

Horace H. Lurton Papers
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Collection Summary

Title: Horace H. Lurton Papers

Span Dates: 1860-1934

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1893-1915)

ID No.: MSS30791

Creator: Lurton, Horace H. (Horace Harmon), 1844-1914

Extent: 250 items

Extent: 1 containers

Extent: .4 linear feet

Extent: 1 microfilm reel

Language: Collection material in English

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

LC Catalog record: <https://lcn.loc.gov/mm78030791>

Summary: Associate justice of the United States Supreme Court. Correspondence and telegrams, some written while Lurton was attending the University of Chicago (1857-1886) and while he was a prisoner in Camp Chase, Ohio, and at Johnson Island Prison during the Civil War.

Online Content: The papers of Horace H. Lurton are available on the Library of Congress Web site at <http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.mss/collmss.ms000097>.

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

Allen, A. W. B.--Correspondence.

Day, William R. (William Rufus), 1849-1923--Correspondence.

Harlan, John Marshall, 1833-1911--Correspondence.

Lamar, Joseph Rucker, 1857-1916--Correspondence.

Lurton, Horace H. (Horace Harmon), 1844-1914.

Reid, Whitelaw, 1837-1912--Correspondence.

Roosevelt, Theodore, 1858-1919--Correspondence.

Root, Elihu, 1845-1937--Correspondence.

Taft, William H. (William Howard), 1857-1930--Correspondence.

White, Edward Douglass, 1845-1921--Correspondence.

Organizations

Bridgeford & Co.

Johnson Island Prison.

United States. Supreme Court.

University of Chicago (1857-1886)

Subjects

Universities and colleges--Illinois--Chicago.

Places

Camp Chase (Ohio)

Illinois--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Prisoners and prisons.

Ohio--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Prisoners and prisons.

United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.

Titles

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Occupations

Judges.
Justices, State.
Justices, U.S. Supreme Court.

Provenance

The papers of Horace H. Lurton, associate justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, were given to the Library of Congress by Horace H. Lurton III in 1957.

Processing History

The papers of Horace Harmon Lurton were arranged and described in 1966. The collection was reprocessed in 2007. The finding aid was revised in 2014.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Horace H. Lurton is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Horace H. Lurton 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 these papers is available on one reel. 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.

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Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container or reel number, Horace H. Lurton Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

Date	Event
1844	Born, Newport, Ky.
1862-1865	Served in Confederate Army, Tennessee infantry
1867	LL.B., Cumberland University
1867-1886	Practiced law, Clarksville, Tenn.

1886-1893	Justice, supreme court of Tennessee
1893	Chief justice, supreme court of Tennessee
1893-1909	United States circuit judge
1905-1909	Dean, law department, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn.
1909-1914	Associate justice, United States Supreme Court
1914	Died, Atlantic City, N.J.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Horace Harmon Lurton (1844-1914) span the years 1860-1934, with the bulk of the material dating from 1893 to 1915. Correspondence for the period 1860-1867 includes letters by Lurton written while he was attending school at the first University of Chicago (in operation, 1857-1886) and as a Confederate prisoner of war in Ohio. Most are to A. W. B. Allen of Louisville, Kentucky. There are no papers for the period 1867-1893. The remainder of the papers consists primarily of letters and telegrams received, the draft of an address, and a small amount of printed matter. The correspondence centers on legal and political subjects. Among the correspondents are William R. Day, John Marshall Harlan, Joseph Rucker Lamar, Whitelaw Reid, Theodore Roosevelt (1858-1919), Elihu Root, William H. Taft, and Edward Douglass White.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material.

Container List

Available on microfilm. Shelf no. 20,754

Container	Contents
BOX 1 REEL 1	Correspondence
BOX 1 REEL 1	Alphabetical, 1875-1914, undated
BOX 1 REEL 1	A-J Digital content available
BOX 1 REEL 1	K-N Digital content available
BOX 1 REEL 1	P-W Digital content available
BOX 1 REEL 1	Chronological
BOX 1 REEL 1	1860-1863 Digital content available
BOX 1 REEL 1	1864-1867, undated Digital content available
BOX 1 REEL 1	Telegrams received, 1893-1910 Digital content available
BOX 1 REEL 1	Printed matter
BOX 1 REEL 1	1888-1911 Digital content available
BOX 1 REEL 1	1914-1915, 1934, undated Digital content available