

**Elijah Walker Halford Papers**  
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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Elijah Walker Halford Papers

**Span Dates:** 1867-1938

**ID No.:** MSS15685

**Creator:** Halford, Elijah Walker, 1843-1938

**Extent:** 400 items

**Extent:** 2 containers

**Extent:** .8 linear feet

**Language:** Collection material in English

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

**LC Catalog record:** <https://lcn.loc.gov/mm73015685>

**Summary:** Soldier and newspaper editor. Correspondence, writings, scrapbooks, photographs, and printed matter relating primarily to Halford's career as private secretary to President Benjamin Harrison, 1889-1893.

## 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

Arthur, Chester Alan, 1829-1886--Correspondence.  
Clay, Cassius Marcellus, 1810-1903--Correspondence.  
Coolidge, Calvin, 1872-1933--Correspondence.  
Douglass, Frederick, 1818-1895--Correspondence.  
Halford family--Correspondence.  
Halford, Elijah Walker, 1843-1938.  
Harrison, Benjamin, 1833-1901--Correspondence.  
Hayes, Rutherford B., 1822-1893--Correspondence.  
Lincoln, Robert Todd, 1843-1926--Correspondence.  
McKinley, William, 1843-1901--Correspondence.  
Modjeska, Helena, 1840-1909--Correspondence.  
Riley, James Whitcomb, 1849-1916--Correspondence.  
Roosevelt, Theodore, 1858-1919--Correspondence.  
Taft, William H. (William Howard), 1857-1930--Correspondence.  
Wallace, Lew, 1827-1905--Correspondence.

### Subjects

American newspapers--Indiana--Indianapolis.

### Places

Europe--Description and travel.  
United States--Politics and government--1889-1893.

### Titles

*Indianapolis journal (Indianapolis, Ind. : Daily)*

### Occupations

Newspaper editors.  
Secretaries, Presidential.  
Soldiers.

## Provenance

The papers of Elijah Walker Halford, soldier and newspaper editor, were given to the Library of Congress by Halford Hallock in 1970.

## Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Elijah Walker Halford is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

## Access and Restrictions

The papers of Elijah Walker Halford 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, Elijah Walker Halford Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## Scope and Content Note

The papers of Elijah Walker Halford (1843-1938) span the years 1848-1938 and consist of correspondence, writings, scrapbooks, photographs, and printed matter. The papers relate primarily to Halford's career as private secretary to President Benjamin Harrison, 1889-1893. Also included is a volume of articles from the *Indianapolis Journal* written by Halford during a trip to Europe in 1887. Correspondents include Chester A. Arthur, Cassius M. Clay, Calvin Coolidge, Frederick Douglass, Benjamin Harrison, Rutherford B. Hayes, Robert Todd Lincoln, William McKinley, Helena Modjeska, James Whitcomb Riley, Theodore Roosevelt, William Howard Taft, Lew Wallace, and members of Halford's family.

## Container List

| <b>Container</b> | <b>Contents</b>  |
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| BOX 1            | Articles by Halford, 1919  |
| BOX 1            | Family correspondence, 1865, 1889-1893, 1919, undated                            |
| BOX 1            | General correspondence, 1848, 1865, 1878-1880, 1887-1927, undated<br>(4 folders) |
| BOX 1            | Miscellany, 1898-1902, 1908, 1924, 1938  |
| BOX 1            | Photographs, 1893, 1927, undated   |
| BOX 1            | Printed matter, 1888, undated  |
| BOX 2            | Scrapbooks, 1855-1911<br>(3 folders)   |