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Collection Summary

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Summary: President and vice president of the United States, United States civil service commissioner, governor of New York, author, and conservationist. Correspondence, diaries, speeches, articles, executive orders, family papers, press releases and proclamations, scrapbooks, and other material relating to the political, social, and cultural history of Roosevelt's life and presidency.

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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

Abbott, Lyman, 1835-1922--Correspondence.
Beveridge, Albert Jeremiah, 1862-1927--Correspondence.
Bigelow, William Sturgis, 1850-1926--Correspondence.
Bishop, Joseph Bucklin, 1847-1928--Correspondence.
Bonaparte, Charles J. (Charles Joseph), 1851-1921--Correspondence.
Bridges, Robert, 1858-1941--Correspondence.
Bryce, James Bryce, Viscount, 1838-1922--Correspondence.
Burroughs, John, 1837-1921--Correspondence.
Butler, Nicholas Murray, 1862-1947--Correspondence.
Carnegie, Andrew, 1835-1919--Correspondence.
Corbin, Henry Clark, 1842-1909--Correspondence.
Cortelyou, George B. (George Bruce), 1862-1940--Correspondence.
Foulke, William Dudley, 1848-1935--Correspondence.
Garfield, James Rudolph, 1865-1950--Correspondence.
Garland, Hamlin, 1860-1940--Correspondence.
Gilder, Richard Watson, 1844-1909--Correspondence.
Hanna, Marcus Alonzo, 1837-1904--Correspondence.
Hay, John, 1838-1905--Correspondence.
Jusserand, J. J. (Jean Jules), 1855-1932--Correspondence.
Knox, Philander C. (Philander Chase), 1853-1921--Correspondence.
LaFarge, Christopher, 1897-1956--Correspondence.
Lodge, Henry Cabot, 1850-1924--Correspondence.
Low, Seth, 1850-1916--Correspondence.
Mahan, A. T. (Alfred Thayer), 1840-1914--Correspondence.
McCormick, Medill, 1877-1925--Correspondence.
McKinley, William, 1843-1901--Correspondence.

Moody, William H. (William Henry), 1853-1917--Correspondence.
O'Laughlin, John Callan, 1873-1949--Correspondence.
Odell, Benjamin B. (Benjamin Barker), 1854-1926--Correspondence.
Peabody, Endicott, 1857-1944--Correspondence.
Perkins, George W. (George Walbridge), 1862-1920--Correspondence.
Pinchot, Gifford, 1865-1946--Correspondence.
Platt, Thomas Collier, 1833-1910--Correspondence.
Reid, Whitelaw, 1837-1912--Correspondence.
Riis, Jacob A. (Jacob August), 1849-1914--Correspondence.
Roosevelt family--Correspondence.
Roosevelt family.
Roosevelt, Archibald B. (Archibald Bulloch), Sr., 1894-1979--Correspondence.
Roosevelt, Edith Kermit Carow, 1861-1948--Correspondence.
Roosevelt, Quentin, 1897-1918--Correspondence.
Roosevelt, Theodore, 1858-1919.
Root, Elihu, 1845-1937--Correspondence.
Sewell, William W.--Correspondence.
Shaw, Albert, 1857-1947--Correspondence.
Sternburg, Hermann Speck von, Freiherr, 1852-1908--Correspondence.
Taft, William H. (William Howard), 1857-1930--Correspondence.
Trevelyan, George Otto, 1838-1928--Correspondence.
Viereck, George Sylvester, 1884-1962--Correspondence.
Washington, Booker T., 1856-1915--Correspondence.
Wheeler, Benjamin Ide, 1854-1927--Correspondence.
White, William Allen, 1868-1944--Correspondence.
Willis, John, 1857-1944--Correspondence.
Wister, Owen, 1860-1938--Correspondence.
Wood, Leonard, 1860-1927--Correspondence.

Organizations

Progressive Party (U.S. : 1912)
United States. Army. Volunteer Cavalry, 1st.
United States. Civil Service Commission.

Subjects

Canals, Interoceanic--Design and construction.
Civil service--United States.
Conservation of natural resources--United States.
Corporate governance--Law and legislation--United States.
Police administration--New York (State)--New York.
Russo-Japanese War, 1904-1905.
Spanish-American War, 1898.

Places

New York (State)--Politics and government.
Panama Canal (Panama)--Design and construction.
United States--Foreign relations--1901-1909.
United States--Intellectual life--19th century.
United States--Intellectual life--20th century.
United States--Politics and government--1901-1909.
United States--Politics and government--19th century.
United States--Politics and government--20th century.
United States--Social life and customs--19th century.
United States--Social life and customs--20th century.

Titles

Occupations

Authors--New York (State)
Conservationists--New York (State)
Governors--New York (State)
Presidents--United States.
Public officials.
Vice-Presidents--United States.

Acquisition Information

The papers of Theodore Roosevelt, president and vice president of the United States, United States civil service commissioner, governor of New York, author, and conservationist, were given to the Library by Theodore Roosevelt, Edith Kermit Carow Roosevelt, and other family members. Other gifts, purchases, and transfers were received from the Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Association and others.

Processing History

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Additional Guides

The microfilm edition of these papers (not including additions) is indexed in the *Index to the Theodore Roosevelt Papers* (Washington, D.C.: 1969), prepared as part of the President's Papers Index Series. The index, in three volumes, is available online in PDF([\[volume 1\]](#), [\[volume 2\]](#), and [\[volume 3\]](#)); and page view([\[volume 1\]](#), [\[volume 2\]](#), and [\[volume 3\]](#)) versions.

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Biographical Note

Date	Event
1858, Oct. 27	Born, New York, N.Y.
1880	B.A., Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass. Married Alice Hathaway Lee (died 1884)
1882	Published <i>The Naval War of 1812</i> . New York: Putnam
1882-1884	Member, New York State Assembly
1886	Married Edith Kermit Carow Published <i>Hunting Trips of a Ranchman</i> . New York and London: G. P. Putnam's Sons
1887	Published <i>Life of Thomas Hart Benton</i> . Boston and New York: Houghton, Mifflin and Co.
1888	Published <i>Gouverneur Morris</i> . Boston and New York: Houghton, Mifflin and Co. Published <i>Essays on Practical Politics</i> . New York and London: G. P. Putnam's Sons
1889-1895	Commissioner, United States Civil Service
1889-1896	Published <i>The Winning of the West</i> . New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons
1891	Published <i>New York</i> . New York: Longmans, Green, and Co.
1893	Published <i>The Wilderness Hunter</i> . New York and London: G. P. Putnam's Sons.
1895	President, Board of Police Commissioners, New York, N.Y.
1897	Assistant secretary of the navy Published <i>American Ideals, and Other Essays, Social and Political</i> . New York and London: G. P. Putnam's Sons
1898	Organized First Regiment United States Volunteer Cavalry, known as "Roosevelt's Rough Riders," and commissioned lieutenant colonel
1899	Published <i>Big Game Hunting in the Rockies and on the Great Plains</i> . New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons Published <i>The Rough Riders</i> . New York: C. Scribner's Sons
1899-1901	Governor of New York
1900	Published <i>Oliver Cromwell</i> . New York: C. Scribner's Sons
1901	Inaugurated vice president of the United States Published <i>The Strenuous Life: Essays and Addresses</i> . New York: Century Co.
1901-1909	President of the United States
1905	Published <i>Outdoor Pastimes of an American Hunter</i> . New York: C. Scribner's Sons

