Collection Summary

Title: William McKinley Papers
Span Dates: circa 1847-1935
Bulk Dates: (bulk 1897-1901)
ID No.: MSS32268
Creator: McKinley, William, 1843-1901
Extent: 131,000 items ; 425 containers plus 3 oversize ; 56 linear feet ; 98 microfilm reels
Language: Collection material in English
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
Summary: United States president, representative, and army officer, and governor of Ohio. Correspondence, speeches, will, messages, scrapbooks, printed matter, and other papers pertaining primarily to McKinley's presidential administration.

Selected Search Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

People
Adee, Alvey A. (Alvey Augustus), 1842-1924--Correspondence.
Alger, R. A. (Russell Alexander), 1836-1907--Correspondence.
Brooke, John Rutter, 1838-1926--Correspondence.
Choate, Joseph Hodges, 1832-1917--Correspondence.
Cleveland, Grover, 1837-1908--Correspondence.
Corbin, Henry Clark, 1842-1909--Correspondence.
Cortelyou, George B. (George Bruce), 1862-1940--Correspondence.
Cullom, Shelby M. (Shelby Moore), 1829-1914--Correspondence.
Dawes, Charles Gates, 1865-1951--Correspondence.
Foraker, Joseph Benson, 1846-1917--Correspondence.
Fowler, John, 1858-1923--Correspondence.
Gage, Lyman J. (Lyman Judson), 1836-1927--Correspondence.
Garfield, James A. (James Abram), 1831-1881--Correspondence.
Gary, James Albert, 1833-1920--Correspondence.
Halstead, Murat, 1829-1908--Correspondence.
Hanna, Marcus Alonzo, 1837-1904--Correspondence.
Hay, John, 1838-1905--Correspondence.
Hayes, Rutherford B., 1822-1893--Correspondence.
Hobart, Garret A. (Garret Augustus), 1844-1899--Correspondence.
Knox, Philander C. (Philander Chase), 1853-1921--Correspondence.
Lodge, Henry Cabot, 1850-1924--Correspondence.
Long, John Davis, 1838-1915--Correspondence.
McKinley, William, 1843-1901--Assassination.
McKinley, William, 1843-1901.
Morgan, John Tyler, 1824-1907--Correspondence.
Payne, Henry C. (Henry Clay), 1843-1904--Correspondence.
Platt, Thomas Collier, 1833-1910--Correspondence.
Porter, John Addison, 1856-1900--Correspondence.
Roosevelt, Theodore, 1858-1919--Correspondence.
Root, Elihu, 1845-1937--Correspondence.
Sherman, John, 1823-1900--Correspondence.
Taft, William H. (William Howard), 1857-1930--Correspondence.
Wilson, James, 1835-1920--Correspondence.
Wood, Leonard, 1860-1927--Correspondence.
Young, John Russell, 1840-1899--Correspondence.

Subjects
Elections--United States--1896.
Elections--United States--1900.
Gold standard--United States.
McKinley tariff.
Progressivism (United States politics)
Spanish-American War, 1898.
Tariff--United States.

Places
United States--Economic policy.
United States--Foreign relations--1897-1901.
United States--Politics and government--1865-1933.
United States--Politics and government--1897-1901.
United States--Territorial expansion.

Occupations
Governors--Ohio.
Presidents--United States.
Representatives, U.S. Congress--Ohio.

Administrative Information

Provenance
The papers of William McKinley, United States president, representative, and army officer, and governor of Ohio, were given to the Library of Congress by George B. Cortelyou, Sr., and George B. Cortelyou, Jr., 1935-1967. Other material was received by gift, purchase, and transfer from others, 1902-2008.

Processing History
The collection was prepared for indexing and microfilming in 1963 and revised and expanded in 1981 and 1997. In 2009 the finding aid was expanded by including the description of the main collection from the published index. A small addition was incorporated and the finding aid revised in 2014. Also in 2014, an oversize volume, "Memorium of William McKinley," which had been omitted in previous finding aids, was added to the container list.

Additional Guides
The microfilm edition of these papers (not including additions) is indexed in the Index to the William McKinley Papers (Washington, D.C., 1963), prepared as part of the President's Papers Index Series. The index is available online in PDF and page view versions.

