdiction over the land at Beale Air Force Base, California.

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**Scope and Contents note**

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The materials from the year 1963-1981 document Pisciotta's role as President of the Lake Grove Civic Association, the incorporation of Lake Grove in 1969, and Mayor of Lake Grove from 1969 until his retirement in 1981. Included are the records dealing with the Lake Grove Civic Association, the Independent Party, under which Pisciotta ran his mayoral campaigns, and material pertaining to the politics, and administration of Lake Grove. also included are clippings from newspapers and fourteen albums of documents, photographs, and clippings documenting chronologically Pisciotta as Mayor of Lake Grove and news events of Lake Grove.

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all charges put against him. In 1946, by virtue of the provisions of the Military Law of the State of New York, Pisciotta filed a claim against the City of New York to pay differential due him. He felt that he was entitled to receive a difference in pay from the City of New York between his salary as a captain in the army on active duty and that of a City Magistrate. Included are correspondence and court documents. Also included are correspondence and documents related to his pensions with the City of New York and the Federal Government.

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**Series XIV: Photographs 1918-1980****Scope and Contents note**

This series contains many photographs including several photos of Pisciotta as a child and of his family, photos of Pisciotta at Boys High School; photos as a member of the American Legion; and portrait photos of Pisciotta alone and in groups as Director of Weights and Measures and as a Magistrate. There are four albums of photos with Pisciotta alone and in groups during World War I, as a reserve officer in the 1920s, during World War II, and the Korean War. There are photographs of the Lake Grove Civic Association and fourteen albums of photographs, clippings, and documents of Pisciotta as Mayor of Lake Grove. Finally, there is an album as a member of the Justinian Society, two album of photos during

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a trip to Europe, and another trip to the Caribbean Island, Japan and Taiwan, two albums of friends and relatives, and unidentified photographs.

### Existence and Location of Copies note

Selected images of Pisciotta as a soldier in World War I were digitized in 2013 by students from St. John's University. Additional photographs that are not described are available upon request.

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- World War, 1914-1918.

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- Howitzers |y 1910-1920
- Military life |z United States |y 1900-1920.
- World War, 1914-1918.

Pisciotto, Alex, 1897-1985 Photo 0002 Bulk, 1918 Bulk, 1918 1918 (Bulk, 1918)

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- Motorcycles |v Pictorial Works
- Motorcycles, Military
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**Controlled Access Headings**

**Subject(s)**

- Military personnel |x American |z France |y 1910-1920
- World War, 1914-1918 |x Military Life |x American |z France.
- World War, 1914-1918 |x Military personnel |x American |z France.
- World War, 1914-1918.

Pisciotta, Alex, 1897-1985 Photo 0004 Bulk, 1918 Bulk, 1918 1918 (Bulk, 1918)

**Controlled Access Headings**

**Subject(s)**

- Cannons |y 1910-1920.
- Howitzers |y 1910-1920
- Military Weapons |v Pictorial Works
- World War, 1914-1918 |x Military personnel |x American |z France.
- World War, 1914-1918.

Pisciotta, Alex, 1897-1985 Photo 0005 Bulk, 1918 Bulk, 1918 1918 (Bulk, 1918)

**Controlled Access Headings**

**Subject(s)**



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- Artillery (Weaponry) |y 1910-1920.
- Cannons |y 1910-1920.
- Howitzers |y 1910-1920
- Military Weapons |v Pictorial Works
- World War, 1914-1918.

Pisciotta, Alex, 1897-1985 Photo 0006 Bulk, 1918 Bulk, 1918 1918 (Bulk, 1918)

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- Buildings |z France
- Industrial buildings |y 1910-1920.
- World War, 1914-1918.

Pisciotta, Alex, 1897-1985 Photo 0007 Bulk, 1918 Bulk, 1918 1918 (Bulk, 1918)

**Controlled Access Headings****Subject(s)**

- Farmers |z France |v Pictorial Works.
- Farmers |z France |x Social life and customs |y 20th century |x Pictorial works.
- Farmers |z France |y 1910-1920
- World War, 1914-1918.

Pisciotta, Alex, 1897-1985 Photo 0008 Bulk, 1918 Bulk, 1918 1918 (Bulk, 1918)

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**Controlled Access Headings**

**Subject(s)**

- Children |z France |v Pictorial Works
- Children |z France |y 1910-1920.
- World War, 1914-1918 |x Social aspects |z France.
- World War, 1914-1918.

Pisciotta, Alex, 1897-1985 Photo 0009 Bulk, 1918 Bulk, 1918 1918 (Bulk, 1918)

**Controlled Access Headings**

**Subject(s)**

- Military personnel |x American |z France |y 1910-1920
- World War, 1914-1918 |x Military Life |x American |z France.
- World War, 1914-1918 |x Military personnel |x American |z France.
- World War, 1914-1918 |x Social aspects |z France.
- World War, 1914-1918.

