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Collection Summary
Title: Perry S. Heath Papers
Span Dates: 1890-1983
Bulk Dates: (bulk 1896-1927)
ID No.: MSS82156
Creator: Heath, Perry S. (Perry Sanford), 1857-1927
Extent: 300 items
Extent: 2 containers
Extent: 0.6 linear feet
Language: Collection material in English
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
LC Catalog record: https://lccn.loc.gov/mm93082156
Summary: Newspaperman, political writer, Republican National Committee secretary and party emissary. Correspondence, journal notes, printed matter, memorabilia, and biographical material chiefly relating to Heath's term as secretary of the Republican National Committee and his work on the 1896 presidential campaign of William McKinley.

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
Heath, Perry S. (Perry Sanford), 1857-1927.
McKinley, William, 1843-1901.

Organizations
Republican National Committee (U.S.)
Republican Party (U.S. : 1854- )
United States. Post Office Department.

Subjects
Presidents--United States--Election--1896.

Places
United States--Politics and government--1897-1901.
United States--Politics and government--20th century.

Titles
Perry Sanford Heath papers

Occupations
Journalists.
Public officials.

Provenance
The papers of Perry S. Heath, newspaperman, political writer, Republican National Committee secretary and party emissary, U. S. assistant postmaster general (1897-1900), and businessman, were given to the Library of Congress in 1993 by family members Frederick Heath and Mrs. C. Wendell Martin.
Processing History
The papers of Perry S. Heath were arranged and described in 1995. The finding aid was revised in 2008.

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The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Perry S. Heath is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions
The papers of Perry S. Heath 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, Perry S. Heath Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note
The papers of Perry Sanford Heath (1857-1927) span the years 1890-1983, with the bulk of the material dated 1896-1927. The collection includes correspondence, journal notes, a draft statement, printed matter, memorabilia, biographical material, and a photograph relating primarily to Heath's political work. The documents concern his term as secretary of the Republican National Committee and his work on the 1896 presidential campaign of William S. McKinley. The McKinley file includes a letter from Mark Hanna. Heath's service as U.S. assistant postmaster general (1897-1900) is documented in a report and a letterbook, dated March-December 1897, of outgoing letters concerning political appointments and other matters. His later involvement in Republican Party politics concern the political fortunes of Charles W. Fairbanks and Leonard Wood. Heath worked behind the scenes, as indicated in his correspondence and journal notes, to have Fairbanks nominated by the Republican Party as the presidential candidate in 1916. Heath's statement opposing Leonard Wood's campaign for the Republican presidential nomination in 1920 and negative documentation on Wood's military career are also included.

Arrangement of the Papers
This collection is arranged alphabetically by topic and type of material.
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