Collection Summary

Title: William Edmund Curtis Papers
Span Dates: 1885-1923
Bulk Dates: (bulk 1893-1896)
ID No.: MSS17491
Creator: Curtis, William Edmund, 1855-1923
Extent: 2,000 items
Extent: 11 containers
Extent: 2.2 linear feet
Language: Collection material in English
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
LC Catalog record: https://lccn.loc.gov/mm82017491
Summary: Assistant secretary of the United States Treasury. Family and general correspondence, financial papers, memoranda, notes, reports, codebooks, invitations, scrapbooks, newspaper clippings, printed matter, and other material relating chiefly to Curtis's service as assistant secretary of the treasury.

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
Ade, Alvey A. (Alvey Augustus), 1842-1924--Correspondence.
Carlisle, John Griffin, 1835-1910--Correspondence.
Crawford, F. Marion (Francis Marion), 1854-1909--Correspondence.
Fairchild, Charles S. (Charles Stebbins), 1842-1924--Correspondence.
Field, Hickson W. (Hickson Woolman), 1823--Correspondence.
Gilder, Richard Watson, 1844-1909--Correspondence.
Goschen, Edward, Sir, 1847-1924--Correspondence.
Gough, Hugh Henry, Sir, 1833-1909--Correspondence.
Johnstone, Alan, Sir--Correspondence.
Jordan, C. N. (Conrad N.), 1830-1903--Correspondence.
McCoy, Joseph S.--Correspondence.
Muhleman, Maurice L. (Maurice Louis), 1852-1913--Correspondence.
Pfeffer, William Alfred, 1831-1912--Correspondence.
Rosengarten, J. G. (Joseph George), 1835-1921--Correspondence.
Speyer, James, 1861-1941--Correspondence.
Stillman, James, 1850-1918--Correspondence.

Organizations
United States. Department of the Treasury.

Subjects
Customs administration--United States.
Deficit financing--United States.
Gold standard.
Government lending--United States.
Inflation (Finance)--United States.
Silver question.

Places
United States--Economic policy.

Occupations
Public officials.

**Provenance**

The papers of William Edmund Curtis, assistant secretary of the treasury, were given to the Library of Congress by Curtis in 1902. Additional papers were given by his sister, Elizabeth Curtis, in 1929.

**Processing History**

The William Edmund Curtis Papers were bound in 1945. A finding aid was created in 2005.

**Copyright Status**

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of William Edmund Curtis is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

**Access and Restrictions**

The papers of William Edmund Curtis 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, William Edmund Curtis Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

**Scope and Content Note**

The papers of William Edmund Curtis (1855-1923) span the years 1885-1923, with the bulk of the material dated 1893-1896. The papers include family and general correspondence, financial papers, memoranda, notes, reports, code books, invitations, a biographical sketch, scrapbooks, newspaper clippings, and printed matter.

The collection relates chiefly to Curtis's service as assistant secretary of the United States Treasury and covers financial topics relating to silver certificates, gold reserves, deficit spending, loans, custom receipts, and inflation. The papers also include letters from Curtis to his mother chronicling his day-to-day activities.


**Arrangement of the Papers**

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material and therein chronologically.
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