

**George Sutherland Papers**  
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## Collection Summary

**Title:** George Sutherland Papers

**Span Dates:** 1850-1944

**Bulk Dates:** (bulk 1902-1938)

**ID No.:** MSS42002

**Creator:** Sutherland, George, 1862-1942

**Extent:** 4,500 items

**Extent:** 11 containers

**Extent:** 4.4 linear feet

**Language:** Collection material in English

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

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**Summary:** Lawyer, United States senator from Utah, and associate justice of the Supreme Court. Correspondence, diaries, speeches, biographical material, newspaper clippings, memoranda, legal briefs, and printed Supreme Court opinions by Sutherland.

## 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

Borah, William Edgar, 1865-1940--Correspondence.  
Brandeis, Louis Dembitz, 1856-1941--Correspondence.  
Connally, Tom, 1877-1963--Correspondence.  
Glass, Carter, 1858-1946--Correspondence.  
Harding, Warren G. (Warren Gamaliel), 1865-1923--Correspondence.  
Hughes, Charles Evans, 1862-1948--Correspondence.  
Lodge, Henry Cabot, 1850-1924--Correspondence.  
Roosevelt, Theodore, 1858-1919--Correspondence.  
Root, Elihu, 1845-1937--Correspondence.  
Sutherland, George, 1862-1942.  
Taft, William H. (William Howard), 1857-1930--Correspondence.  
Williams, John Sharp, 1854-1932--Correspondence.

### Organizations

American Bar Association.  
United States. Congress. Senate. Committee on the Judiciary.  
United States. Supreme Court.

### Subjects

Constitutional law--United States.  
Elections--United States--1920.  
Judges--Selection and appointment--United States.  
Law--United States.

### Places

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

### Occupations

Judges.  
Justices, U.S. Supreme Court.  
Lawyers.  
Senators, U.S. Congress--Utah.

## Provenance

The papers of George Sutherland, lawyer, U. S. senator from Utah, and associate justice of the Supreme Court, were given to the Library of Congress by Mrs. Walter A. Bloedorn in 1959. Additional material was given by William Lyle Stamps in 1998.

## Processing History

The papers of George Sutherland were processed in 1959 and the finding aid revised in 2007. The collection was reprocessed in 2008.

## Copyright Status

Copyright in the unpublished writings of George Sutherland 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 George Sutherland 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, George Sutherland Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## Biographical Note

Date	Event
1862, Mar. 25	Born, Buckinghamshire, England
1863	Immigrated to the United States
1883	Graduated, University of Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor, Mich. Admitted to Utah bar
1896-1900	Senator, Utah state senate
1901-1903	United States congressman from Utah
1905-1917	United States senator from Utah
1916-1917	President, American Bar Association
1921-1922	United States consul, the Hague
1922-1938	Associate justice, United States Supreme Court
1942, July 18	Died, Stockbridge, Mass

## Scope and Content Note

The papers of George Sutherland (1862-1942) span the years 1850-1944, with the bulk of the material concentrated between 1902 and 1938. Correspondence, diaries, legal files, notes and memoranda, scrapbooks, speeches, and printed matter document Sutherland's career as a United States congressman and senator, and as an associate justice on the United States Supreme Court. The correspondence relates to subjects such as the presidential campaign of 1920, Sutherland's affiliation with the American Bar Association, Utah politics, his appointment to the bench in 1922, the Supreme Court packing plan controversy of 1937, and issues relating to the Senate Committee on the Judiciary. Correspondents include

William Edgar Borah, Louis Dembitz Brandeis, Tom Connally, Carter Glass, Warren G. Harding, Charles Evans Hughes, Henry Cabot Lodge, Theodore Roosevelt, Elihu Root, William H. Taft, and John Sharp Williams.

## **Arrangement of the Papers**

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material.

## Container List

<b>Container</b>	<b>Contents</b>
BOX 1	Diaries, 1882-1890 (2 folders)
BOX 1	General correspondence
BOX 1	1902-1915 (5 folders)
BOX 2	1916-1920 (5 folders)
BOX 2	1921
BOX 2	Jan.-Mar.
BOX 3	Apr.-Dec.
BOX 3	1922 (6 folders)
BOX 4	1923-1938 (8 folders)
BOX 5	1941 (2 folders)
BOX 5	Legal file
BOX 5	District and circuit courts of Utah, 1888-1901 (2 folders)
BOX 6	Supreme Court of Utah, 1887-1893
BOX 7	U. S. Supreme Court opinions by Sutherland
BOX 7	1922-1934 (2 folders)
BOX 8	1935-1937
BOX 9	Miscellany
BOX 9	Biographical material, 1850-1944
BOX 9	Newspaper clippings, 1906-1938 (2 folders)
BOX 9	Notes and memoranda, 1905, 1921-1922, 1928 (2 folders)
BOX 9	Printed matter, 1904-1938 (2 folders)
BOX 10	Speeches, articles, remarks and related material, 1899-1941 (4 folders)
BOX 11	Scrapbooks, 1902-1917 (2 vols.)