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Collection Summary

Title: Nelson W. Aldrich Papers

Span Dates: 1777-1930

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1879-1915)

ID No.: MSS10389

Creator: Aldrich, Nelson W. (Nelson Wilmarth), 1841-1915

Extent: 42,750 items ; 140 containers plus 3 oversize ; 58 linear feet ; 73 microfilm reels

Language: Collection material in English

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

Summary: United States representative and senator from Rhode Island, financier, and philanthropist. Correspondence, journal, appointment books, drafts of speeches, memoranda, financial records, reports, legislative matter, scrapbooks, serial publications, and other printed material relating chiefly to Aldrich's career in Congress.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

People

Aldrich, Abby Pearce Chapman, 1845-1917. Abby Pearce Chapman Aldrich diaries. 1904-1912.

Aldrich, Nelson W. (Nelson Wilmarth), 1841-1915.

Aldridge family.

Anthony, Henry B. (Henry Bowen), 1815-1884--Correspondence.

Camden, J. N. (Johnson Newlon), 1828-1908--Correspondence.

Cannon, Henry White, 1850-1934--Correspondence.

Chace, Jonathan, 1829-1917--Correspondence.

Choate, Charles F. (Charles Francis), 1828-1911.

Crane, Winthrop Murray, 1853-1920--Correspondence.

Hale, Eugene, 1836-1918--Correspondence.

Hoyt, Harris.

Lodge, Henry Cabot, 1850-1924--Correspondence.

Nichols, Jeannette Paddock, 1890-1982. Jeannette Paddock Nichols biographer's papers. 1860-1930.

Nicholson, William Thomas, 1834-1893--Correspondence.

Rockefeller, John D., Jr. (John Davison), 1874-1960.

Roosevelt, Theodore, 1858-1919.

Stephenson, Nathaniel W. (Nathaniel Wright), 1867-1935. Nathaniel W. Stephenson biographer's papers. 1860-1930.

Taft, William H. (William Howard), 1857-1930.

Whitman, William, 1842-1928--Correspondence.

Organizations

United States. Congress. Senate. Committee on Finance.

United States. Congress. Senate. Committee on Finance. United States. Congress. Senate. Committee on Finance minutes. 1863-1864.

Subjects

Tariff--United States.

Places

Rhode Island--Politics and government--1865-1950.

Texas--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.

United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Finance.

United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Registers.

United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.

Titles

Hepburn Act, 1906.

Occupations

Financiers.

Philanthropists.

Representatives, U.S. Congress--Rhode Island.

Senators, U.S. Congress--Rhode Island.

Administrative Information

Provenance

The papers of Nelson W. Aldrich, United States representative and senator from Rhode Island, financier, and philanthropist, were given to the Library of Congress in four installments. The first was received in 1944 from Aldrich's children, Winthrop W. Aldrich and Abby Aldrich Rockefeller. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., donated additions to the collection in 1955 and 1956 from the papers of his late wife, Abby Aldrich Rockefeller. The last installment was given by the Seminary of Our Lady of Providence, Rhode Island, in 1970.

Processing History

The papers of Nelson W. Aldrich were arranged and described in 1955 and microfilmed in 1972. The collection was expanded and revised in 2009.

Additional Guides

A note about the Nelson W. Aldrich papers appeared in the *Library of Congress Information Bulletin* 15 (Nov. 13 1956), and the material was described in the *Quarterly Journal of the Library of Congress* 13 (May 1956):152, and 14 (May 1957): 116. In 1973, the Library published *Nelson W. Aldrich, a Register and Index of His Papers in the Library of Congress*. The index is available as a [PDF](#) document.

Copyright Status

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

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Nelson W. Aldrich 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.

Microfilm

A microfilm edition of these papers is available on 73 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.

Online Content

Part of the Nelson W. Aldrich Papers are available on the Library of Congress Web site at <http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.mss/collmss.ms000087>. A digital version of part of the papers of Nelson W. Aldrich is available on FRASER, the digital library of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, at <http://fraser.stlouisfed.org/archival/4952>.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1841, Nov. 6	Born, Foster, R. I.
1862	Served with tenth Rhode Island Volunteers
1865	Became junior partner in Rhode Island wholesale grocery firm
1866	Married Abby Pearce Chapman (died 1917)
1869-1875	Member, Providence, R.I., common council (president, 1872-1873)
1875-1877	Member, Rhode Island state house of representatives (speaker of the house, 1876-1877)
1876	Delegate, Republican national convention
1879-1881	Member, U.S. House of Representatives
1881-1911	Member, U.S. Senate
1908-1912	Chairman, National Monetary Commission
1915, Apr. 16	Died, New York, N.Y.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Nelson Wilmarth Aldrich (1841-1915) span the years 1777-1930, with the bulk of the material concentrated in 1879-1915. The collection is composed primarily of [correspondence](#), [printed matter](#), and material relating to [tariff](#) legislation and the [National Monetary Commission](#), supplemented by [diaries](#), [notebooks](#), [speeches](#), [research notes](#), [serial publications](#), [financial records](#), and [miscellaneous](#) items.