Transfers
Items have been transferred from the Manuscript Division to other custodial divisions of the Library. Maps have been transferred to the Geography and Map Division. Sheet music and a campaign song have been transferred to the Music Division. Pictorial material has been transferred to the Prints and Photographs Division. All transfers are identified in these divisions as part of the McKinley Papers.

Copyright Status
The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of William McKinley is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).
Access and Restrictions

The papers of William McKinley are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Microfilm

A microfilm edition of part of these papers is available on ninety-eight reels. Consult reference staff in the Manuscript Division concerning availability for purchase or interlibrary loan. To promote preservation of the originals, researchers are required to consult the microfilm edition as available.

Online Content


Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

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History of the Collection

"Generally speaking, President McKinley did not write letters on important government matters. When occasion arose, members of Congress or others interested were asked to call at The White House, where the matter would be discussed." This was the comment of George B. Cortelyou in a letter written on October 21, 1935, to J. Franklin Jameson, Chief of the Manuscript Division of the Library of Congress, a few weeks after the McKinley Papers were sent to the Library. [1] Cortelyou, as a young man, had been stenographer to President Grover Cleveland; he became McKinley's assistant secretary in March 1897 and a year later his secretary. Upon the President's death, Cortelyou found himself in charge of the files in the White House. McKinley's will, dated October 22, 1897, was devoted entirely to provisions for the welfare of Mrs. McKinley and the President's mother and sisters [2] and contained no directive to the executors on the disposition of the President's papers. Cortelyou served as an executor of McKinley's estate with William R. Day, who was an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, a long-time friend of McKinley, and Cortelyou's senior by a number of years; but Cortelyou took the responsibility for most matters relating to the McKinleys' literary remains.

Cortelyou was devoted to the memory of the martyred President and intended to write a biography of McKinley, but a busy and distinguished career left no time for this task. Cortelyou served in three cabinet posts under President Theodore Roosevelt and as chairman of the Republican National Committee before becoming president of a large business firm in New York, in which capacity he served from 1909 until 1935. Early in those years the McKinley Papers were placed at the disposal of Charles S. Olcott, author of the official biography, The Life of William McKinley, which was published in two volumes in 1916. While Olcott conducted his research and for nearly 20 years thereafter, the papers remained in Cortelyou's possession.

For a generation the Library of Congress corresponded with Mr. Cortelyou about the McKinley Papers. In March 1905 Worthington C. Ford, then Chief of the Manuscript Division, first wrote to Mr. Cortelyou about the papers. In reply, Cortelyou declared his intention to present the papers to the Library but deferred action. [3] Other officers of the Library communicated with Mr. Cortelyou from time to time until the year 1935 when he retired and sent the papers to the library.

The papers were then organized and the more important manuscripts were bound in a series of 86 volumes. Some years later, the press copies of outgoing letters were rebound into 99 volumes and the remaining manuscripts were also prepared for service to the public. Mr. Cortelyou controlled access to the papers until his death in 1940, after which his son, George B. Cortelyou, Jr., continued to exercise such control until 1954. For a time during the second World War, the papers were evacuated for safety. [4] In 1960-62 the papers were re-examined, microfilmed, and indexed. The microfilm reproduction on 98 reels became available in 1963 at the time this index was published. The number of manuscripts is 105,832.

Besides the records created during the years when McKinley was Governor of Ohio, which are now in the custody of the Ohio Historical Society at Columbus, no other large group of McKinley manuscripts is known to exist. A small but important collection pertaining to McKinley's early years is housed at the Western Reserve Historical Society in Cleveland, and the Rutherford B. Hayes Library in Fremont, Ohio, has seven volumes of White House telegraphers' diaries. The Starke County (Ohio) Historical Society is assembling material relating to McKinley's early years from local newspapers, unpublished county records (especially those for the years during which McKinley served as County Attorney), and other local sources. The National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections, now being published by the Library of Congress (Volume 1, 1962), may eventually reveal the whereabouts of other McKinley manuscripts.

