Collection Summary
Title: Mabel Thorp Boardman Papers
Span Dates: 1853-1945
Bulk Dates: (bulk 1894-1929)
ID No.: MSS13086
Creator: Boardman, Mabel Thorp, 1860-1946
Extent: 4,000 items
Extent: 13 containers
Extent: 5.2 linear feet
Language: Collection material in English
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
LC Catalog record: https://lccn.loc.gov/mm78013086
Summary: American Red Cross official. Correspondence, diaries, genealogical material, letterbooks, newspaper clippings, printed items, and other material relating to Boardman's career in the American Red Cross and as a commissioner of the District of Columbia.

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
Boardman, Mabel Thorp, 1860-1946.
Taft, William H. (William Howard), 1857-1930--Correspondence.

Organizations
American Association of the Red Cross.
American National Red Cross.
District of Columbia. Commissioner.

Places
United States--Foreign relations--20th century.
United States--Politics and government--20th century.

Occupations
Administrators.
Businesswomen.

Provenance
The papers of Mabel Thorp Boardman, American National Red Cross leader, were given to the Library of Congress by Florence Keep and Josephine B. Crane in 1947 and by the American National Red Cross in 1954.

Processing History
The papers of Mabel Thorp Boardman were processed in 1947 and reprocessed in 1954. A finding aid was aid was prepared in 1986. The collection and finding aid were revised in 2004.

Copyright Status
The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Mabel Thorp Boardman is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).
Access and Restrictions
The papers of Mabel Thorp Boardman 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, Mabel Thorp Boardman Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

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<tr>
<td>1861, Oct. 12</td>
<td>Born, Cleveland, Ohio</td>
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<tr>
<td>1901</td>
<td>Member, governing body American Red Cross</td>
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<td>1903-1904</td>
<td>Disagreement with Clara Barton resulted in Barton’s resignation from the American Red Cross</td>
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<td>1905</td>
<td>Head, American Red Cross, after reorganization</td>
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<td>Wrote, with John W. Foster, new charter for American Red Cross</td>
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<td>1915</td>
<td>Published <em>Under the Red Cross Flag at Home and Abroad</em>. Philadelphia, J. B.Lippincott</td>
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<td>1920</td>
<td>Appointed a commissioner, District of Columbia</td>
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<td>1921-1944</td>
<td>National secretary, American Red Cross</td>
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<td>1922-1939</td>
<td>Director, Office of Volunteer Service (United States)</td>
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<td>1944</td>
<td>Retired from American Red Cross</td>
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<td>1946, Mar. 17</td>
<td>Died, Washington D.C.</td>
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Scope and Content Note
The papers of Mabel T. Boardman span the years 1853-1945, with the bulk of the material dated 1894-1929. The collection consists of correspondence, diaries, genealogical material, letterbooks, miscellaneous drafts, newspaper clippings, printed matter, and other material relating to Boardman’s personal life, her work with the American National Red Cross, as a commissioner for the District of Columbia, and in relation to the presidential administrations from William McKinley to Franklin D. Roosevelt. The collection is arranged in three series: Diaries, Correspondence, and Miscellany. Correspondents include William Howard Taft.

Arrangement of the Papers
This collection is arranged in three series:

- Diaries, 1882-1902
- Correspondence, 1853-1945
- Miscellany, 1855-1944
### Description of Series

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arrowed chronologically. |
| BOX 1     | Diaries, 1882-1902  
(18 vols.) |
| BOX 1-11  | **Correspondence, 1853-1945**  
Family and general correspondence and letterbooks.  
Arranged chronologically. |
| BOX 1     | Family correspondence  
1853, 1871-1888  
(2 folders) |
| BOX 2     | 1890, 1930, 1941-1945  
(2 folders) |
| BOX 2     | General correspondence  
1877, 1894-1896  
(3 folders) |
| BOX 3     | 1897-1904  
(8 folders) |
| BOX 4     | 1905-1909  
(5 folders) |
| BOX 5     | 1910-1911  
(6 folders) |
| BOX 6     | 1912-1914  
(5 folders) |
| BOX 7     | 1914-1915  
(4 folders) |
| BOX 8     | 1915-1920  
(8 folders) |
| BOX 9     | 1920  
(6 folders) |
| BOX 10    | 1921-1937  
(18 folders) |
| BOX 11    | 1938-1945  
(8 folders) |
|           | "A-W" miscellaneous, undated  
(13 folders) |
|           | Unidentified, undated |
Letterbooks, 1879-1888  
(2 vols.)

**BOX 12-13**  
**Miscellany, 1855-1944**  
Commonplace book, drafts, genealogical material, newspaper clippings, printed matter, and a school notebook.  
Arranged alphabetically by type of material and therein chronologically.

**BOX 12**  
Commonplace book of poetry, 1878-1882, undated  
Drafts of letters, addresses, and notes, 1895, 1902, 1920, undated  
(2 folders)  
Genealogy and family notes, 1894-1905, 1920, undated  
(2 folders)  
Newspaper clippings  
1882, 1893

**BOX 13**  
1912-1921, 1938, undated  
(4 folders)  
Photographs, 1922, undated  
Printed matter, 1855, 1891-1894, 1913-1930, 1938, 1944, undated  
(3 folders)  
Sketch books; landscapes, interiors, and people, 1884-1887, undated  
School notebook, 1876-1877