The collection focuses on Aldrich's service as United States Senator from Rhode Island, 1881-1911 and reflects his involvement with national economic and fiscal policy. Tariff legislation is a recurring theme throughout the [Correspondence](#) series, particularly during the years of major tariff revision in 1890, 1897, and 1909. The correspondence, mainly incoming mail from businessmen representing a wide range of economic interests, reveals the depth of feeling generated by the prospect of tariff revision and the importance of the issue during these years. The letters also provide an insight into American business practices and the economic views of a large segment of the American business community during this era of industrial expansion. Aldrich's personal attention to the details of rate revision is revealed in the tariff file, while his speeches help document his attitude toward tariff duties as a source of protection for American industry from foreign competition.

Aldrich gave considerable attention during his last years in office to the problems of United States monetary policy. Following the Panic of 1907, with its accompanying rash of bank failures, he cosponsored the Aldrich-Vreeland Act of 1908, providing for the establishment of a National Monetary Commission to study banking and currency operations at home and abroad and to suggest changes in American practices.

The National Monetary Commission's correspondence for the years 1908-1912 documents its activities and Aldrich's role as chairman. Much of the commission's correspondence was with bankers, public officials, financial experts, and academicians employed to prepare special studies, translate documents, and collect statistics on financial operations and monetary systems in foreign nations as well as in the United States. Aldrich and other members of the commissions visited England, France and Germany to consult with experts and collect data, and specialists representing the commission made similar visits to other nations and reported their findings. Hearings were held in selected American cities to solicit opinions

from bankers and other interested parties, while numerous individuals sent unsolicited opinions and plans directly to the commission. Most of the letters were sent and received by Abram Piatt Andrew, special assistant to the commission; Arthur B. Shelton, secretary to the commission; and staff members Charles E. Alden, J. William Sheetz, and William A. Slade.

Aldrich's personal views are reflected in occasional correspondence, speeches delivered to promote monetary reform, and in the final report of the commission soon labeled the "Aldrich Plan." The commission's correspondence is also a rich source of information regarding American financial institutions in the early twentieth century and the views of members of the financial community at the time. [The National Monetary Commission](#) file contains most of its publications as well as a sampling of the collected data and related material.

After the death of Senator Henry B. Anthony in 1884, Aldrich assumed Anthony's former position as a powerful figure in Rhode Island politics. Letters in the collection from numerous state political figures, particularly Henry B. Gardner and Charles R. Bryaton, kept Aldrich abreast of local affairs and include requests for favors, advice, and patronage.

Aldrich's personal affairs and family relations form a relatively small portion of the collection. A series of letters written to his future wife in 1865-1866 offers a glimpse into his personal relations and plans at this time. Letters written to Mrs. Aldrich during his first trip abroad in 1872-1873 describe family relations and reveal his initial impressions of European society and culture. Scattered letters in the [Correspondence](#) series and the [financial records](#) offer insight into his extensive financial ventures, particularly his investments in the rubber industry.

Principal correspondents include William B. Allison, Henry B. Anthony, Jonathan Bourne (1811-1889), C. R. Brayton, Jonathan Chace, William E. Chandler, Charles A. Conant, Henry Pomeroy Davison, Eugene Hale, Philander C. Knox, Charles Warren Lippitt, Stephen B. Luce, Orville Hitchcock Platt, Theodore Roosevelt (1858-1919), William H. Taft, Henry Moore Teller, Paul M. Warburg, and George Peabody Wetmore.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged in ten series:

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Diaries and social engagement books of Abby Pearce Chapman Aldrich, bound and unbound shorthand letters and notes of Nelson W. Aldrich, a Civil War company roll book, a fraternal lodge address book, minutes of the Senate Finance Committee for Dec. 1863 to June 1864, and a journal relating to the Hepburn Act of 1906.
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General Correspondence, 1777-1915

Mainly letters received and occasional letters sent by Aldrich, and letters sent and received by staff members of the National Monetary Commission.
Arranged chronologically.

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Tariffs, circa 1880-circa 1915

Bills, amendments, schedules, petitions, resolutions, reports, statements, and miscellaneous items relating to tariff rates and tariff legislation.
Arranged by type of material.

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Publications, miscellaneous draft reports, proceedings, statements, statistics, and papers relating to the National Monetary Commission.
Arranged by type of material.