1906	Nobel Prize for Peace for the mediating end of the Russo-Japanese War Published <i>A Square Deal</i> . Allendale, N.J.: Allendale Press
1909	Published <i>Hunting the Grizzly and Other Sketches</i> . New York and London: G. P. Putnam's Sons
1910	African expedition of big game hunting and scientific exploration for the Smithsonian Institution Published <i>African Game Trails, An Account of the African Wanderings of an American Hunter-Naturalist</i> . New York: C. Scribner's Sons Published <i>The New Nationalism</i> . New York: The Outlook Co.
1912	Organized Progressive "Bull Moose" Party; nominated as presidential candidate President, American Historical Association
1913	Headed expedition to South America Published <i>Theodore Roosevelt: An Autobiography</i> . New York: Macmillan
1914	Published <i>Through the Brazilian Wilderness</i> . New York: C. Scribner's Sons
1914-1918	Writer and lecturer on World War I
1919, Jan. 6	Died, Oyster Bay, N.Y.

History of the Collection

[From *Index to the Theodore Roosevelt Papers* (Washington, D.C.: 1969), vol. 1, pp. v-xii]

Two years before his untimely death on January 6, 1919, Theodore Roosevelt gave to the Library of Congress a large body of his personal papers. One would expect a man of Roosevelt's intellectual background to be solicitous about the care and preservation of his papers. Long before he occupied the White House, he was the author of such respected works as *The Naval War of 1812*, the *Life of Thomas Hart Benton*, *Gouverneur Morris*, and *The Winning of the West*. [1] As a historian and biographer he recognized the indispensability of original source material for a full and accurate chronicle of the age in which he lived. Indeed, in defending the first two volumes of his major historical work, *The Winning of the West*, against a hostile critic, Roosevelt described his methods of historical research in a letter to the *New York Sun* of October 10, 1889:

The fact is simply that in preparing my book I wrote to some hundreds of men all over the country, requesting information on different points

Some of my chapters . . . are based mainly, though by no means exclusively, on the old Tennessee historians. . . . In other chapters . . . the old writers are a hindrance rather than a help, and I had to carefully unravel their errors, show the inaccuracy of their statements and for the first time give the real history, basing it on the original documents in the American Archives, the Campbell MSS, the Virginia State Papers etc. [2]

Despite the demands of high public office and an unusually active life, Roosevelt's interest in history remained undiminished. To authors whose books stimulated him he wrote letters of appreciation and critique. The historical profession acknowledged his own contributions to scholarship by electing him President of the American Historical Association in 1912. In his presidential address "History as Literature" he emphasized again the necessity of careful research in the presentation of historical events:

History can never be truthfully presented if the presentation is purely emotional. It can never be truthfully or usefully presented unless profound research, patient, laborious, painstaking, has preceded the presentation. . . . The vision of the great historian must be both wide and lofty. But it must be sane, clear and based on full knowledge of the facts and of their interrelations. [3]

Just as it was in character then for one who both made and wrote history to provide for the preservation of his papers, so too was the repository a natural selection. The Library of Congress, by virtue of an Executive order issued by President Roosevelt on March 9, 1903, received in transfer from the Department of State the papers of George Washington, James Madison, Alexander Hamilton, Thomas Jefferson, James Monroe, and Benjamin Franklin. [4] One can justifiably surmise that the opportunity for comparative studies of American Presidents and statesmen which this transaction provided was not lost on a President so conscious of the claims of history. Moreover, Roosevelt's personal friendship with the Librarian of Congress, Herbert Putnam, gave an added dimension to his interest in the national library. The complete story of the papers

and the unusually close relationship of Theodore Roosevelt to the Library of Congress begins with his accession to the Presidency in September 1901.

I

One of the first tasks which confronted the new President was the compilation of his Annual Message to Congress. Scarcely a month after assuming office, he invited Mr. Putnam to forward suggestions on the Library of Congress for possible inclusion in the message. The Librarian promptly responded with a draft of his ideas on what aspect of the Library the President might stress. It was accompanied by a word of explanation to George B. Cortelyou, the President's secretary.

I do not, of course, venture to propose this as a precise draft. It is doubtless too long. As I have explained, a few lines this year might be of more value than a column next. Also, the first mention appropriately comes in a year when the Library is really beginning its wider service as a national library—the first year of a new century. [5]

The keynote of Mr. Putnam's memorandum to the President was the national character of the Library of Congress and its obligation to set standards and provide leadership for the public library system of the United States. "The Library is already familiarly entitled the 'National Library of the United States.' If it is not such there is none other which is." [6]

In essence, the President incorporated the Librarian's theme in the message. [7] Presidential recognition of the Library was a source of great satisfaction to Mr. Putnam. Many years later in receiving the Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Association's Distinguished Service Medal, the Librarian reflected on Roosevelt's contributions to the Library of Congress:

The development of the Library to which the citation refers—from one limited in scope and service to national in both, and in some valid senses an institution of learning—that development was forecast by him in his first message to Congress; — the only Presidential Message, so far as I know, containing any reference to the institution. It was he whose authority initiated that long procession to it from the State Department of the groups of manuscripts—the papers of the Continental Congress, of various of the Presidents, which, culminating with the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, and what they have drawn to it from other sources, including his own surpassing collection have made it the richest repository of source material for American History. [8]

Throughout his Presidency, Roosevelt and Putnam talked and corresponded about books. A glimpse into the intellectual world of a President is afforded in this inquiry:

My dear Mr. Putnam:

As I lead, to put it mildly, a sedentary life for the moment I would greatly like some books that would appeal to my queer taste. I do not suppose there are any histories or any articles upon the early Mediterranean races. That man Lindsay who wrote about pre-historic Greece has not put out a second volume, has he? Has a second volume of Oman's Art of War appeared? If so, send me either or both; if not, then a good translation of Niebuhr and Momsen [sic], or the best modern history of Mesopotamia. Is there a good history of Poland? [9]

The Librarian satisfied the President's taste for historical literature by regularly sending him lists of new acquisitions from which he in turn would select the works he wished sent to the White House. Roosevelt also maintained an active interest in acquisitions. He strongly advised purchase of the Yudin Russian library and by executive action facilitated its movement to the United States. His involvement with the Library was extensive. The whole correspondence with Herbert Putnam reveals a unique combination of personal and official ties binding the 26th President to the Library of Congress.

