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Collection Summary

Title: Cornelia Bryce Pinchot Papers

Inclusive Dates: 1899-1960

Bulk Dates: 1918-1947

ID No.: MSS36269

Creator: Pinchot, Cornelia Bryce, 1881-1960

Extent: 248,000 items

Extent: 573 containers plus 1 oversize

Extent: 229.6 linear feet

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

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Summary: Politician, political activist, and wife of Gifford Pinchot of Pennsylvania. Correspondence, political campaign papers and speeches, gardening file, and financial records relating to Pinchot's political activities and the Pinchot family.

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

Pinchot, Cornelia Bryce, 1881-1960.

Pinchot, Gifford, 1865-1946.

Organizations

League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania.

National Women's Trade Union League of America.

United States. Congress--Elections, 1928.

United States. Congress--Elections, 1932.

Subjects

Children--Legal status, laws, etc.--United States.

Gardening--United States.

Labor movement--United States.

Women labor union members--United States.

Women political candidates--Pennsylvania.

Women--Employment--Law and legislation--United States.

Women--Suffrage--United States.

Places

Pennsylvania--Politics and government--1865-1950.

Occupations

Governors' spouses.

Political activists.

Politicians.

Suffragists.

Acquisition Information

The papers of Cornelia Bryce Pinchot, politician, political activist, and wife of Gifford Pinchot of Pennsylvania, were given to the Library of Congress by Cornelia and Gifford Pinchot and the Pinchot family in several installments between 1941 and 1990. Additional material has been received through gift and transfer, 1955-1989.

Processing History

The papers have been organized in installments by various members of the preparation staff, circa 1955-1970. Part III was added and the register revised in 1998 by Karen Linn Femia with the assistance of Dan Oleksiw. The finding aid was updated in 2023 by Maria Farmer as part of a division-wide remediation project by the Inclusive Description Working Group.

Copyright Status

Copyright in the unpublished writings of Cornelia Bryce Pinchot in these papers and in other collections of papers in the custody of the Library of Congress has been dedicated to the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 Cornelia Bryce Pinchot 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

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Biographical Note

Date	Event
1881, Aug. 26	Born, Newport, R.I.
1914	Married Gifford Pinchot (died 1946)
1915	Birth of only child, Gifford Bryce Pinchot
1923-1927	First Lady of Pennsylvania
1923	Advocated enforcement of Volstead Act prohibiting sale of liquor
1928	Ran unsuccessfully for Congress
1931-1935	First Lady of Pennsylvania
1932	Ran unsuccessfully for Congress
1934	Walked the picket line in support of striking laundry and garment workers, New York, N.Y. Sought governorship of Pennsylvania as an independent; later withdrew
1949	Delegate, United Nations Conference on the Conservation and Utilization of Resources, Lake Success, N. Y.
1960, Sept. 9	Died, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Cornelia Bryce Pinchot (1881-1960) span the years 1899-1960 with the bulk of the material dating from 1918 to 1947. The papers reflect Pinchot's activities in the suffrage movement, union organizing for women workers, lobbying for legislative protection for working women and children, involvement in the League of Women Voters and the Women's Trade Union League, as wife of the governor of Pennsylvania, and her two campaigns for a Congressional seat. Her papers also contain personal papers, including financial records, correspondence with her husband Gifford Pinchot, medical records such as material documenting her treatments for repeated miscarriages, and papers regarding the Pinchot's home and gardens at "Grey Towers" in Milford, Pennsylvania.

The Pinchot Papers are organized in three parts. [Part I, 1918-1947](#), by far the largest, came to the library with the Gifford Pinchot Papers and was later organized as a separate collection. [Part II, 1927-1960](#), consisting mostly of post-1940s material, was boxed and described largely as received. [Part III, 1909-1941](#), represents the smallest portion of the collection and contains personal and organization material organized alphabetically by topic or type of material.

Organization of the Papers

The collection is arranged in three parts:

- [Part I: 1918-1947](#)
- [Part II: 1927-1960](#)
- [Part III: 1909-1941](#)

Description of Series

Container	Series
BOX I:1-492	<u>Part I: 1918-1947</u>
BOX I:1-420	<u>Correspondence, 1918-1947</u> General and topical correspondence. Arranged chronologically, mostly by year, and therein by topic or type of material.
BOX I:421-447	<u>Subject File, undated</u> Mainly financial papers, garden files, and files from the U.S. Office of Civilian Defense and the Committee for National Morale.
BOX I:448-472	<u>Speech File, 1920-1944</u> Speeches, speech material, and press releases.
BOX I:486-492	<u>Miscellany, undated</u>
BOX II:1-75	<u>Part II: 1927-1960</u> Correspondence, printed matter, photographs, journals, notes, address lists, financial material, reports, book drafts, radio scripts, and architectural and landscape plans. Organized largely as received.
BOX III: 1-6	<u>Part III: 1909-1941</u> Correspondence, financial material, address lists, diary of a 1929 trip, medical records, and reports. Arranged alphabetically by topic or type of material.

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1915-1918

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League of Women Voters

Correspondence

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Miscellany, 1919-1923, undated

(2 folders)

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Miscellany, 1918-1923, undated

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Prohibition

Part III: 1909-1941

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Miscellany, 1921-1923, undated