

**Lyman J. Gage Papers**  
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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Lyman J. Gage Papers

**Span Dates:** 1897-1906

**ID No.:** MSS21774

**Creator:** Gage, Lyman J. (Lyman Judson), 1836-1927

**Extent:** 13 items

**Extent:** 6 containers

**Extent:** 2.4 linear feet

**Language:** Collection material in English

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

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**Summary:** Banker and public official. Correspondence chiefly documenting Gage's service as secretary of the treasury in the William McKinley and Theodore Roosevelt administrations and subsequently as president of the United States Trust Company of New York.

## 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

Alger, R. A. (Russell Alexander), 1836-1907--Correspondence.  
Cortelyou, George B. (George Bruce), 1862-1940--Correspondence.  
Easley, Ralph M. (Ralph Montgomery), 1858- --Correspondence.  
Gage, Lyman J. (Lyman Judson), 1836-1927.  
Hanna, Marcus Alonzo, 1837-1904--Correspondence.  
McKinley, William, 1843-1901.  
Peckham, Orville, 1846-1927--Correspondence.  
Pond, James B. (James Burton), 1838-1903--Correspondence.  
Roosevelt, Theodore, 1858-1919.  
Root, Elihu, 1845-1937--Correspondence.  
Scott, Charles Emory--Correspondence.

### Organizations

United States Trust Company of New York.

### Subjects

Banks and banking--New York (State)--New York.  
Finance, Public--United States.  
Spanish-American War, 1898--Finance.

### Titles

*Lyman J. Gage papers*  
*Lyman Judson Gage papers*

### Occupations

Bankers.  
Cabinet officers.  
Public officials.

## Provenance

The papers of Lyman J. Gage, banker and public official, were purchased by the Library of Congress in 1955.

## Processing History

The papers of Lyman J. Gage were arranged and described circa 1960. The collection was revised in 2009.

## Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Lyman J. Gage is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

## Access and Restrictions

The papers of Lyman J. Gage 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, Lyman J. Gage Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## Biographical Note

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
1836, June 28	Born, DeRuyter, N.Y.
1853	Moved to Chicago, Ill.; worked as bookkeeper
1858	Entered banking house of Merchants Loan and Trust Co.
1864	Married Sarah Etheridge (died 1874)
1882	Became vice-president and executive officer, First National Bank of Chicago
1884	Supported Grover Cleveland for president
1887	Married Cornelia Washburn
1890-1892	President, Board of Directors, World's Columbian Exposition, Chicago, Ill.
1891-1897	President, First National Bank of Chicago
1896	Campaigned for William McKinley for president
1897-1902	Secretary of the treasury
1900	Promoted passage of Gold Standard Act
1902-1906	President, United States Trust Co.
1909	Married Frances Ada Ballou
1927	Died, San Diego, Calif.

## Scope and Content Note

The papers of Lyman Judson Gage (1836-1927) span the years 1897-1906 and consist chiefly of correspondence documenting Gage's service as secretary of the treasury in the William McKinley and Theodore Roosevelt administrations and subsequently as president of the United States Trust Company of New York. Subjects include fiscal matters such as the financing of the war with Spain. Correspondents include R. A. Alger, George B. Cortelyou, Ralph M. Easley, Marcus Alonzo Hanna, Orville Peckham, James B. Pond, Elihu Root, and Charles Emory Scott.

## **Arrangement of the Papers**

This collection is arranged chronologically in two groups of volumes: letters sent and private letters.

## Container List

<b>Container</b>	<b>Contents</b>
<b>BOX 1</b>	Letters sent
<b>BOX 1</b>	1898, Apr. 18-Dec. 31 (2 vols.)
<b>BOX 2</b>	1899, Jan. 3-Dec. 31 (2 vols.)
<b>BOX 3</b>	1900, Jan. 2-Dec. 31 (2 vols.)
<b>BOX 4</b>	1901, Jan. 1-Dec. 31 (2 vols.)
<b>BOX 5</b>	1902, Jan. 2-1906, 20 Apr. (2 vols.)
<b>BOX 5</b>	Private letters
<b>BOX 5</b>	1897, Mar. 23-May 25
<b>BOX 6</b>	1897, July 8-1898, Aug. 6 (2 vols.)