II

Theodore Roosevelt returned to private life on March 4, 1909, at the age of 50. With him to his beloved Sagamore Hill at Oyster Bay, N.Y., went the papers representing his seven years as Chief Executive. The Colonel's life over the next decade was strenuous and varied, if not altogether satisfying in terms of public service. There were the hunting and scientific expeditions to Africa and South America, journalism, and another Presidential campaign. During these years he amassed an extremely large collection of papers; in fact, his papers for the post-Presidential period are fully three times as great as for 1901-9.

The Library of Congress hoped, if not assumed, that the papers in time would join its Presidential collections. It is not certain when Library officials made a direct invitation or request or if, in fact, a formal request was made. Mr. Putman may have solicited the papers orally on the basis of his friendship. At some point, however, Gaillard Hunt, Chief of what was then called the Manuscripts Division, had discussed the subject with his friend James R. Garfield, a close associate and political adviser of the former President.

Thus, the immediate circumstances surrounding Roosevelt's decision to offer his papers to the Library are not known. But on December 5, 1916, he explained what he had in mind in regard to his papers in a letter to Herbert Putnam:

Mrs. Roosevelt and I have been talking over the disposition of my great mass of papers. They include, in immense numbers, copies of my letters and of letters to me while I was President; also letters from sovereigns, etc., etc. If I sent them to you, could they be catalogued and arranged, and permission given to me, or any of my representatives, to examine them at any time, with a clear understanding that no one else was to see them until after my death? [10]

The letter was received in the Library on December 9. Upon inquiry Mr. Hunt assured the Librarian that it was feasible to comply with Mr. Roosevelt's request, although the size of the collection was of some concern. It was at this time that Mr. Hunt revealed something of the background: "This is the result of a request I made to James Garfield some time ago." [11]

Thus assured, the Librarian responded on the same day:

Your note of the 5th reaches me only this morning. The inquiry it makes is most welcome, for we have earnestly hoped that in due course your papers would join the other notable collections in our custody.

We would receive them with the greatest satisfaction, would arrange and classify them promptly, and would prepare such catalogues of them as would facilitate their use by yourself or any accredited representative; and during your lifetime, or until you yourself should relax the restriction, would permit no access to them on the part of any other person save the officials of the Manuscript [sic] Division engaged in the above work upon them.

We have precedent for such an arrangement, and satisfactory experience of it. We believe that it would prove satisfactory to you also; assuring the present safety of the collection yet guarding it against unwarrantable present use.

If you are prepared to make an immediate or early decision and transfer, would it not be a convenience to you if Dr. Hunt should go on and personally attend to the casing and shipment? If so, he would of course be glad to, and I to have him. [12]

The Librarian's proposal was agreeable to the Colonel: "I should particularly like to have Dr. Hunt come on. What time is convenient for him?" [13]

This letter was referred to the Chief of the Manuscripts Division, who advised Mr. Putnam:

Suppose you telegraph him and ask him when I can see him tomorrow morning? I think a few minutes with him would clear the way. It would not be necessary to go to Oyster Bay. A packer and an assistant can do that part, I opine. All we want is to know how much material there is and what would be a convenient time for the packing. Of course, I must explain to him our arrangements here and get him to agree. [14]

A telegram was dispatched on the 19th: "Mr. Hunt could call upon you in New York tomorrow or any other day you indicate." [15]

On the following day Roosevelt's secretary wired that the Colonel would see Mr. Hunt at his *Metropolitan* magazine office on December 21. The two men met as scheduled, and Mr. Hunt explained exactly what the Library was prepared to do with the papers. They would be given a separate compartment, locked, the key to be kept in the Librarian's safe. Furthermore, the Library would give the papers an arrangement sufficiently effective to enable any desired items to be found; and access would be restricted to those having Roosevelt's permission. [16]

For his part, the former President was explicit as to the disposition of the papers. A memorandum in the files spells out his wishes:

He said he was anxious to have all of his papers put in a safe place, and that he could not afford himself, to make the proper arrangement of them; that they comprised highly confidential papers, that they could not be made public during his life, but that he was willing and desirous that they should be arranged by myself; that he had full confidence in the Library, and the arrangements which I indicated would be eminently satisfactory to him. He named Monday, January 8, as a time when it would be convenient for the packer to call at Oyster Bay, when he or Mrs. Roosevelt would point out the papers to him, so that he could make a calculation of the number of boxes that would be necessary to hold them. It would be convenient for him if the packer returned the next day, and packed the papers for shipment to Washington. [17]

Mr Putnam confirmed the Library's commitment concerning the papers in a letter of December 22 to the Colonel:

Here they will be given an effective arrangement, in locked compartments, with a separate key which will be kept in a safe in my office; and on one will be allowed access to the papers except at your direction, but the Chief of the Manuscript [sic] Division shall be allowed access to them, exclusively for the purpose of proper care and arrangement. [18]

The response was prompt and enthusiastic: "Fine! That suits me absolutely." [19]

Although Mr. Hunt did not examine the collection personally, we have a description of the papers in their initial state from the shipper. Most of them were stored in a bank at Oyster Bay. They were contained in six unusually large and heavy cases which were in such poor condition that the shipper found it necessary to rehabilitate them in his own office before forwarding them to Washington. That this segment was not the whole body of Roosevelt papers was also revealed to Mr. Putnam by the shipper:

Colonel Roosevelt told me that he had some other papers, but he was not quite ready to deliver them to me at that time, he would ship them direct to you himself. [20]

A week later the first six boxes arrived. Mr. Hunt suggested to the Librarian that in acknowledging receipt he also ask whether the Library could expect an additional installment. In announcing the arrival of the papers to Colonel Roosevelt, however, Putnam made no mention of subsequent installments:

The six cases of your papers from Oyster Bay have arrived and are safely in our custody. We receive them gladly and hold them upon the understanding expressed in your letter to me of December 5 and my response to you of December 9, 1916.

