

William L. Daley Collection Relating to Billy Sunday
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Collection Summary

Title: William L. Daley Collection Relating to Billy Sunday

Span Dates: 1914-1925

ID No.: MSS01851

Creator: Sunday, Billy, 1862-1935

Collector: Daley, William L.

Extent: 300 items

Extent: 1 microfilm reel

Language: Collection material in English

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

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Summary: Evangelist, born William Ashley Sunday. Chiefly newspaper clippings compiled by Sunday's press agent concerning revivals held by Sunday. Also includes miscellaneous correspondence, sermon notes, brochures, and other printed matter.

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

Daley, William L. William L. Daley collection relating to Billy Sunday. 1914-1925.

Sunday, Billy, 1862-1935.

Subjects

Evangelists--United States.

Revivals--Maryland--Baltimore.

Revivals--New Jersey--Trenton.

Revivals--New York (State)--Buffalo.

Revivals--New York (State)--Syracuse.

Sermons, American.

Titles

Billy Sunday papers

Occupations

Clergy.

Evangelists.

Provenance

The William L. Daley Collection Relating to Billy Sunday, compiled by his press agent, William L. Daley, was given to the Library of Congress by Dorothy H. Daley in 1967.

Processing History

The Daley Collection was prepared for microfilming in 1986. Newspapers and newspaper clippings, which make up the bulk of the collection, were discarded after filming. The finding aid was revised in 2009.

Transfers

Items have been transferred from the Manuscript Division to other custodial divisions of the Library. Photographs have been transferred to the Prints and Photographs Division. A book has been transferred to the Rare Book and Special Collections Division. All transfers are identified in these divisions as part of the William L. Daley Collection Relating to Billy Sunday.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Billy Sunday is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The Daley Collection is 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.

Microfilm

A microfilm edition of these papers is available on one reel. 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.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container or reel number, William L. Daley Collection Relating to Billy Sunday, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

Sunday, Billy

Date	Event
1862, Nov. 19	Born near Ames, Iowa
1872	Sent by impoverished mother to orphanage in Glenwood, Iowa
1880	Moved to Marshalltown, Iowa
1883	Signed to play baseball by the Chicago White Stockings baseball club
1886-1887	Converted to Christianity and began attending the Presbyterian Church
1888	Sold to the Pittsburgh Alleghenys baseball club Married Helen Amelia Thompson
1890-1891	Played for the Philadelphia Phillies before retiring from baseball
1891	Became assistant secretary of the Chicago, Ill., YMCA
1896-1935	Conducted Christian evangelistic meetings throughout the country; credited with giving more than twenty thousand sermons to audiences totaling more than one hundred million people
1903	Ordained by the Presbyterian Church
1935, Nov. 6	Died, Chicago, Ill.

Scope and Content Note

The William L. Daley Collection Relating to Billy Sunday spans the years 1914-1925 and consists chiefly of newspaper clippings compiled by Sunday's press agent, William L. Daley, relating to revivals held by the evangelist in Syracuse, New York, 1915; Trenton, New Jersey, and Baltimore, Maryland, 1916; and Buffalo, New York, 1917. Also included is miscellaneous correspondence, sermon notes, brochures, and other printed matter.

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Arrangement of the Papers

The newspapers, newspaper clippings, and correspondence are arranged chronologically.

Container List

Available on microfilm. Shelf no. 19,360

Container	Contents
BOX 1 REEL 1	Scrapbook of clippings, 1915-1917 <i>Available only on microfilm</i>
BOX 1 REEL 1	Newspaper clippings <i>Available only on microfilm</i>
BOX 1 REEL 1	1915
BOX 1 REEL 1	1916
BOX 1 REEL 1	1917
BOX 1 REEL 1	1918-1923
BOX 1 REEL 1	Undated
BOX 1 REEL 1	Fragments
BOX 1 REEL 1	Newspapers, 1923-1924 <i>Available only on microfilm</i>
BOX 1 REEL 1	Correspondence, sermon notes, and various printed matter, 1916-1925
BOX 1 REEL 1	Photographs, undated <i>Transferred to Prints and Photographs Division</i>
BOX 1 REEL 1	<i>The Real Billy Sunday</i> , by Elijah P. Brown (New York: Revell Co., 1914) <i>Transferred to Rare Book and Special Collections Division [microfilm version is limited to cover, inscription, and title page]</i>