The description of the McKinley Papers and the reel list indicate that very few documents dated before 1896 are available in the Library's collection. A few records relating to McKinley's Civil War service survive, but almost nothing exists for the period of his law practice in Canton, Ohio, or for his service as a Member of Congress from Ohio, 1877-91. [5] His Civil War diary is now in the possession of the Ohio Historical Society. [6] The above-mentioned official files for the period of governorship, 1892-96, consist of three volumes of press copies and about four and a half cubic feet of incoming correspondence. [7]

The paucity of McKinley Papers is explained in part by his personality and his habits. He excelled in private conference and personal interview but avoided letterwriting whenever possible, and when letters had to be written he wrote them with great caution and circumspection. His official biographer explained that "... as a rule, McKinley did not commit to paper his plans and purposes, nor his inmost thoughts and aspirations. He much preferred a meeting, face to face, and a confidential talk." [8] As a Member of Congress in the late nineteenth century, he had neither office space nor a secretary. His
Washington office was no more than an extra room adjoining a small suite at the Ebbitt House. Only in his last term, while writing the tariff bill, did he have the regular services of a stenographer. It may be that McKinley, like many Members of Congress of this period, discarded at the close of a term of Congress most of the files accumulated in the preceding two years, for there is no evidence of any deliberate destruction of any of McKinley's papers after his death.

Note: Grateful acknowledgement is made to Miss Margaret Leech, author of In the Days of McKinley (New York, 1959), and to Dr. H. Wayne Morgan of the University of Texas, whose biography of McKinley is scheduled for early publication, each of whom read and commented on a draft of this essay.

1. Manuscript Division files.
2. Photostat in John B. Murphy Collection of Presidential Wills, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress.
3. Draft dated March 22 and reply of March 25, 1905, Manuscript Division files.
4. The McKinley Papers were evacuated from the Library of Congress late in 1941 to the University of Virginia in Charlottesville. Three years later, when the war danger was past, the papers were returned to Washington. A statement concerning the evacuation appears in the Annual Report of the Librarian of Congress for . . . 1945, p. 59.
5. A break occurred in McKinley's Congressional service in 1884 in a disputed election.
7. Kenneth W. Duckett to David C. Mearns, June 1, 1962, Manuscript Division files.
8. Olcott, op. cit., I, xi-xii.

Scope and Content Note for Additions to the Collection

Additions to the papers of William McKinley are comprised of material received by the Library after the original portion of the collection was prepared for description and microfilming in 1965. Organized as Series 17 of the collection, the additions are arranged according to the year they were processed. None of the material in Series 17 is microfilmed or included in the published index.

The 1981 Addition includes items dating from 1872 to 1935, most of which is correspondence. The correspondence is organized as family and general correspondence with an additional file concerning the donation of McKinley's papers to the Library of Congress. Although most of the correspondence is from McKinley, communications from his contemporaries are also included. Correspondents in the general file include James G. Blaine, Julius C. Burrows, William E. Chandler, Henry Clark Corbin, William R. Day, William Wade Dudley, Joseph Benson Foraker, Charles Foster, Frederick Theodore Frelighuysen, James A. Garfield, Charles Henry Grosvenor, Marcus Alonzo Hanna, Rutherford B. Hayes, George Hoadly, Robert Todd Lincoln, Henry Cabot Lodge (1850-1924), Levi P. Morton, William McKinley Osborne, James A. Saxton, and John Sherman. The printed material relates to McKinley's political career. Also included is a photocopy of McKinley's last will and testament, 1897.

The 1997 Addition contains a presidential pardon dated 1900 and signed by McKinley commuting the prison sentence of William H. White. The 2014 Addition consists of an 1897 letter by McKinley written to Marcus Alonzo Hanna.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged in eighteen series:

- Series 1, General Correspondence and Related Items, 1847-1902
- Series 2, Letterpress Copybooks, 1894-1901
- Series 3, Additional Correspondence and Related Items, 1867-1901
- Series 4, Speeches, 1878-1901
- Series 5, Messages, 1897-1900
• Series 6, Record of Letters Received, 1897-1901
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• Series 9, Photographs, 1901
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• Series 11, Miscellaneous Manuscripts, 1897-1901
• Series 12, Scrapbooks, 1897-1901
• Series 13, Newspaper Clippings, 1898-1901
• Series 14, Printed Matter, 1883-1902
• Series 15, Bound Volumes and Books
• Series 16, Duplicates, 1897-1901
• Series 17, Additions, 1869-1935
• Oversize, 1891-1901
Description of Series

