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Collection Summary

Title: Benjamin Clarke Marsh Papers

Span Dates: 1910-1950

ID No.: MSS31443

Creator: Marsh, Benjamin Clarke, 1877-1952

Extent: 1,500 items

Extent: 5 containers

Extent: 2 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

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

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Summary: Lobbyist and reformer. Correspondence, articles, extracts, legislative documents, memoranda, minutes, press releases, reports, speeches, pamphlets, scrapbooks, and clippings, mostly relating to activities of the People's Lobby, Inc., which Marsh served as executive secretary for many years.

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

Couzens, James, 1872-1936--Correspondence.

Dewey, John, 1859-1952--Correspondence.

Ickes, Harold L. (Harold LeClair), 1874-1952--Correspondence.

Marsh, Benjamin Clarke, 1877-1952.

Wallace, Henry Cantwell, 1866-1924--Correspondence.

Organizations

People's Lobby.

Subjects

Agriculture.

Cartels.

Commerce.

Conservation of natural resources.

Disarmament.

Housing.

Railroads.

Reconstruction (1914-1939)

Reconstruction (1939-1951)

Taxation.

Unemployment.

Occupations

Lobbyists.

Reformers.

Provenance

The papers of Benjamin Clarke Marsh, lobbyist and reformer, were given to the Library of Congress by his son, Michael Marsh, in 1954.

Additional Guides

The papers of Benjamin Clarke Marsh were described in the *Library of Congress Information Bulletin*, vol. 13, no. 39 (Sept. 27, 1955), p. 2.

Copyright Status

Copyright in the unpublished writings of Benjamin Clarke Marsh in these papers and in other collections of papers in the custody of the Library of Congress has been dedicated to the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 Benjamin Clarke Mars 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, Benjamin Clarke Marsh Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Benjamin Clarke Marsh (1877-1952) span the years 1910-1950 and consist of correspondence, articles, extracts, legislative documents, memoranda, minutes, press releases, reports, speeches, pamphlets, scrapbooks, and clippings, mostly relating to activities of the People's Lobby, Inc., which Marsh served as executive secretary for many years. The People's Lobby corresponded, testified, and published comments on a number of legislative issues, including agriculture, railroad management, unemployment, taxation, conservation, housing, disarmament, trade, cartels, and postwar planning. Correspondents include long time president of the lobby, John Dewey, as well as James Couzens, Harold L. Ickes, and Henry C. Wallace.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material.

Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1	Correspondence
BOX 1	1913-1947 (9 folders)
BOX 2	1948-1950, undated (6 folders)
BOX 2	Minutes
BOX 2	Board of directors, 1931-1950
BOX 2	Executive committee, 1932-1936
BOX 3	Stockholders and directors, 1931-1950 (3 folders)
BOX 3	Miscellany, 1914-1917
BOX 3	<i>People's Lobby Bulletin</i>
BOX 3	Index, 1931-1949
BOX 3	1931-1938 (8 folders)
BOX 4	1939-1950 (10 folders)
BOX 4	Printed matter
BOX 4	1916-1918, 1930-1946 (3 folders)
BOX 4	1947-1950, undated (5 folders)
BOX 4	Scrapbooks, 1910-1926 (3 folders)
BOX 4	Speeches and writings, 1913, undated (2 folders)