I understand that they are locked. When the keys shall have reached us, Mr. Hunt can proceed to the classification and arrangement of them. [21]

To this news the Colonel again returned a typical answer:

The Lord only knows where the key is. Break the cases open, and start to work on them! [22]

The Theodore Roosevelt Papers, or more precisely a first installment, were now safely a part of the national manuscript collection.

III

It would be many months before the boxes were opened. America's entrance into World War I in April was the immediate reason. Gaillard Hunt left the Library for wartime service in the State Department, and it was his interpretation of the original agreement that no one else had access to the Roosevelt Papers. John C. Fitzpatrick, Acting Division Chief in the absence of Mr. Hunt, was concerned over the unorganized state of the papers. An unexpected visit of Mr. Roosevelt, he feared, would not only be embarrassing to the Library, but also:

A state of mind might be created that would operate against our receiving the remainder of the Roosevelt papers. I understand that the five boxes that we have are only a part—not more than half—of the entire collection. [23]

With the Librarian's approval, Mr. Fitzpatrick called Mr. Hunt's attention to the situation in a memorandum of December 1, 1917:

Dr. Putnam thinks I had better call to your mind the matter of the Roosevelt papers.

We received a bunch of keys to the boxes from Mrs. Roosevelt, the other day, together with a brief list of the contents of the boxes; and in a memorandum regarding the keys, I mentioned that nothing had been done, looking to the opening of the papers and arranging them on the shelves of the Manuscript [sic] Division. This, I seem to remember, was to be done by you, but the Librarian says that he would dislike to be caught in an awkward situation by Mr. Roosevelt's sudden appearance at the Library, when he would find that nothing had been done with the papers.

I am not anxious to do the job, but would gladly do it, to save wreck and ruin in the Manuscript [sic] Division. Could I undertake to open the boxes, and put the stuff in a general arrangement on the shelves—realizing, of course, the conditions of the deposit, and being careful to adhere to them? [24]

From the State Department Mr. Hunt saw no need for alarm:

The papers are now perfectly safe and unless Mr. Roosevelt himself wishes to refer to any of them, there is no immediate necessity for their arrangement. The understanding with Mr. Roosevelt was that I, myself, would arrange them. It was not regarded as proper or safe that any one else should have access to them.

If Mr. Roosevelt makes inquiry, he will be satisfied when informed that the papers are in your custody, locked up and inaccessible to any one, and that I am engaged in war work and not available for historical purposes. [25]

There matters stood until September 1918, when Roosevelt asked of Putnam:

Will you give my friend, J. B. Bishop, full access to my papers? I'll be very grateful if you will help him in every way possible. [26]

This request, of course, was granted and the boxes were at length opened. Joseph Bucklin Bishop, New York newspaperman and for a time apparently literary executor of the papers, was embarked on a two-volume biography. Although his initial use of the papers was limited, Mr. Fitzpatrick noted:

In the near future he will require the use of all the papers, so this Division will open all the cases, and store the papers, according to the box classification, in the special manuscript cases set aside for these papers. [27]

Shortly after the papers were opened to Mr. Bishop, a curious letter came to the Librarian which throws an interesting sidelight on the provenance of the Roosevelt Papers. It came from William Marshall Bullitt, Solicitor-General of the United States in the Taft administration:

Dear Dr. Putnam:

Two years ago I urged on Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt that she give Roosevelt's Presidential papers to the Congressional Library, as they already had so many Presidents' papers and it was the fitting place for their permanent preservation. Last night Mrs. Roosevelt told me that she had never thought of it until I urged her to do so, and that she had very promptly sent them to you; but recently she has learned that nothing had been done to make them available for use by students or investigators and she almost regretted having followed my advice. As I have spoken so eloquently of the advantages to future historians of having them easily accessible at Washington, I feel a sense of responsibility about it, and I bring the matter to your attention. It would be discouraging if donors of papers of real value should feel that their gifts were not made accessible as that is the only excuse for a family parting with them. I hope some day to be able to help you get the Cleveland papers. [28]

The Librarian could not allow this well meaning but quite erroneous impression to go uncorrected:

I know of course that you are not at Louisville, but far afield. I must not, however, omit acknowledgment of your note of the 21st.

I read it with appreciation of the interest that it expresses, but with some little bewilderment for this reason: That the Roosevelt Papers are here under a strict injunction against their present use by any person except at the express instance of President Roosevelt, and thus far only one such person has presented himself with such a credential. Our general disposition, therefore, not merely to permit but to encourage the use of such collections by investigators, is necessarily suspended as it is in the case of a few other collections that have been deposited with us under some such tempting stipulations. [29]

The direct negotiations between the former President, Mr. Putnam, and Mr. Hunt, already described, sufficiently refute the Bullitt version. Since Bishop was the authorized biographer and he had access, it seems unlikely that Mrs. Roosevelt was disturbed because the papers were not available to historians in general. It is possible that Bishop had commented to her that the papers were unarranged and from this fact grew the misunderstanding.

To return to the completeness of the collection, it will be recalled that Roosevelt had promised additional papers at the time of the original shipment. Only one such addition came during his lifetime. It was a group of papers from the *Metropolitan* office. Other segments came seriatim in the years immediately following his death, mainly through the diligence and cooperation of Mr. Bishop. On January 17, 1919, he informed Mr. Fitzpatrick that the final installment was on the way:

Three additional packing-cases of letters etc. will reach the Library soon, completing the collection of T. R.'s correspondence. As his literary executor I have them in charge and will advise with you about their arrangement. His death was literally a terrible blow to me. [30]

The papers arrived on January 23 and Mr. Fitzpatrick noted:

This completes the collection of Roosevelt Papers, which begins with 1897 and ends with 1918. The deposit was begun by Mr. Roosevelt himself, in January, 1917, and has been completed by Mr. Joseph Bucklin Bishop, his literary executor. [31]

Manuscript curators will not be surprised to learn that Fitzpatrick's statement was premature. Initial searches of attic and hayloft are often hasty and incomplete. Such was the case here. Apparently unable to locate certain items, Bishop returned to Oyster Bay. On March 22 he wrote to Fitzpatrick:

I have found the missing papers of the Roosevelt files. They were in the hayloft of the barn at Oyster Bay! They fill four large cases and will be sent to the Library next week. They are in bundles like those sent last—but I think they are in better shape and are accurately marked on the outside. They cover about two years—1910 to 1912—and I am wondering if the boxes in which you have placed the others will hold them. I hope you will be able to have them arranged before I go to Washington again, which will not be for three or four weeks; for I wish to go through them before I take up the others. [32]

This addition was duly received by the Library; as described by Fitzpatrick to Bishop it included correspondence and material for the years 1909-14. Fitzpatrick also reported certain missing alphabetical files, some of which seem to have been found and sent later. [33] Mrs. Roosevelt informed Charles Moore, Acting Chief of the Division, on July 18, that she had found more letters covering the years 1911-12. [34] These were received in August and may have included the missing files mentioned by Fitzpatrick.