**Container**  
**Series**  
**REEL 1-16**  
**Series 1, General Correspondence and Related Items, 1847-1902**  
Letters received and a few related documents.  
Arranged chronologically. Within each day, arrangement of all incoming and outgoing correspondence is alphabetical by sender with one exception—copies of all manuscripts signed by McKinley appear at the beginning of each day.

**REEL 16-57**  
**Series 2, Letterpress Copybooks, 1894-1901**  
Letterpress copybooks containing copies of outgoing correspondence; few letters before the presidency are found. Almost all of these letters are signed by secretaries John A. Porter and George B. Cortelyou.  
Arranged chronologically with few exceptions. A list of dates in the volumes follows this general statement. All pages within each volume are numbered; there is an alphabetical list of entries at the beginning of each volume.

**REEL 57-81**  
**Series 3, Additional Correspondence and Related Items, 1867-1901**  
Correspondence and related material not included in Series 1. Prominent topics concern McKinley's trips, White House social functions, political patronage not of national significance, military patronage, letters of introduction, financial and business matters, deaths and funeral announcements, White House business, and various requests.  
Arranged chronologically.

**REEL 81-85**  
**Series 4, Speeches, 1878-1901**  
Speeches by McKinley, including press releases, reading copies, printed speeches and galley proofs, annotated typed drafts, handwritten drafts, shorthand notes dictated by McKinley, and background memoranda. Included are copies of speeches delivered by officials who introduced McKinley and speeches by cabinet members who accompanied the president on his speaking tours.  
Arranged chronologically. Where more than one speech was made within a day, arrangement is by order of delivery. Miscellaneous undated speeches are arranged alphabetically by author at the end of the series.

**REEL 85-87**  
**Series 5, Messages, 1897-1900**  
McKinley's messages to Congress and presidential proclamations, including some final printed copies, press releases, typed copies, galley proofs, drafts, shorthand notes, memoranda, and background data.  
Arranged chronologically with the final copy appearing first.

**REEL 87-90**  
**Series 6, Record of Letters Received, 1897-1901**  
List of letters received at the White House and forwarded to other departments of the government. Each entry has a short subject description and the name of the department to which the original letter was sent.  
Entries listed alphabetically within each volume; under each letter of the alphabet, the correspondents are listed in chronological order according to date received.

**REEL 90-92**  
**Series 7, Shorthand Notebooks and Notes, 1898-1901**  
Shorthand notebooks and loose shorthand notes of dictation taken by secretaries John A. Porter and George B. Cortelyou. Most of the notes cover periods when McKinley was on a speaking tour.
Arranged in chronological order.

**REEL 92**

**Series 8, Guest List for Receptions at the White House, 1901**

The official White House guest list includes several separate lists of names and addresses.
Organized in the following categories: cabinet, diplomatic corps, Supreme Court, courtesy list, those invited to all receptions, newspaper correspondents, Congress, President and Mrs. McKinley's personal list, military officers, clergymen, society list, and miscellaneous.

**REEL 92**

**Series 9, Photographs, 1901**

Transferred to Prints and Photographs Division in 1981:
- Photographic portrait of McKinley (a raised photograph, framed), 1901
- Photographs of the McKinley administration (bound volume including photographs of McKinley, Theodore Roosevelt, the cabinet, and the United States Senate), 1901

**REEL 92**

**Series 10, Assassination Records, 1901**

Includes a scrapbook containing the tickertape reports of the attending physicians on McKinley's medical progress from the time he was shot until he died on September 14, 1901; a pocket memoranda book of Pressley M. Rixey, surgeon general, covering the period from September, 1900 to July, 1901, when he attended President and Mrs. McKinley; and a volume of letters, memoranda, and speeches by prominent men (1936-1943) most of which were printed in Charles U. Gordon (compiler), *William McKinley Commemorative Tributes* (1942).