Pisciotta, Alex, 1897-1985 Photo 0010 Bulk, 1918 Bulk, 1918 1918 (Bulk, 1918)

**Controlled Access Headings**

**Subject(s)**

- La Membrolle (France)
- World War, 1914-1918 |x Military Life |x American |z France.

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- World War, 1914-1918 |x Military personnel |x American |z France.
- World War, 1914-1918.

Pisciotta, Alex, 1897-1985 Photo 0011 Bulk, 1918 Bulk, 1918 1918 (Bulk, 1918)

**Controlled Access Headings****Subject(s)**

- Artillery (Troops) |x American.
- Artillery (Weaponry) |x American |y 1910-1920.
- Military personnel |x American |z France |y 1910-1920
- World War, 1914-1918 |x Military Life |x American |z France.
- World War, 1914-1918 |x Military personnel |x American |z France.
- World War, 1914-1918.

Pisciotta, Alex, 1897-1985 Photo 0012 Bulk, 1918 Bulk, 1918 1918 (Bulk, 1918)

**Controlled Access Headings****Subject(s)**

- Military personnel |x American |z France |y 1910-1920
- Military uniforms |z American |y 1910-1920.
- Uniforms |y 1910-1920.
- World War, 1914-1918 |x Military personnel |x American |z France.
- World War, 1914-1918.

Pisciotta, Alex, 1897-1985 Photo 0013 Bulk, 1918 Bulk, 1918 1918 (Bulk, 1918)

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**Controlled Access Headings**

**Subject(s)**

- Military personnel |x American |z France |y 1910-1920
- Military uniforms |z American |y 1910-1920.
- Military Weapons |v Pictorial Works
- Uniforms |y 1910-1920.
- World War, 1914-1918 |x Military personnel |x American |z France.
- World War, 1914-1918.

Pisciotta, Alex, 1897-1985 Photo 0014 Bulk, 1918 Bulk, 1918 1918 (Bulk, 1918)

**Controlled Access Headings**

**Subject(s)**

- Barracks |y 1910-1920.
- Soldier's Life
- Soldiers |x American |y 1910-1920.
- Soldiers |x American |z France |y 1910-1920.
- World War, 1914-1918.

Pisciotta, Alex, 1897-1985 Photo 0015 Bulk, 1918 Bulk, 1918 1918 (Bulk, 1918)

**Controlled Access Headings**

**Subject(s)**

**Series XIV: Photographs**

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- Military personnel |x American |z France |y 1910-1920
- Soldiers |x American |y 1910-1920.
- Soldiers |x American |z France |y 1910-1920.
- World War, 1914-1918 |x Military personnel |x American |z France.
- World War, 1914-1918.

Pisciotta, Alex, 1897-1985 Photo 0016 Bulk, 1918 Bulk, 1918 1918 (Bulk, 1918)

**Controlled Access Headings****Subject(s)**

- Horse artillery |y 1910-1920
- Horses |x Pictorial works.
- Horses |y 1900-1920.
- Horses |z France |y 1910-1920.
- War horses.
- World War, 1914-1918.

Pisciotta, Alex, 1897-1985 Photo 0017 Bulk, 1918 Bulk, 1918 1918 (Bulk, 1918)

**Controlled Access Headings****Subject(s)**

- Dogs |z France |y 1900-1920.
- Soldiers |x American |z France |y 1910-1920.
- World War, 1914-1918 |x Social aspects |z France.
- World War, 1914-1918.

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Pisciotta, Alex, 1897-1985 Photo 0018 Bulk, 1918 Bulk, 1918 1918 (Bulk, 1918)

**Controlled Access Headings****Subject(s)**

- Barracks |y 1910-1920.
- Military personnel |x American |z France |y 1910-1920
- Soldier's Life
- Soldiers |x American |y 1910-1920.
- Soldiers |x American |z France |y 1910-1920.
- World War, 1914-1918 |x Military personnel |x American |z France.
- World War, 1914-1918.

Pisciotta, Alex, 1897-1985 Photo 0019 Bulk, 1918 Bulk, 1918 1918 (Bulk, 1918)

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- French Church
- Military personnel |x American |z France |y 1910-1920
- Soldiers |x American |y 1910-1920.
- Soldiers |x American |z France |y 1910-1920.
- World War, 1914-1918 |x Military personnel |x American |z France.
- World War, 1914-1918 |x Social aspects |z France.
- World War, 1914-1918.

Pisciotta, Alex, 1897-1985 Photo 0020 Bulk, 1918 Bulk, 1918 1918 (Bulk, 1918)

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- Armored vehicles, Military |z France |v Pictorial works.
- Armored vehicles, Military.
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This series contains Pisciotto's Bachelor in Law from the Brooklyn Law School, a large photograph of the graduating class, and certificates of admission to Courts of Law. There are several unframed portraits and group photos during his years of active service in the US Armed Forces, certificates of appointments

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to different grades as an officer, and the certificate of retirement. Included are photos taken during a trip to Italy, photos taken during his service with New York City and several certificates and awards.

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