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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
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Extent: 2 linear feet
Language: Collection material in English
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
LC Catalog record: https://lccn.loc.gov/mm78031443
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


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Copyright in the unpublished writings of Benjamin Clarke Marsh in these papers and in other collections of papers in the custody of the Library of Congress has been dedicated to the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.
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