**REEL 92-93**

**Series 11, Miscellaneous Manuscripts, 1897-1901**

Undated memoranda arranged alphabetically by subjects; poetry arranged alphabetically by author; undated Presidential Office Staff letter résumés arranged alphabetically by correspondent concerned; a few legal briefs and court decisions, arranged chronologically; check stubs arranged chronologically; two pocket notebooks; and a banner of the state of Ohio. Also included are annotated calling cards arranged alphabetically; envelopes arranged alphabetically by writer; and several miscellaneous membership certificates.

**REEL 94-98**

**Series 12, Scrapbooks, 1897-1901**

Bound scrapbooks of newspaper clippings. The first nine volumes are classified "Current Comment" and consist of newspaper editorials. Following these are two volumes entitled "Social and Personal," two volumes labeled "Personal," two volumes labeled "Social World," one volume covering "At the White House," two volumes on McKinley's inaugural addresses, then volumes covering foreign affairs, one volume of speeches and comments of William Jennings Bryan during the 1900 campaign, and two volumes of clippings covering miscellaneous affairs.
Volumes arranged under subject headings and therein chronologically.

**BOX 13:1-13:4**

**Series 13, Newspaper Clippings, 1898-1901**

Loose miscellaneous clippings not included in the scrapbooks.
Unorganized.

**BOX 14:1-14:11**

**Series 14, Printed Matter, 1883-1902**

Primarily printed addresses, campaign material, government documents, reports of government agencies, resolutions and bills by Congress, pamphlets covering foreign relations, and travel information.
**Series 15, Bound Volumes and Books, 1880-1901**
Books, bound volumes, and a bound scrapbook concerning assassination and funeral of McKinley. Not filmed.

**Series 16, Duplicates, 1897-1901**
Duplicates and carbon copies of letters, speeches, and messages of McKinley.

**Series 17, Additions, 1869-1935**
Family and general correspondence, printed material, photocopy of McKinley's will, and a presidential pardon.
Organized according to the year each addition was processed, and thereunder alphabetically by type of document.

**Oversize, 1891-1901**
Scrapbook, petition, and printed material.
Arranged and described according to the series, container, and folder from which the items were removed.
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Arranged chronologically. Where more than one speech was made within a day, arrangement is by order of delivery. Miscellaneous undated speeches are arranged alphabetically by author at the end of the series.

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List of letters received at the White House and forwarded to other departments of the government. Each entry has a short subject description and the name of the department to which the original letter was sent.

Entries listed alphabetically within each volume; under each letter of the alphabet, the correspondents are listed in chronological order according to date received.

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Arranged in chronological order.

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The official White House guest list includes several separate lists of names and addresses.

Organized in the following categories: cabinet, diplomatic corps, Supreme Court, courtesy list, those invited to all receptions, newspaper correspondents, Congress, President and Mrs. McKinley's personal list, military officers, clergymen, society list, and miscellaneous.

| REEL 92   | Guest list, 1901 |
| REEL 92   | Series 9, Photographs, 1901 |

Transferred to Prints and Photographs Division in 1981:

- Photographic portrait of McKinley (a raised photograph, framed), 1901
- Photographs of the McKinley administration (bound volume including photographs of McKinley, Theodore Roosevelt, the cabinet, and the United States Senate), 1901

| REEL 92   | Series 10, Assassination Records, 1901 |

Includes a scrapbook containing the tickertape reports of the attending physicians on McKinley's medical progress from the time he was shot until he died on September 14, 1901; a pocket memoranda book of Pressley M. Rixey, surgeon general, covering the period from September, 1900 to July, 1901, when he attended President and Mrs. McKinley; and a volume of letters, memoranda, and speeches by prominent men (1936-1943) most of which were printed in Charles U. Gordon (compiler), *William McKinley Commemorative Tributes* (1942).

| REEL 92-93| Series 11, Miscellaneous Manuscripts, 1897-1901 |

Undated memoranda arranged alphabetically by subjects; poetry arranged alphabetically by author; undated Presidential Office Staff letter résumés arranged alphabetically by correspondent concerned; a few legal briefs and court decisions, arranged chronologically; check stubs arranged chronologically; two pocket notebooks; and a banner of the state of Ohio. Also included are annotated calling cards arranged alphabetically; envelopes arranged alphabetically by writer; and several miscellaneous membership certificates.