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Biographer's Papers, circa 1860-circa 1930

Research notes collected by Jeannette Paddock Nichols and Nathaniel W. Stephenson for the latter's biography, *Nelson W. Aldrich, a Leader in American Politics* (1930), supplemented by related correspondence and a few miscellaneous items.
Arranged by type of material and therein chronologically.

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Financial Records, circa 1880-circa 1915

Checkbooks, checks, statements, bills, receipts, vouchers, occasional correspondence, and miscellaneous items relating to Aldrich's personal financial affairs and to the financial transactions of the National Monetary Commission.
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Speech File, 1881-1913

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Bound facsimile letters, biographical information, material relating to Aldrich's rubber investments, speeches, articles, memoranda, proceedings, legal briefs and cases, contracts, reports, requests for supplies, cards, tickets, scrapbooks of clippings relating primarily to tariff and banking matters, acknowledgments, invitations, loose clippings, photographs, and miscellaneous items.
Arranged by type of material.

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Various documents and drafts with handwritten notes. Includes: a confidential 1912 report of the National Monetary Commission to Congress on the banking and currency conditions of the U.S. and other countries; a speech given by Aldrich at the Western Economic Society in Chicago, Nov. 1911.

Miscellany, circa 1911

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Various documents and drafts of "A Bill to Incorporate the National Reserve Association of the U.S." with handwritten notes.

Miscellany, circa 1911

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Several hand edited drafts of "A Bill to incorporate the National Reserve Association of the U.S." One draft edited by Arthur B. Shelton, and one possibly by Mr. Murray.

Miscellany, circa 1909

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Hand edited draft of "A Bill to incorporate the National Reserve Association of the U.S." and part of a speech or statement.

Miscellany, circa 1908

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Various documents, including lists of questions for and reports on other central Banks.

Miscellany, 1911

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Lists of names and addresses of staff at foreign central banks; questions about Senate Bill No. 3023 (Aldrich Bill); speech by Aldrich; Savings Departments of National Banks and Real Estate Loans: Summary of Replies from Bank Officers Relating Thereto.

Miscellany, circa 1911

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Various documents and drafts with handwritten notes. Includes: Banks of Issue; Savings Departments of National Banks and Real Estate Loans: Summary of Replies from Bank Officers Relating Thereto; The French and American Financial System Compared.

Miscellany, 1909

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Various documents and drafts with handwritten notes.

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The Banking System of Japan by Marquis Katsura, Premier and Finance Minister of Japan; Baron Sakatani Ex-Minister of Finance on the Banking System of Japan; The History and the Proposed Retirement of the United States Notes.

Miscellany, circa 1913

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Various handwritten and hand edited documents concerning "A Bill to Incorporate the National Reserve Association of the U.S."

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Various handwritten and hand edited documents concerning the Powers of the Federal Reserve Board.

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Various handwritten and hand edited documents. Includes: tables of English, Scotch and Irish banks and authorized issues; drafts of testimony to Congress, and of the Bill.

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Various documents and handwritten notes and edited versions of the Act; the National Monetary Commission seal; A New National Banking and Currency System for the United States, by M.G.H. Park, Waco TX; draft report of the national Monetary Commission.

Miscellany, 1907-1910

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Various handwritten and hand edited documents. Includes: Fisk & Robinson Monthly Bulletin of Investments, December 1, 1907; Bank Credit Currency Under Individual Bank Plan; opinions regarding the measure for the incorporation of clearing houses under a federal law, 1903; The History and Methods of the Paris Bourse, Book I, pages 1-15; Book II, page 1.

Miscellany, 1910

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Manuscript section of The History and Methods of the Paris Bourse (Puns Bours).

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Various documents, including: the continuation of the manuscript of "The History and Methods of the Paris Bourse" Chapter title: "Premiere Division. Bourses. Courtiers, Agents de Change Coulissiers. Nature des titres negociés." Pages 1-64.

Miscellany, 1908-1910

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Various documents and drafts, with handwritten annotations. Includes: The continuation from the previous folder of the manuscript of "The History and Methods of the Paris Bourse" (Puns Bours) In French. Book III, "Considerations juridiques sur le monopole des Agents de Change." Pages 1-22

Miscellany, circa 1907-1911

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Various documents and drafts, with handwritten annotations and notes.

Miscellany, 1908-1909

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Riders A -P to "A Bill to incorporate the National Reserve Association of the U.S."; correspondence from a German Bank: Centralverband des Deutschen Bank und Bankiergewerbes; letters from CA Bankers Assn., San Francisco Clearing House Assn. and the Merchant Exchange of San Francisco in support of a central bank.

