

Moorfield Storey Papers
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Collection Summary

Title: Moorfield Storey Papers

Inclusive Dates: 1876-1929

ID No.: MSS41632

Creator: Storey, Moorfield, 1845-1929

Extent: 2,500 items

Extent: 22 containers

Extent: 10.8 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

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

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Summary: Author, civil rights leader, and lawyer. Correspondence, articles, lecture notes, petitions, press releases, clippings, photographs, scrapbooks, and other papers relating chiefly to Storey's years as president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and his interest in the Anti-Imperialist League.

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

Adams, Charles Francis, 1835-1915--Correspondence.
Borah, William Edgar, 1865-1940--Correspondence.
Emerson, Ralph Waldo, 1803-1882. Ralph Waldo Emerson journal.
Hughes, Charles Evans, 1862-1948--Correspondence.
Johnson, James Weldon, 1871-1938--Correspondence.
King, Judson, 1872-1958--Correspondence.
McAdoo, W. G. (William Gibbs), 1863-1941--Correspondence.
Ovington, Mary White, 1865-1951--Correspondence.
Spingarn, Joel Elias, 1875-1939--Correspondence.
Storey, Moorfield, 1845-1929.
Sutherland, George, 1862-1942--Correspondence.
Taft, William H. (William Howard), 1857-1930--Correspondence.
Warren, Fiske, 1862-1938. Warren Fiske diary excerpts.
White, Walter, 1893-1955--Correspondence.
Wickersham, George W. (George Woodward), 1858-1936--Correspondence.

Organizations

Anti-Imperialist League (Boston, Mass.)
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Subjects

Anti-imperialist movements.
Civil rights.

Places

Philippines--Foreign relations--United States.
United States--Foreign relations--Philippines.

Occupations

Authors.
Civil rights leaders.
Lawyers.

Acquisition Information

The papers of Moorfield Storey, author, civil rights leader, and lawyer, were deposited in the Library of Congress in 1930 and 1931 by his son, Richard C. Storey. In 1967 photocopies of selected Storey correspondence from a private collection were donated to the Library by Flint Kellogg.

Processing History

The papers of Moorfield Storey were arranged and described in 1981. The collection was expanded and revised in 1996, and additions and revisions were made to the finding aid in 2008.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Moorfield Storey is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Moorfield Storey 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, Moorfield Storey Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

Date	Event
1845, Mar. 19	Born, Roxbury, Mass.
1866	A.B., Harvard College, Cambridge, Mass.
1866-1867	Attended Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Mass.
1867-1869	Secretary to Massachusetts Senator Charles Sumner
1869	A.M., Harvard College, Cambridge, Mass. Admitted to Massachusetts bar
1870	Married Gertrude Cutts
1871	Entered private law practice, Boston, Mass.
1873-1879	Editor, <i>American Law Review</i>
1877-1910	Member, Board of Overseers, Harvard College, Cambridge, Mass. (Served 1877-1878 and 1892-1910)
1896	President, American Bar Association
1898-1901	President, Massachusetts Reform Club
1905	Vice president, National Civil Service Reform Association President, Anti-Imperialist League
1909-1913	President, Bar Association of the City of Boston, Mass.
1910-1929	President, NAACP
1913-1914	President, Massachusetts Bar Association
1926	Cof authored with Marcial P. Lichauco, <i>The Conquest of the Philippines by the United States, 1898-1925</i> . New York: G.P. Putnam's Sons, 1926

1929, Oct. 24

Died, Lincoln, Mass.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Moorfield Storey (1845-1929) span the years 1876-1929 and include letters received and a few copies of letters sent, scrapbooks, articles, lecture notes, petitions, press releases, newspaper clippings, photographs, and miscellaneous papers. Only a small part of Storey's career is represented in the collection. Documented in the papers are his interest in the Anti-Imperialist League, which opposed United States ownership of the Philippine Islands, and his support of minority groups, shown in his service as president of the NAACP from 1910 to 1929 and his leadership of the opposition to excluding African-Americans from freshman dormitories at Harvard College in 1922-1923. The papers are organized into the following series: [General Correspondence](#), [Subject File](#), [Writings](#), and [Miscellany](#).

The [Subject File](#) includes typed excerpts from the diary of Fiske Warren, paper manufacturer and associate of Storey's in the Anti-Imperialist League, relating principally to United States foreign policy toward the Philippines between 1903 and 1907. The file relating to Edward Brown concerns efforts by the Harvard Medical College to deny Brown residence in university housing.

Of particular interest among the [Writings](#) series is Ralph Waldo Emerson's journal, "Wo--Liberty." The journal, once presumed lost, contains excerpts from two of Emerson's speeches and partial drafts of other speeches, essays, poems, and quotations on the history of liberty and higher law. The journal was used by Storey while preparing lectures for the commemoration in 1903 of the centenary of Emerson's birth. A fuller explanation of the journal, its contents, and its use by Storey is contained in "Emerson and Moorfield Storey: A Lost Journal Found," by John C. Broderick, *American Literature*, v. 38 (May 1966).

