Evelyn Wadsworth Symington Collection of John Hay Material
A Finding Aid to the Collection in the Library of Congress

Manuscript Division, Library of Congress
Washington, D.C.
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Collection Summary
Title: Evelyn Wadsworth Symington Collection of John Hay Material
Span Dates: 1864-1905
ID No.: MSS50583
Creator: Symington, Evelyn Wadsworth, 1903-1972
Extent: 25 items
Extent: 2 containers
Extent: 0.8 linear feet
Language: Collection material in English
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
LC Catalog record: https://lccn.loc.gov/mn78050583
Summary: Collector. Letters, diaries, speech, poetry and writings, newspaper clippings, and other papers by and about John Hay, statesman, diplomat, historian, journalist, poet, and the grandfather of Symington.

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
Adams, Henry, 1838-1918.
Austin, Alfred, 1835-1913.
Bunau-Varilla, Philippe, 1859-1940.
Griscom, Lloyd Carpenter, 1872-1959.
Hay, John, 1838-1905.
Lincoln, Abraham, 1809-1865.
Lincoln, Robert Todd, 1843-1926.
McKinley, William, 1843-1901.
Nicolay, John G. (John George), 1832-1901.
Sherman, William T. (William Tecumseh), 1820-1891.

Titles
John Hay papers

Occupations
Collectors.

Provenance

Processing History
The Symington collection was processed in 1978 and expanded in 1983. The finding aid was revised in 2011.

Related Material
Related collections in the Manuscript Division include the John Hay Papers and the Tyler Dennett Collection Relating to John Hay.
Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of John Hay is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The Evelyn Wadsworth Symington Collection of John Hay Material 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.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Evelyn Wadsworth Symington Collection of John Hay Material, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The collection of Evelyn Wadsworth Symington (1903-1972) of John Hay material spans the years 1864-1905. The papers consist of letters, diaries, a speech, poetry and writings, newspaper clippings, and other documents by and about John Hay, Symington’s grandfather. Individuals represented by letters, poetry, or subject matter include Henry Adams, Alfred Austin, Philippe Bunau-Varilla, Lloyd Carpenter Griscom, Abraham Lincoln, Robert Todd Lincoln, William McKinley, John G. Nicolay, and William T. Sherman.

Arrangement of the Papers

The collection is organized by type of material.
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<td>Letter written and signed by Robert Todd Lincoln to Hay, 1883, Apr. 14 (3 pages), and copy of letter from John G. Nicolay to Robert Todd Lincoln, 1888, Apr. 12(?) , concerning the papers of Abraham Lincoln now in the Manuscript Division of the Library of Congress</td>
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<td>BOX 1</td>
<td>Letter from Alfred Austin (poet laureate) to Hay, 1899, Mar. 25 , and published correspondence of the two men from the <em>London Times</em>, with other newspaper clippings</td>
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<td>Manuscript volume entitled “Lincoln and the Army of the Potomac”, (470 pages), a portion of which is in the handwriting of Hay. Consists of drafts of segments of the text of <em>Abraham Lincoln, a History</em>, by Hay and John G. Nicolay</td>
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<td>Manuscript (fair copy) of a poem entitled “Buddha and Brahma”, (24 pages) by Henry Adams, with covering letter from Adams to Hay, 1895, Apr. 26</td>
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