Miscellany, 1910-1911

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Various documents, including: Proposal for Strengthening the National Banking System., pages 634-659; minutes of the National Monetary Commission meetings, Dec. 2-11, 1911; "National Bank Reserves" Law: A Feeder to Wall Street and Other Centres; Letter from U.S. Senate, Committee on Finance to Aldrich' "Suggestions for Court of Commerce Bill"; "Suggest Plan for Monetary Legislation" by Senator Aldrich (manuscript - original) Jan. 17, 1911.

Miscellany, 1896-1911

[Digital content available](#)

State Banks as a Means of Aiding Congress to Settle the "Monetary Problems"; Interview with J. T. Russell; Minutes of the National Monetary Commission meetings, Dec. 2-21, 1911.

Miscellany, 1907-1911

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Various documents. Includes: suggested plans for central banking; results of survey sent to National Banks; Tabular Summary of the Laws, Practices, and Statistics of the Principal Banks of the Leading Countries.

Miscellany, 1908-1910

[Digital content available](#)

Various documents. Includes: a list of volumes to be issued by the National Monetary Commission; Suggested Changes in National Bank Laws; A System of Currency, Founded on the Natural Law of Demand and Supply, and Not on Arbitrary Legislation.

Miscellany, circa 1909

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Various documents. Includes: a statement of expenditures of the National Monetary Commission; letter from Aldrich and National Monetary Commission to public officials, bankers, clearing houses, etc. asking for information.

Miscellany, 1890-1911

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Various documents and drafts with handwritten notes. Includes typed and handwritten pages of a report on European Central Banks; Statements of Exchanges of the Clearing Houses of the U.S. from 1882-1889.

Miscellany, 1908-1911

[Digital content available](#)

Various documents and drafts with handwritten notes. Includes statements of John L. Hamilton and W. V. Cox, and articles published in The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science.

Miscellany, 1908

[Digital content available](#)

Various documents and drafts with handwritten notes. Includes notes on bimetallism, and articles published in The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science.

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Miscellany, 1908, May-Aug.

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Minutes of the Proceedings of the National Monetary Commission

Miscellany, 1908

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Various documents. Includes Proceedings of the National Monetary Commission for Nov. - Dec. 1908.

Miscellany, 1909, Aug.-1911, Jan.

[Digital content available](#)

Includes Proceedings of the National Monetary Commission Aug. 1909 - Nov. 1910; "Suggested Plan for Monetary Legislation," Jan. 16, 1911.

Miscellany, 1911, Jan.-Aug.

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Continues "Suggested Plan for Monetary Legislation," Jan. 16, 1911; Minutes of National Monetary Commission meetings, March - Aug. 1911.

Miscellany, 1911

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Various documents, including a newspaper account of a speech by George E. Roberts.

Miscellany, 1907-1908

[Digital content available](#)

Various documents, including newspaper clippings; reports from different organizations discussing the National Monetary Commission Plan; Chart Showing the Organization of the Reserve Association of America.

Miscellany, 1878-1884 ; 1907-1910

[Digital content available](#)

Various documents, including Treasury Department circulars, and "Plan for Central National Bank of Issue" by Samuel Adams Trufant.

Miscellany, 1911

[Digital content available](#)

Various documents, including multiple currency plans suggested by bankers and other associations, published in various journals and newspapers.

Miscellany, 1908-1913

[Digital content available](#)

Various documents, including data from the Bank of Canada and the Bank of France.

Miscellany, 1906-1910

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Various documents, including newspaper clippings; Reports from different organizations discussing the National Monetary Commission Plan.

Miscellany, 1908-1910

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Various documents, including proceeding of the National Monetary Commission, July 1908.

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Includes a draft of the "Monetary Plan" with handwritten notes in the margins.
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Various documents and handwritten notes including a proposed amendment to Aldrich Bill; Proceedings of the National Monetary Commission, May - Aug. 1908; interview transcripts with foreign Central Bankers.
- Miscellany, 1906-1908
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Includes letters from various bankers, and clearing house members; data from the Comptroller of the Currency; excerpts from newspaper and journal articles.
- Miscellany, 1911
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Various documents and handwritten notes including information from Abram Piatt Andrew, Jr., Director of the Mint in 1909 and Secretary of the Treasury in 1910, about silver politics.
- Miscellany, 1911
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Various documents and handwritten notes including suggestions from National Monetary Commission members about locations of Districts and branches, and a list of changes to the Act.
- Miscellany, 1907-1912
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Various documents and handwritten notes, including "Amendments to the National Banking Act, with Foot Notes Explaining Why The Amendments Are Necessary."
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- Biographer's Papers, circa 1860-circa 1930**
- Research notes collected by Jeannette Paddock Nichols and Nathaniel W. Stephenson for the latter's biography, *Nelson W. Aldrich, a Leader in American Politics* (1930), supplemented by related correspondence and a few miscellaneous items.
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