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Collection Summary

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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

Baker, Newton Diehl, 1871-1937--Correspondence.
Brewster, Owen, 1888-1961--Correspondence.
Catt, Carrie Chapman, 1859-1947--Correspondence.
Colby, Bainbridge, 1869-1950--Correspondence.
Daniels, Josephus, 1862-1948--Correspondence.
Harding, Warren G. (Warren Gamaliel), 1865-1923--Correspondence.
Hoover, Herbert, 1874-1964--Correspondence.
Hughes, Charles Evans, 1862-1948--Correspondence.
Hull, Cordell, 1871-1955--Correspondence.
Lane, Franklin K.--Correspondence.
Lansing, Robert, 1864-1928--Correspondence.
McCormick, Medill, 1877-1925--Correspondence.
White, Wallace H. (Wallace Humphrey), 1877-1952.

Organizations

United States. Congress. House.

Subjects

Bays--Maine.
Communication--United States.
Conservation of natural resources--United States.
Fisheries--United States.
Hydroelectric power plants--Maine.
Interstate commerce--United States.
Maritime concerns--United States.
Merchant marine--United States.
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Taxation--United States.
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Waterways--North America.

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Passamaquoddy Bay (N.B. and Me.)
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United States--Military policy.
United States--Politics and government--1901-1953.

Occupations

Representatives, U.S. Congress--Maine.
Senators, U.S. Congress--Maine.

Acquisition Information

The papers of Wallace H. White, United States representative and senator from Maine, were given to the Library of Congress by Nina Lunn White in 1953.

Processing History

The collection was processed in 1958. The finding aid was revised in 2011.

Additional Guides

In 1959, the Library published Wallace H. White, *A Register of His Papers in the Library of Congress*. A note appeared in the Library's Information Bulletin 13, no. 14 (Apr. 5, 1954): 1; and the material was described in the Library of Congress Quarterly Journal of Current Acquisitions 11, no. 3 (May 1954): 166-7.

Transfers

A phonograph of a recording by White, "Our Opinion on Our National Defense, Undated" has been transferred to the Motion Picture, Broadcasting, and Recorded Sound Division where it is identified as part of these papers.

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Access and Restrictions

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Biographical Note

Date	Event
1877, Aug. 16	Born, Lewiston, Maine
1899	A.B., Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine
1899-1903	Studied law at Columbia University, New York, N.Y., and with Cotton and White, Washington, D.C.; served as assistant clerk of United States Senate Committee on Commerce; and later as secretary to Senator William P. Frye
1902	Admitted to bar, District of Columbia
1903	Admitted to bar, Maine; began practice at Lewiston, Maine, with White and Carter, of which firm his father was senior member
1917	Married Nina Lumbard Lunn
1917-1931	Member, United States House of Representatives
1931-1949	Republican senator from Maine
1952, Mar. 31	Died, Auburn, Maine

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Wallace Humphrey White (1877-1952) date from 1915 to 1948 and relate mainly to the period 1917-1931 when he served in Congress as representative from the Second District of Maine. This period is covered by a [Departmental File](#) of correspondence with executive agencies of the government. A [Subject File](#) and [Legislative File](#), both of which span the period 1925-1948, pertain to matters such as radio and communications, merchant marine and maritime affairs, fisheries, conservation, tariffs, the St. Lawrence Seaway, immigration, neutrality, interstate commerce, the Passamaquoddy Tidal Project, national defense, taxes, and veterans' benefits.

Correspondence is lacking for the period 1931-1949 when White served as United States Senator. A series of [scrapbooks](#) from 1915 to 1948 contains clippings on White's activities in local and national politics. Additional series include a [Personal Correspondence file](#); [Pension File](#); [Speech, Article and Remarks File](#); [Newspapers](#); and [Miscellany](#).

Correspondents include Newton Diehl Baker, Owen Brewster, Carrie Chapman Catt, Bainbridge Colby, Josephus Daniels, Warren G. Harding, Herbert Hoover, Charles Evans Hughes, Cordell Hull, Franklin K. Lane, Robert Lansing, and Medill McCormick.

Arrangement of the Papers

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