In a letter of October 16, 1920, to Fitzpatrick, the biography now finished, Bishop referred in a somewhat offhand way to still more Roosevelt papers. We also learn from this same letter that he had taken home some material from the Library's collection in researching for the book:

I have sent by American Railway Express, prepaid, today a box of Roosevelt material to be placed with the others in the Library. Most of it was at his home in Oyster Bay, notably the box of correspondence with Hay, but some of it, mainly copies of letters etc., was taken from the files in the Library by me. The letters to and from authors were all at Oyster Bay. . . .

My book is out as you know, and I feel as I imagine a woman must feel who has been safely delivered of twins. [35]

Mr. Fitzpatrick commented:

Your problem was practically the problem of Sparks with Washington and Bigelow with Franklin. Being the first, you were overwhelmed by an embarrassment of riches; but, like both of these historians, no matter how many come after you, filling in the gaps you were forced to leave, your work will be the foundational basis—the starting point—of every future life of Roosevelt, which must be developed from your volumes, no matter what the viewpoint of the future authors. . . . [36]

In the preface to his work, Bishop has given us an insight into Roosevelt's intimate involvement in its writing. Five years before his death Roosevelt had asked Bishop to write the history of the period which covered his public career. Begun in the early spring of 1918, the study was completed through 1905 at the time of the President's death. From Bishop's own testimony it was virtually co-authored:

At different stages of the work I went over with him what I had written and had the inestimable advantage of his suggestions, obtaining from him incidents and anecdotes which added immeasurably to the interest and historical value of the narrative, making it virtually his own. . . .

While in a few instances, in order to maintain the continuity of the narrative, the present record overlaps the 'Autobiography,' it really supplements and completes it, and the two works together constitute authentically the Life and Letters of Theodore Roosevelt as designed by himself. [37]

With the authorized account of Roosevelt's public career in print, historians would now anticipate their own study of the papers for an independent evaluation of the man and the period. Access, however, remained restricted, and the collection was still not complete. Nearly two years after his volumes appeared, Bishop apprised Charles Moore of still another group of papers:

I spent yesterday at Oyster Bay with Mrs. Roosevelt. She spoke to me of a mass of Theodore's papers that are in the garret of the house and which should be disposed of in some way. They are the letter-books and public documents of his career as Governor. With them are a dozen more large scrap books which contain press clippings covering the entire period of his public service from the time he entered public life till he became President.

I went through all these documents while writing his life. Of their value I need not speak. Without them I could not have written the story of the beginnings of his public career.

Is there room for these in the Library of Congress? And should they be placed there? You are the best judge on these points. I should think they could be contained in one of the alcoves like those in which Theodore's Presidential papers are stored, although I do not remember exactly how voluminous they are or much space they would occupy, for it is several years since I saw them. [38]

Moore hastened to assure Bishop that there was room and counseled against any dispersion of the papers:

The Library of Congress will make room for all the Roosevelt papers it can lay its hands on. In our judgement here, it will be a great mistake to have the papers separated. [39]

Bishop evidently advised Mrs. Roosevelt along these lines for a few weeks later she sent the material to the Library. It was an important addition, filling a gap while Roosevelt was Governor and Vice President.

IV

With this accession the greatest bulk of the Theodore Roosevelt Papers was in the Library of Congress. Valuable additions, however, were made in subsequent years by Mrs. Roosevelt and other members of the Roosevelt family to whom the Library and the Nation are greatly indebted for their sense of historical values and public-spirited generosity. Especially significant was the gift of Mrs. Alice Roosevelt Longworth in 1958 of the seven volumes of her father's diaries for the years 1878-84. These priceless items supplied information on Roosevelt's college days and his ranching experience in the Dakotas. The Library is indebted also for augmentation of the collection and assistance in its arrangement to the Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Association, an organization founded shortly after the President's death. For a period of seven years the association provided funds for the indexing and organization of the papers. Hermann Hagedorn, executive director for many years, was indefatigable in his search for Roosevelt letters in private hands. In the early years it was his thought that the house at Oyster Bay would become a major center of original research on the life and times of Theodore Roosevelt. Mr. Hagedorn envisioned something in the nature of a Presidential library:

I want to gather together a library to which historical students from all over the country will come for authoritative information about Theodore Roosevelt and his time. . . . I think it would be a real advantage to have students make their researches in the place where Roosevelt lived for almost fifty years. Roosevelt still overshadows Oyster Bay, and I suspect that he always will overshadow it. I think it would be good for students of Roosevelt's life to live and work there for weeks and months at a time.

[40]

Although Hagedorn's expectation was never fully realized, Sagamore Hill and the birthplace at 28 East 20th Street, New York City, have been important to scholars for their fine collections of Rooseveltiana, manuscripts, and related material. An important subsidiary Roosevelt collection is at Harvard University. For many years over 120 scrapbooks covering 1895-1909, an integral part of the original Roosevelt Papers, were at this repository on loan. These were rejoined to the Library's collection in 1968.

The Theodore Roosevelt Papers, organized and available to readers for many years, constitute one of the largest Presidential collections in the Library of Congress, numbering approximately 250,000 items. [41] It is unfortunate, although not unusual, that there are gaps in the papers. With the exception of the diaries, the papers are sparse for the period prior to 1887. Roosevelt in the days before the widespread use of the typewriter rarely made copies of his outgoing letters, and during his early career was unsystematic in his retention of incoming correspondence. Many original letters have been retrieved, however, and are found in the collection, including a substantial group to John Hay, reclaimed by Roosevelt himself. The discrepancy in the quantity of material for the Presidential and post-Presidential periods is curious. As previously mentioned, the papers for the latter period are considerably more voluminous. When the papers originally came to the Library the White House material was arranged in two series: Confidential File, and President's Personal File. The most satisfactory explanation for the small quantity from the Presidential years is that the executive staff systematically removed routine and unimportant documents from these files. [42]

Despite lacunae and omissions, inevitable marks of the human factor, the Roosevelt Papers remain an extremely rich source of primary source material. In the diaries, letterbooks, general and special correspondence, speeches, executive orders, press releases, and scrap books, the investigator will find not merely the key to an understanding of the thought and actions of America's first modern President, but also a mirror of the political, social, economic, and intellectual currents of a new and in many ways revolutionary era, truly described as The Era of Theodore Roosevelt.

