

**Nicholas Longworth Papers**  
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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Nicholas Longworth Papers

**Span Dates:** 1782-1931

**Bulk Dates:** (bulk 1915-1930)

**ID No.:** MSS55129

**Creator:** Longworth, Nicholas, 1869-1931

**Extent:** 1,800 items

**Extent:** 4 containers plus 2 oversize

**Extent:** 2.4 linear feet

**Language:** Collection material in English

**Location:** Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

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**Summary:** Lawyer, congressman, and speaker of the United States House of Representatives. Correspondence, speeches, newspaper clippings, scrapbooks, and memorabilia consisting chiefly of speeches made during Longworth's service in the House of Representatives. Includes a series of letters to Theodore Roosevelt concerning the nomination of an African American to be surveyor of customs for the Port of Cincinnati; a group of letters by Longworth's grandfather, Nicholas Longworth (1782-1863); and an album of letters of speakers of the United States House of Representatives.

## Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

### People

Longworth, N. (Nicholas), 1782-1863--Correspondence.

Longworth, Nicholas, 1869-1931.

Roosevelt, Theodore, 1858-1919--Correspondence.

### Organizations

Harvard University--Students.

United States. Congress. House.

United States. Congress. House. Office of the Speaker of the House--Correspondence.

### Subjects

African Americans--Ohio--Cincinnati.

Universities and colleges--Massachusetts.

### Places

United States--Politics and government--1901-1953.

### Occupations

Lawyers.

Representatives, U.S. Congress--Ohio.

## Provenance

The papers of Nicholas Longworth, lawyer, congressman, and speaker of the United States House of Representatives, were given to the Library of Congress by Katherine F. Deitz in 1964 and by his granddaughter, Joanna Sturm, in 1975.

## Processing History

The papers of Nicholas Longworth were arranged and described in 1978 and 1979. The finding aid was revised in 2005.

## Transfers

Items have been transferred from the Manuscript Division to other custodial divisions of the Library. Photographs have been transferred to the Prints and Photographs Division. Sheet music has been transferred to the Music Division. All transfers are identified in these divisions as part of the Nicholas Longworth Papers.

## Related Material

Other material relating to Nicholas Longworth is in the Manuscript Division's collection of the papers of his wife, Alice Roosevelt Longworth .

## Copyright Status

Copyright in the unpublished writings of Nicholas Longworth in these papers and in other collections of papers in the custody of the Library of Congress has been dedicated to the public.

## Access and Restrictions

The papers of Nicholas Longworth 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.

## Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Nicholas Longworth Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## Biographical Note

Date	Event
1869, Nov. 5	Born, Cincinnati, Ohio
1891	Graduated, Harvard College, Cambridge, Mass.
1894	Graduated, Cincinnati Law School, Cincinnati, Ohio
1891	Elected to the Cincinnati Board of Education, Cincinnati, Ohio
1899-1901	Member, Ohio state house of representatives
1901-1903	Member, Ohio state senate
1903-1913	Represented 1st District of Ohio in the United States Congress
1906	Married Alice Lee Roosevelt
1915-1931	Represented 1st District of Ohio in the United States Congress
1923-1925	Republican Party floor leader, United States House of Representatives
1925-1932	Speaker, United States House of Representatives
1931, Apr. 9	Died, Aiken, S.C.

## Scope and Content Note

The papers of Nicholas Longworth (1869-1931) span the period 1782-1931. Most of Longworth's papers were destroyed during the closing of his home, Rookwood, in Cincinnati following his death. What remains consists of miscellaneous [correspondence](#), newspaper clippings relating to political campaigns, scrapbooks from his student years at Harvard College, souvenir memorial books, and [speeches](#) .

A series of letters from various individuals written in 1907 to President Theodore Roosevelt concerns nomination of an African American to be surveyor of customs of the port of Cincinnati. Letters written by Longworth's grandfather, Nicholas Longworth (1782-1863), are dated 1823, 1824, and 1860.

## Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged in four series:

- [Correspondence, 1823-1928](#)
- [Speeches and Writings, 1889-1930](#)
- [Miscellany, 1782-1931](#)
- [Oversize, 1782-1920](#)

## Description of Series

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BOX 1	<p><b><u>Correspondence, 1823-1928</u></b></p> <p>Letters sent and received and letters to Theodore Roosevelt from others. Arranged by category and chronologically therein.</p>
BOX 1-2	<p><b><u>Speeches and Writings, 1889-1930</u></b></p> <p>Holograph and typed speeches and a copy of Silas Jackson's Wrongs by Longworth (1869-1931). Arranged chronologically.</p>
BOX 3-4	<p><b><u>Miscellany, 1782-1931</u></b></p> <p>Biographical papers, campaign material, elementary school notebook, college scrapbooks, memorial steamship log, and a volume of letters of speakers of the United States House of Representatives. Arranged alphabetically by subject.</p>
BOX OV 1-OV 2	<p><b><u>Oversize, 1782-1920</u></b></p> <p>Memorial steamship log and volume of letters of speakers of the United States House of Representatives. Arranged and described according to the series, containers, and folders from which the items were removed.</p>

# Container List

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BOX 1	<b>Correspondence, 1823-1928</b> Letters sent and received and letters to Theodore Roosevelt from others. Arranged by category and chronologically therein.
BOX 1	Longworth, Nicholas (1782-1863), 1823-1824, 1860 Longworth, Nicholas (1869-1931), 1902-1906, 1923-1924, 1928, undated Roosevelt, Theodore (1858-1919), letters concerning appointment of surveyor of customs, Port of Cincinnati, 1907
BOX 1-2	<b>Speeches and Writings, 1889-1930</b> Holograph and typed speeches and a copy of Silas Jackson's Wrongs by Longworth (1869-1931). Arranged chronologically.
BOX 1	Book, <i>Silas Jackson's Wrongs</i> (1889) Speeches Chronological file 1906-1923 (7 folders)
BOX 2	1924-1930, undated (8 folders) <i>Extracts from the Congressional Record; Remarks by Nicholas Longworth, 1904-1911</i>
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BOX 3	Biographical material and articles about Longworth, 1925-1931, undated Campaign material, 1918, 1928 Fiftieth wedding anniversary memorial of Nicholas and Susan Longworth, 1857 Log of the Steam Yacht C.O., St. Francis and Mississippi rivers, 1885, Oct. 10-Dec. 11 <a href="#"><i>See</i></a> <a href="#"><i>Oversize</i></a> Newspaper clippings, 1924 Notebook, elementary school, undated Printed matter, 1924-1925 (2 folders)
BOX 4	Album, letters of speakers of the United States House of Representatives, 1782-1920 <a href="#"><i>See</i></a> <a href="#"><i>Oversize</i></a>

## Miscellany, 1782-1931

<b>Container</b>	<b>Contents</b>
	Scrapbooks, circa 1887-1891 (2 vols.)
<b>BOX OV 1-OV 2</b>	<b>Oversize, 1782-1920</b> Memorial steamship log and volume of letters of speakers of the United States House of Representatives. Arranged and described according to the series, containers, and folders from which the items were removed.
<b>BOX OV 1</b>	Miscellany Log of the Steam Yacht C.O., St. Francis and Mississippi rivers, 1885, Oct. 20- Dec. 11 (Container 3)
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