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Collection Summary

Title: Henry A. Wallace Papers

Inclusive Dates: 1931-1945

Bulk Dates: 1941-1945

ID No.: MSS44487

Creator: Wallace, Henry A. (Henry Agard), 1888-1965

Extent: 24,600 items

Extent: 99 containers plus 1 classified

Extent: 33.6 linear feet

Extent: 43 microfilm reels

Language: Collection material in English, with Spanish.

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

LC Catalog record: <https://lccn.loc.gov/mm78044487>

Summary: Author, editor, and statesman. Correspondence, memoranda, subject files, scrapbooks, clippings, and photographs documenting Wallace's service as United States secretary of agriculture and United States vice president.

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

Roosevelt, Franklin D. (Franklin Delano), 1882-1945.

Wallace, Henry A. (Henry Agard), 1888-1965--Public opinion.

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Organizations

United States. Department of Agriculture. Office of the Secretary.

Subjects

Presidents--United States--Election--1944.

Places

South America--Foreign relations--United States.

United States--Foreign relations--South America.

United States--Politics and government--1933-1945.

Occupations

Authors.

Cabinet officers.

Editors.

Statesmen.

Vice-Presidents--United States.

Acquisition Information

The papers of Henry A. Wallace, author, editor, and statesman, were given to the Library of Congress by Wallace in five installments, 1944-1945.

Processing History

The papers of Henry A. Wallace were arranged and described in 1971 by Margareta Pryor and Anita Nolan. The register was revised in 1999 and 2009. 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

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Henry A. Wallace is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Henry A. Wallace 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.

Security Classified Documents

Government regulations control the use of security classified material in this collection. Manuscript Division staff can furnish information concerning access to and use of classified materials.

Microfilm

A microfilm edition of part of these papers is available on forty-three reels. Consult reference staff in the Manuscript Division concerning availability for purchase or interlibrary loan. To promote preservation of the originals, researchers are required to consult the microfilm edition as available.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container or reel number, Henry A. Wallace Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

Date	Event
1888, Oct. 7	Born, Adair County, Iowa
1910	B.S., Iowa State College, Cedar Falls, Iowa
1910-1924	Assistant editor, <i>Wallaces' Farmer</i>
1914	Married Ilo Browne
1924-1933	Editor, <i>Wallaces' Farmer</i>
1929-1933	Editor, <i>Iowa Homestead</i>
1933-1940	Secretary of agriculture
1941-1945	Vice president of the United States
1945-1946	Secretary of commerce
1946-1948	Editor, <i>New Republic</i>
1948	Presidential candidate, Progressive Party
1965, Nov. 18	Died, Danbury, Conn.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Henry Agard Wallace (1888-1965) span the years 1931-1945, with the bulk of the collection dated 1941-1945, while he was vice president. The material is organized in seven series: [General Correspondence](#), [Political File](#), [Subject File](#), [Military Appointments File](#), [Scrapbooks](#), [Newspaper Clippings](#), and [Classified](#). The collection contains information pertaining to public reaction to Wallace and insight on President Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal.

The [General Correspondence](#) series contains little personal material, with most of the correspondence consisting of form replies and staff answers from the vice president's office. The series is significant particularly as it reflects on the quantity of constituent mail received by Wallace. Wallace's programs aroused strong public feelings, and the views of his correspondents were quite diverse. Their letters reflect American social and political thinking in the 1940s.

Correspondence in the [Political File](#) relates to the 1944 presidential election, the Democratic Party convention in Chicago, and the response Wallace generated from the gathering. His speech seconding the renomination of Roosevelt, entitled "Century of the Common Man," evoked considerable controversy.

Wallace's trip to South America in 1943, treated in the [Subject File](#), also elicited a strong response. Along with routine telegrams and protocol instructions, letters from across the social spectrum of Latin America, written primarily in Spanish, reflected the reaction to Wallace's messages of goodwill delivered in Spanish.

[Scrapbooks](#) and [newspaper clippings](#) spanning the years 1934-1944 contain photographs and magazine and newspaper articles about Wallace and his family, activities, and interests. The [Military Appointments File](#) includes correspondence and records pertaining to the vice president's appointments to the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, and the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged in seven series:

- [General Correspondence, 1941-1942](#)
- [Political File, 1944](#)
- [Subject File, 1931-1944](#)
- [Military Appointments File, 1941-1945](#)
- [Scrapbooks, 1934-1944](#)
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Description of Series

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Arranged alphabetically by subject.

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