Note: This essay was written by Paul Heffron, Specialist in 20th-Century Political History, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress

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9. Roosevelt to Putnam, October 6, 1902. Roosevelt Papers
10. Roosevelt to Putnam, December 5, 1916. Roosevelt Papers.
11. Memorandum, undated. Manuscript Division files.
12. Putnam to Roosevelt, December 9, 1916. Roosevelt Papers
13. Roosevelt to Putnam, December 13, 1916. Roosevelt Papers
14. Memorandum, undated. Manuscript Division files.
15. Putnam to Roosevelt, December 19, 1916. Manuscript Division files.
16. Memorandum, December 22, 1916. Manuscript Division files.
17. Memorandum, December 22, 1916. Manuscript Division files.
18. Putnam to Roosevelt, December 22, 1916. Roosevelt Papers.
19. Roosevelt to Putnam, December 27, 1916. Roosevelt Papers.
20. Gilbert Hennessy to Putnam, January 15, 1917. Roosevelt Papers.
21. Putnam to Roosevelt, January 15, 1917. Roosevelt Papers.
22. Roosevelt to Putnam, January 18, 1917. Roosevelt Papers.
23. Memorandum, November 24, 1917. Manuscript Division files.
24. Memorandum, Fitzpatrick to Hunt, December 1, 1917. Manuscript Division files.
25. Memorandum, Hunt to Fitzpatrick, December 6, 1917. Manuscript Division files.
26. Roosevelt to Putnam, September 21, 1918. Manuscript Division files.
27. Memorandum, October 3, 1918. Manuscript Division files.
28. Bullitt to Putnam, October 21, 1918. Manuscript Division files.
29. Putnam to Bullitt, October 26, 1918. Manuscript Division files.
30. Bishop to Fitzpatrick, January 17, 1919. Manuscript Division files.
31. Memorandum, January 23, 1919. Manuscript Division files.
32. Bishop to Fitzpatrick, March 22, 1919. Manuscript Division files.
33. Fitzpatrick to Bishop, April 10, 1919. Manuscript Division files.
34. Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt to Moore, July 18, 1919. Manuscript Division files
35. Bishop to Fitzpatrick, October 16, 1920. Manuscript Division files.
36. Fitzpatrick to Bishop, October 18, 1920. Manuscript Division files.
37. Joseph Bucklin Bishop, *Theodore Roosevelt and His Time* (New York, Scribner, 1920), vol. 1, p. vii-x.
38. Bishop to Moore, May 12, 1922. Manuscript Division files.
39. Moore to Bishop, May 15, 1922. Manuscript Division files.
40. Hagedorn to Moore, October 8, 1921. Manuscript Division files.
41. Shortly after the United States entered World War II, a large segment of the Roosevelt Papers was sent to the Alderman Library at the University of Virginia. The papers were returned to the Library of Congress in September 1944.

42. Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Association, *Annual Report*, 1926, p. 24.

Scope and Content Note for Additions to the Collection

The additions to the Theodore Roosevelt Papers span the years 1760-1993 and are organized as [Series 16](#) of the collection. Subseries are arranged according to the order in which the additions were processed. None of the material in the additions is included in the Library's microfilm edition of the Roosevelt Papers.

Material in [Addition I](#) spans the years 1760-1930, with the bulk concentrated in the period 1892-1930. It consists of family papers, general correspondence, speeches and writings, and subject files. The largest segment is the Roosevelt family file containing letters and memorabilia of Roosevelt's sons Archibald and Quentin and other members of the Roosevelt family. Letters from Roosevelt to Archibald from 1906 to 1916 dominate this part of the addition. Correspondence of Margaret Barnhill Roosevelt, Edith Kermit Carow Roosevelt, and Kate Shippen Roosevelt is also included in the family papers.

General correspondence in [Addition I](#) includes both originals and reproductions with the greater part consisting of photographic reproductions of Roosevelt's letters to William W. Sewell. The speeches and writings file contains first, final, and annotated drafts. Among the topics covered are democratic ideals discussed in a speech given before South American audiences, judicial recall, and Roosevelt's prewar tour of the Middle East and Europe.

The subject file in Addition I includes a complete set of minutes of a meeting in Chicago, 12 February 1912, at which Roosevelt was promoted as a Republican Party presidential candidate. Complementing the minutes is an annotated text of a speech delivered at Madison Square Garden in New York City later that year. An eyewitness report by O. K. Davis described an assassination attempt on Roosevelt's life in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in 1912.

[Addition II](#) includes material arranged alphabetically by subject spanning the years 1891-1993, with the bulk of the material dated 1891-1917. The Civil Service Commission file includes undated typewritten drafts of speeches, writings, and statements with Roosevelt's handwritten emendations; typewritten copies of outgoing letters, memoranda, and reports, 1891-1894; and material about Roosevelt compiled by the Information Division of the commission, 1910-1949. General correspondence includes an original letter dated 1895 from Roosevelt as New York City police commissioner and a photographic reproduction of a letter dated 1910 from Roosevelt as editor of *The Outlook* magazine. The Tom A. Raikes file includes a letter to Raikes from Roosevelt, 1912, and Raikes's collected newspaper accounts in 1910 of Roosevelt's speeches in London concerning British rule in Africa. The John Willis file includes photographic reproductions of letters from Roosevelt, 1909-1917, and material dated 1988-1993 describing Willis's role as Roosevelt's friend and hunting guide in Montana.

[Addition III](#) contains correspondence and printed matter from 1901 to 1918. The correspondence includes two letters from Roosevelt to J. W. Vickers, a soldier who served under Roosevelt during the Spanish American War, and a letter from Roosevelt to his son Theodore concerning Vickers. A letter to Bellamy Storer, 1901, reveals Roosevelt's concern with Roman Catholic influence in the recently acquired territories of the Philippine Islands and his efforts to "Americanize" foreign elements within the Catholic church in America. The addition also includes a copy of *The Facts about the Candidate* by Byron Andrews, a miniature book published for the presidential election of 1904.