Over half of the collection consists of printed speeches and articles by Storey and pamphlets, journals, and congressional documents and reports collected by Storey for his book coauthored with Marcial P. Lichauco, *The Conquest of the Philippines by the United States, 1898-1925*.

Storey's service as secretary to Massachusetts Senator Charles Sumner, during which he participated in the attempt to impeach President Andrew Johnson, and his presidency of the American Bar Association are not documented in the collection.

Among Storey's correspondents are Charles Francis Adams, William E. Borah, Charles Evans Hughes, James Weldon Johnson, Judson King, William Gibbs McAdoo, Mary White Ovington, Joel E. Spingarn, George Sutherland, William Howard Taft, Walter White, and George W. Wickersham.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged in four series:

- [General Correspondence, 1897-1929](#)
- [Subject File, 1903-1929](#)
- [Writings, 1847-1929](#)
- [Miscellany, 1876-1927](#)

Description of Series

Container	Series
BOX 1-2	<p><u>General Correspondence, 1897-1929</u></p> <p>Mostly letters received. Arranged chronologically.</p>
BOX 2-4	<p><u>Subject File, 1903-1929</u></p> <p>Correspondence, press releases, photocopies of letters, typed copies of diary entries, speeches, articles, reports, and minutes. Arranged alphabetically by subject and chronologically therein.</p>
BOX 5	<p><u>Writings, 1847-1929</u></p> <p>Articles and notes containing drafts of articles, petitions, letters to the editor, lectures, and other writings by Storey and others. Also includes a holograph journal of Ralph Waldo Emerson together with notes and printed matter extracted from the collection's scrapbooks which relate to Emerson and the journal. Arranged alphabetically by type of material and therein chronologically.</p>
BOX 5-22	<p><u>Miscellany, 1876-1927</u></p> <p>Photographs and printed matter, including newspaper clippings, pamphlets, and scrapbooks. Arranged alphabetically by type of material and chronologically by month therein.</p>

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BOX 1-2	General Correspondence, 1897-1929 Mostly letters received. Arranged chronologically.
BOX 1	1897-1904 (10 folders)
BOX 2	1905-1929 (7 folders)
BOX 2-4	Subject File, 1903-1929 Correspondence, press releases, photocopies of letters, typed copies of diary entries, speeches, articles, reports, and minutes. Arranged alphabetically by subject and chronologically therein.
BOX 2	Anti-lynching
BOX 2	Correspondence, 1910-1929 (6 folders)
BOX 3	NAACP Board of Directors meetings
BOX 3	Minutes, 1918-1929
BOX 3	Reports, 1918-1922 (2 folders)
BOX 3	Press releases
BOX 3	1918-1928 (6 folders)
BOX 4	1929 (2 folders)
BOX 4	Speeches and articles, 1912-1926, undated
BOX 4	Brown, Edward, 1905-1906
BOX 4	Haiti and Santo Domingo
BOX 4	Correspondence, 1921-1927 (3 folders)
BOX 4	Press release and news clippings, 1922
BOX 4	Harvard College, Cambridge, Mass., dormitories, 1922-1923
BOX 4	Mexican Commission, 1916
BOX 4	Miscellaneous, 1903, 1919, undated
BOX 4	Philippines, diary of Fiske Warren, 1903-1907
BOX 5	Writings, 1847-1929 Articles and notes containing drafts of articles, petitions, letters to the editor, lectures, and other writings by Storey and others. Also includes a holograph journal of Ralph Waldo Emerson together with notes and printed matter extracted from the collection's scrapbooks which relate to Emerson and the journal. Arranged alphabetically by type of material and therein chronologically.

Writings, 1847-1929

Container

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BOX 5	Articles and notes by Storey, 1902-1929, undated (4 folders)
BOX 5	Emerson, Ralph Waldo, 1847-1914
BOX 5	Journal, "WO--Liberty"
BOX 5	Special file
BOX 5-22	Miscellany, 1876-1927 Photographs and printed matter, including newspaper clippings, pamphlets, and scrapbooks. Arranged alphabetically by type of material and chronologically by month therein.
BOX 5	Photographs, undated
BOX 6	Printed matter, 1876-1927, undated
BOX 6	Newspaper clippings, 1899-1927, undated (11 folders)
BOX 7	Pamphlets, etc.
BOX 7	1882-1907 (8 folders)
BOX 8	1908-1911 (7 folders)
BOX 9	1912-1913 (7 folders)
BOX 10	1913-1915 (8 folders)
BOX 11	1915-1917 (6 folders)
BOX 12	1917-1918 (6 folders)
BOX 13	1918 (7 folders)
BOX 14	1919 (5 folders)
BOX 15	1919-1920 (5 folders)
BOX 16	1920-1922 (6 folders)
BOX 17	1922-1924 (7 folders)
BOX 18	1925-1926 (6 folders)
BOX 19	1927-1929, undated (7 folders)
BOX 20	Undated (4 folders)
BOX 21	Scrapbooks
BOX 21	Vol. 1, 1876-1886
BOX 21	Vol. 2, 1896-1899
BOX 22	Vol. 3, 1901-1907
BOX 22	Vol. 4, 1905-1909