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Bound scrapbooks of newspaper clippings. The first nine volumes are classified "Current Comment" and consist of newspaper editorials. Following these are two volumes entitled
"Social and Personal," two volumes labeled "Personal," two volumes labeled "Social World," one volume covering "At the White House," two volumes on McKinley's inaugural addresses, then volumes covering foreign affairs, one volume of speeches and comments of William Jennings Bryan during the 1900 campaign, and two volumes of clippings covering miscellaneous affairs.

Volumes arranged under subject headings and therein chronologically.

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Act for Increasing the Efficiency of the Army of the United States, and for Other Purposes, undated
Act Making Appropriation for the Support of the Regular and Volunteer Army for the Fiscal Year Ending, 1900, June 30
Act Temporarily to Provide Revenues and a Civil Government for Porto Rico, and for Other Purposes, 1900, Apr. 12
Act to Amend the Laws Relating to American Seamen for the Protection of Such Seamen, and to Promote Commerce, undated
Act to Encourage the Holding of a Pan-American Exposition on the Niagara Frontier, within the County of Erie or Niagara, in the State of New York, in the Year of 1901
Act of Provide for Celebrating the One Hundredth Anniversary of the Purchase of the Louisiana Territory by the United States, 1901
Act to Provide for Temporarily Increasing the Military Establishment of the United States in Time of War, and for Other Purposes, undated
Act to Regulate and Improve the Civil Service of the United States, 1883, Jan. 16
 Addresses
Atlanta, Ga., 1900, May 30
“All Act to Provide Revenue for the Government and to Encourage the Industries of the United States,” by John A. Kasson, 1897, July 24
“Bimetallism,” by Joseph C. Sibley, 1893, Aug. 18
Carnegie Library, 1897, Nov. 3
Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 1899, Oct. 16
Centennial of the Admission of the State of Tennessee into the Union, by J. M. Dickinson, June 1, 1891
Commercial Club, Boston, Mass., 1899, Feb. 17
Dedication of the Grant Monument, New York, N.Y., 1897, Apr. 27
Ecumenical Conference, by McKinley, undated
Exercises in Honor of the Return from Manila of the Tenth Pennsylvania Regiment, U. S. Volunteers, 1899, Aug. 28
General Court, Boston, Mass., 1899, Feb. 17
Home Market Club Banquet, 1897, Mar. 1
Laboring Men, by James H. Eckels, 1900, Oct. 5
National Opening of the Philadelphia Museums, Philadelphia, Pa., by McKinley, 1897, June 2
Officers and Students of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa., 1898, Feb. 22
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Ohio Chickamauga National Park Commission, 1896
Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio, by Rutherford B. Hayes, 1893, June 20
Omaha, Nebr., on the Trans-Mississippi Exposition, 1899
Opening of Republican Campaign in Ohio, by Stewart L. Woodford, 1896, Aug. 15
Philippines, 1899, Aug. 28
Protection and Bimetallism, by Thomas H. Carter, 1896, Feb. 26
Tennessee Centennial Exposition, by McKinley, 1897, June 11
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Workingmen of Chicago, Ill., by John G. Carlisle, 1896, Apr. 15
“Agricultural Prosperity Is Here,” 1900, Mar. 17
Albany Law School, Albany, N.Y., 1901, Apr. 4
“The American Commercial Invasion of Europe,” by Frank A. Vandership, 1902
“American Expansion as an Historical Evolution,” 1899, Sept. 6
American Flag Association, 1900
American Flag Day, 1896
“The American Who Belittles Expansion,” Extracts from Remarks of H. R. Gibson, 1900, Feb. 9

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Bryan on the Tariff; Extracts from His Speeches in the House of Representatives, 1892, Mar.-1894, Jan.
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Constitution of the Marquette Club, Chicago, Ill., 1899
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Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company Policy-Holders, undated
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“Cuban Belligerency,” undated
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