[Addition IV](#) includes correspondence from 1898 to 1932. Roosevelt composed a letter at the headquarters for the 2nd Brigade, Cavalry Division, near Santiago de Cuba, to Colonel William Conant Church in 1898. In the letter, Roosevelt refuted claims that the Rough Riders in their first fight engaged in friendly fire and that their love of notoriety pushed them into a position where they had to be rescued. He claimed the volunteers were on par with regulars in terms of fighting capacity and further explained that the volunteers led three assaults with regulars alongside them at the extreme front of the battle of San Juan Heights. Another typed letter from 1911 is Roosevelt's brief reply to Richard Pretlow Ernst. A letter from 1932 documents that Edith Kermit Carow Roosevelt campaigned for Republican candidates William J. Donovan for governor and Frederick Trubee Davison for lieutenant governor of New York.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged in sixteen series:

- [Series 1: Letters and Related Material, 1759-1919](#)

- Series 2: Letterpress Copybooks, 1897-1916
- Series 3: Letters Sent, 1888-1919
- Series 4: Recipients' Copies, 1887-1918
- Series 5: Speeches and Executive Orders, 1899-1918
- Series 6: Press Releases and Proclamations, 1901-1909
- Series 7: Articles and Public Statements, 1886-1919
- Series 8: Personal Diaries, 1878-1884
- Series 9: Desk Diaries, 1901-1909
- Series 10: Reception Books, 1901-1909
- Series 11: Letter Record Books, 1901-1909
- Series 12: Shorthand Notebooks
- Series 13: Miscellany, 1881-1931
- Series 14: Additional Correspondence and Other Documents, 1897-1903
- Series 15: Scrapbooks, 1895-1910
- Series 16: Additions, 1760-1993

Description of Series

Container	Series
REEL 1-313	<p><u>Series 1: Letters and Related Material, 1759-1919</u></p> <p>Mainly correspondence with some memoranda. Arranged chronologically. Printed enclosures are filed at the end of the correspondence according to the date of the cover letter.</p>
REEL 308-309	<p><u>Subseries 1A: Additional Letters Received and Fragments, 1857-1919</u></p> <p>Arranged chronologically.</p>
REEL 309	<p><u>Subseries 1B: Letters from Royalty, 1904-1914</u></p>
REEL 309-313	<p><u>Subseries 1C: Undated Letters Received, 1901-1919</u></p> <p>Arranged alphabetically in two chronological groups: 1901-1909 and 1910-1917.</p>
REEL 313-362	<p><u>Series 2: Letterpress Copybooks, 1897-1916</u></p> <p>This series includes outgoing letters of Roosevelt's wife, Edith Kermit Carow Roosevelt, in volumes 105-107. Volume 108 contains the president's personal and financial correspondence, and volume 109 relates entirely to White House social functions. Roughly chronological in arrangement. Each volume has its own index in the front of the volume.</p>
REEL 363-415	<p><u>Series 3: Letters Sent, 1888-1919</u></p>
REEL 363-412	<p><u>Subseries 3A: Carbon Copies of Letters Sent, 1894-1919</u></p> <p>Mainly letters of Roosevelt's post-presidential period with a few from earlier years. Arranged chronologically.</p>
REEL 412-415	<p><u>Subseries 3B: Additional Copies of Letters Sent, 1888-1918</u></p> <p>Carbon copies of correspondence, loose letters, and press copies, and file drafts of correspondence. Arranged chronologically.</p>
REEL 415-417	<p><u>Series 4: Recipients' Copies, 1887-1918</u></p>
REEL 415-416	<p><u>Subseries 4A: Letters to C. A. Spring-Rice, Jacob Riis, and Others, 1887-1918</u></p> <p>Arranged chronologically.</p>
REEL 416	<p><u>Subseries 4B: Roosevelt-John Hay Letters, 1897-1905</u></p> <p>Arranged chronologically.</p>
REEL 416-417	<p><u>Subseries 4C: Undelivered Letters, 1898-1918</u></p> <p>Letters sent by Roosevelt that did not reach the recipient. Arranged chronologically.</p>
REEL 417-427	<p><u>Series 5: Speeches and Executive Orders, 1899-1918</u></p>

- REEL 417-424 **Subseries 5A: Speeches and Executive Orders, 1899-1918**
Drafts, typed copies, reading copies, and printed copies of speeches and typescripts of executive orders.
Arranged chronologically.
- REEL 424-426 **Subseries 5B: "White House Volumes," 1901-1909**
Mainly typed transcripts, with a few printed copies, of speeches made by Roosevelt during his presidency on trips and other special occasions. Compiled by the White House Staff.
Arranged chronologically.
- REEL 426-427 **Subseries 5C: Published Speeches, 1901-1917**
Speeches and messages to Congress.
Arranged chronologically.
- REEL 427-428 **Series 6: Press Releases and Proclamations, 1901-1909**
Typed copies of letters and statements concerning Roosevelt and the Roosevelt family, as well as a few proclamations, released by the White House.
Arranged chronologically.
- REEL 428-429 **Series 7: Articles and Public Statements, 1886-1919**
Mainly typescript and printed copies of Roosevelt's articles published in *The Outlook*, the *Metropolitan*, the *Kansas City Star*, and other publications, with related memoranda and a few public statements.
Arranged chronologically.
- REEL 429-430 **Series 8: Personal Diaries, 1878-1884**
Pocket diaries in Roosevelt's handwriting.
Arranged chronologically.
- REEL 430-431 **Series 9: Desk Diaries, 1901-1909**
Entries mainly concern appointments of Roosevelt with callers at the White House.
Arranged chronologically.
- REEL 431-437 **Series 10: Reception Books, 1901-1909**
Official White House guest lists with separate lists containing names and addresses of members of the cabinet, the diplomatic corps, the Supreme Court, the military establishment, and other categories of Washington officials.
- REEL 437-438 **Series 11: Letter Record Books, 1901-1909**
Records of letters received at the White House and forwarded to other government agencies. Entries are listed alphabetically by the first letter of the correspondent's last name. Under each letter of the alphabet correspondence is listed chronologically by the date received.
- REEL 439-446 **Series 12: Shorthand Notebooks**
Stenographic notes of Roosevelt's letters and speeches.
- REEL 446-452 **Series 13: Miscellany, 1881-1931**
- REEL 446 **Subseries 13A: Business Papers, 1901-1919**
Royalty statements, bills, and receipts.

Arranged chronologically.

