

Irwin Hood Hoover Papers
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Collection Summary

Title: Irwin Hood Hoover Papers

Span Dates: 1909-1933

ID No.: MSS26450

Creator: Hoover, Irwin Hood, 1871-1933

Extent: 650 items

Extent: 7 containers

Extent: 2.8 linear feet

Extent: 9 microfilm reels

Language: Collection material in English

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

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Summary: White House usher. Chiefly diaries and diary notes kept by Hoover as White House usher concerning presidents from Benjamin Harrison to Franklin D. Roosevelt and life in the White House

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

Cleveland, Grover, 1837-1908.

Coolidge, Calvin, 1872-1933.

Harding, Warren G. (Warren Gamaliel), 1865-1923.

Harrison, Benjamin, 1833-1901.

Hoover family--Correspondence.

Hoover, Herbert, 1874-1964.

Hoover, Irwin Hood, 1871-1933.

McKinley, William, 1843-1901.

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

Roosevelt, Theodore, 1858-1919.

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

Wilson, Edith Bolling Galt, 1872-1961--Marriage.

Wilson, Woodrow, 1856-1924--Correspondence.

Wilson, Woodrow, 1856-1924--Marriage.

Wilson, Woodrow, 1856-1924.

Organizations

Paris Peace Conference (1919-1920)

White House (Washington, D.C.)

Subjects

Presidents--United States.

World War, 1914-1918--Peace.

Places

Europe--Description and travel.

Washington (D.C.)--Social life and customs.

Occupations

Electricians.

Ushers.

Provenance

The papers of Irwin Hood Hoover, chief usher at the White House, were given to the Library of Congress by the Hoover's estate in 1937.

Processing History

The papers of Irwin Hood Hoover were prepared for microfilming in 1983. The finding aid was revised in 2009.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Irwin Hood Hoover is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Irwin Hood Hoover 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 part of these papers is available on nine reels. Consult a reference librarian 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, Irwin Hood Hoover Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

Date	Event
1871, Oct. 24	Born, Washington, D.C.
1891	Installed first electric lights in White House; later became permanent electrician in the White House and then usher
circa 1910	Appointed chief usher of the White House by William H. Taft
1933, Sept. 14	Died, Washington, D.C.
1934	Posthumous publication of <i>Forty-two Years in the White House</i> . Boston: Houghton Mifflin Co.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Irwin Hood Hoover (1871-1933) span the years 1909-1933. The collection consists chiefly of diaries and diary notes kept by Hoover concerning life in the White House. Also in the collection are a few pieces of correspondence and a number of notes addressed to Hoover. Many of the notes are from Woodrow Wilson, some relating to his wedding to Edith Bolling Galt. Included is an initialed delivery copy of Wilson's message to Congress on August 27, 1913, and a series of letters from Hoover to his family written during his trip to France with Wilson in 1918-1919. Beginning as an electrician and later as usher and then chief usher in the White House, Hoover had contact with ten presidents and their families,

and the collection contains notes and reminiscences relating to each administration from Benjamin Harrison to Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Arrangement of the Papers

The collection is organized by type of material, with the diaries arranged chronologically and notes written by Hoover arranged alphabetically by name of the president that he served.

Container List

Available on microfilm. Shelf no. 18,765; two diaries spanning Mar. 1921 through Jan. 1923 are not on film.

Container	Contents
BOX 1 REEL 1-2	Diaries
BOX 1 REEL 1-2	1909-1914 (5 vols.)
BOX 2 REEL 2-3	1915-1921 (6 vols.)
BOX 3 REEL 4	1921-1924 (4 vols.)
BOX 4 REEL 5-6	1925-1929 (4 vols.)
BOX 5 REEL 6-8	1927-1933 (5 vols.)
BOX 5 REEL 6-8	Notebook, 1930-1932, undated
BOX 6 REEL 8-9	Notes
BOX 6 REEL 8-9	Cleveland, Grover
BOX 6 REEL 8-9	Coolidge, Calvin (3 folders)
BOX 6 REEL 8-9	Harding, Warren
BOX 6 REEL 8-9	Harrison, Benjamin
BOX 6 REEL 8-9	Hoover, Herbert
BOX 6 REEL 8-9	McKinley, William
BOX 6 REEL 8-9	Roosevelt, Franklin D.
BOX 6 REEL 8-9	Roosevelt, Theodore
BOX 6 REEL 8-9	Taft, William H.
BOX 6 REEL 8-9	Wilson, Woodrow
BOX 6 REEL 8-9	Address to Congress on Mexican relations, delivery copy, 1913, Aug. 27
BOX 6 REEL 8-9	Galt, Edith Bolling, wedding
BOX 6 REEL 8-9	House, Edward Mandel
BOX 6 REEL 8-9	Inauguration day, 1913, Mar. 4
BOX 6 REEL 8-9	Correspondence, Woodrow Wilson and Edith Bolling Galt Wilson, 1917-1921
BOX 6 REEL 8-9	Trip to Paris, France, 1918 (5 folders)
BOX 7 REEL 9	Correspondence, 1919-1931, undated
BOX 7 REEL 9	Miscellaneous (3 folders)