- REEL 446 **Subseries 13B: "A Brief Summary of the Administration of Theodore Roosevelt, Governor, 1899-1900," by William J. Young, 1904**
Typescript.
- REEL 446 **Subseries 13C: "The Immigrant in America," a report of the Committee for Immigrants in America, 1913**
Typescript.
- REEL 447-448 **Subseries 13D: Progressive Party Minutes, 1912-1916**
Minutes of the party's provisional national committee, national committee, executive committee, and the 1912 national convention proceedings. Typescript.
- REEL 448 **Subseries 13E: Puerto Rico Journals, 1900-1901**
Journal of House of Delegates of the First Legislature of Puerto Rico, Dec. 1900-Jan. 1901, and Journal of Executive Council for that session. Typescript.
- REEL 448-450 **Subseries 13F: Cross References, 1901-1909**
Obsolete cross-reference sheets with subject entries drawn from correspondence groups now in Series 1.
Arranged alphabetically by name of correspondent.
- REEL 450 **Subseries 13G: Muster Rolls, 1898**
Muster Rolls of First Regiment, U.S. Volunteer Cavalry, May-Sept. 1898.
- REEL 450 **Subseries 13H: Miscellaneous Notes and Memoranda, 1881-1920**
Arranged chronologically.
- REEL 451 **Subseries 13I: Diplomas, Certificates, Maps and Portrait, 1851-1931**
Arranged chronologically.
- REEL 451 **Subseries 13J: Clippings**
- REEL 452 **Subseries 13K: Calling Cards**
Arranged alphabetically.
- REEL 452 **Subseries 13L: Photographs**
- REEL 452 **Subseries 13M: Maps and Photostats**
- REEL 452 **Subseries 13N: Printed Matter**
Only annotated material is filmed.
- REEL 453 **Series 14: Additional Correspondence and Other Documents, 1897-1903**
Material donated by George B. Cortelyou, Jr.
Arranged chronologically within three groups: Precautionary File, General Correspondence, and Speeches.

REEL 454-485

Series 15: Scrapbooks, 1895-1910

Bound volumes of newspaper and magazine clippings relating chiefly to Roosevelt's services as police commissioner of New York City, vice president, and president.
Grouped by period or subject matter and arranged in rough chronological order therein.

BOX 1-3

Series 16: Additions, 1760-1993

BOX 16:1-2

Addition I, 1760-1930

Correspondence, family papers, speeches and writings, printed matter, and miscellaneous items.
Arranged alphabetically by type of material.

BOX 16:3

Addition II, 1891-1993

Records of the U.S. Civil Service Commission, correspondence, writings, and miscellaneous items.
Arranged alphabetically by type of material or name of person.

BOX 16:3

Addition III, 1901-1918

Correspondence and a copy of *The Facts about the Candidate*, a miniature book by Byron Andrews.
Arranged alphabetically by type of material.

BOX 16:3

Addition IV, 1898-1932

Correspondence.
Arranged alphabetically by name of correspondent and therein alphabetically by recipient.

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REEL 2	1898, June-1899, July Digital content available
REEL 3	1899, Aug. 1-1899 Digital content available
REEL 4	1900, Jan. 1-Apr. 12 Digital content available
REEL 5	1900, Apr. 13-June 26 Digital content available
REEL 6	1900, June 27-Nov. 16 Digital content available
REEL 7	1900, Nov. 17-Dec. 23 Digital content available
REEL 8	1900, Dec. 24-1901, Feb. 14 Digital content available
REEL 9	1901, Feb. 15-Mar. 6 Digital content available
REEL 10	1901, Mar. 7-17 Digital content available
REEL 11	1901, Mar. 18-31 Digital content available
REEL 12	1901, Apr. 1-19 Digital content available
REEL 13	1901, Apr. 20-May 8 Digital content available
REEL 14	1901, May 9-31 Digital content available
REEL 15	1901, May-June 21 Digital content available
REEL 16	1901, June 22-July 18 Digital content available
REEL 17	1901, July 19-Aug. 22 Digital content available
REEL 18	1901, Aug. 23-Sept. 15 Digital content available

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REEL 21	1901, Oct. 20-Nov. 11 Digital content available
REEL 22	1901, Nov. 12-Dec. 16 Digital content available
REEL 23	1901, Dec. 17-1902, Jan. 8 Digital content available
REEL 24	1902, Jan. 9-Feb. 18 Digital content available
REEL 25	1902, Feb. 19-Apr. 8 Digital content available
REEL 26	1902, Apr. 9-May 15 Digital content available
REEL 27	1902, May 16-June 26 Digital content available
REEL 28	1902, June 27-Aug. 11 Digital content available
REEL 29	1902, Aug. 12-Oct. 3 Digital content available
REEL 30	1902, Oct. 4-Nov. 7 Digital content available
REEL 31	1902, Nov. 8-1902 Digital content available
REEL 32	1903, Jan. 1-Feb. 11 Digital content available
REEL 33	1903, Feb. 12-May 17 Digital content available
REEL 34	1903, May 21-July 11 Digital content available
REEL 35	1903, July 12-Aug. 6 Digital content available
REEL 36	1903, Aug. 7-Sept. 7 Digital content available
REEL 37	1903, Sept. 8-Oct. 16 Digital content available
REEL 38	1903, Oct. 17-Dec. 2 Digital content available
REEL 39	1903, Dec. 3-1903 Digital content available
REEL 40	1904, Jan. 1-22 Digital content available
REEL 41	1904, Jan. 23-Feb. 19 Digital content available
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Series 1: Letters and Related Material, 1759-1919

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REEL 47	1904, Aug. 22-Sept. 14 Digital content available
REEL 48	1904, Sept. 15-Oct. 10 Digital content available
REEL 49	1904, Oct. 11-Nov. 10 Digital content available
REEL 50	1904, Nov. 11-Dec. 9 Digital content available
REEL 51	1904, Dec. 10-1905, Jan. 4 Digital content available
REEL 52	1905, Jan. 5-Feb. 20 Digital content available
REEL 53	1905, Feb. 21-Apr. 21 Digital content available
REEL 54	1905, Apr. 22-June 5 Digital content available
REEL 55	1905, June 6-July 3 Digital content available
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REEL 64	1906, Mar. 13-May 18 Digital content available
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Series 1: Letters and Related Material, 1759-1919

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REEL 70	1906, Nov. 7-1907, Jan. 2 Digital content available
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REEL 88	1909, Jan. 26-June 30 Digital content available
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BOX 16:3	Andrews, Byron, <i>The Facts about the Candidate</i> , 1904 Correspondence, 1901 , 1917-1918 Digital content available
BOX 16:3	Addition IV, 1898-1932 Correspondence. Arranged alphabetically by name of correspondent and therein alphabetically by recipient.
BOX 16:3	Roosevelt, Edith Kermit Carow to Howard P. Wheeler, 1932
BOX 16:3	Roosevelt, Theodore
BOX 16:3	Church, William Conant, 1898
BOX 16:3	Ernst, Richard Pretlow, 1911