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Collection Summary

Title: Albert J. Beveridge Papers

Inclusive Dates: 1788-1943

Bulk Dates: 1886-1927

ID No.: MSS12591

Creator: Beveridge, Albert J. (Albert Jeremiah), 1862-1927

Extent: 98,000 items

Extent: 390 containers plus 28 oversize

Extent: 167.4 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

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

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Summary: United States senator from Indiana, lawyer, historian, and biographer. Correspondence, diary notes, addresses, drafts of writings, research material, records of interviews, printed matter, photographs, and miscellaneous material documenting Beveridge's career from his early law practice in Indiana to his career in the Senate, espousal of the Progressive Party, experience as a war correspondent in Europe, and his later work as historian and biographer. Includes source material used in writing biographies of Abraham Lincoln and John Marshall.

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

Bergson, Henri, 1859-1941--Interviews.

Beveridge, Albert J. (Albert Jeremiah), 1862-1927.

Beveridge, Albert J. (Albert Jeremiah), 1862-1927. Abraham Lincoln, 1809-1858. 1928.

Beveridge, Albert J. (Albert Jeremiah), 1862-1927. Life of John Marshall. 1916-1919.

Beveridge, Albert J. (Albert Jeremiah), 1862-1927. What is back of the war. 1915.

Grey of Fallodon, Edward Grey, Viscount, 1862-1933--Interviews.

Hanotaux, Gabriel, 1853-1944--Interviews.

Lincoln, Abraham, 1809-1865.

Lorimer, George Horace, 1868-1937--Correspondence.

Marshall, John, 1755-1835.

Parker, Gilbert, 1862-1932--Interviews.

Perkins, George W. (George Walbridge), 1862-1920--Correspondence.

Phillips, David Graham, 1867-1911--Correspondence.

Pinchot, Gifford, 1865-1946--Correspondence.

Roosevelt, Theodore, 1858-1919--Correspondence.

Shaffer, John C. (John Charles), 1853-1943--Correspondence.

Shaw, Albert, 1857-1947--Correspondence.

Shaw, Bernard, 1856-1950--Interviews.

Tirpitz, Alfred von, 1849-1930--Interviews.

William II, German Emperor, 1859-1941--Interviews.

Organizations

Progressive Party (U.S. : 1912)

United States. Congress. Senate.

United States. Navy.

Subjects

Child labor--Law and legislation--United States.

Imperialism.

Practice of law--Indiana.

Progressivism (United States politics)
Social change--United States.
World War, 1914-1918--Causes.
World War, 1914-1918--Journalists.

Places

Indiana--Politics and government.
Philippines--Foreign relations--United States.
United States--Foreign relations--1865-
United States--Foreign relations--Philippines.
United States--Politics and government--1865-1933.
United States--Social conditions.
United States--Territorial expansion.

Occupations

Biographers.
Historians.
Lawyers.
Senators, U.S. Congress--Indiana.

Acquisition Information

The papers of Albert J. Beveridge, United States senator from Indiana, lawyer, historian, and biographer, were given to the Library of Congress by his wife, Catherine Eddy Beveridge, between 1940 and 1953. Additional installments to the papers were given between 2006-2011 by Beveridge's grandson, Albert J. Beveridge III.

Processing History

The Beveridge Papers were processed in 1954 by Katherine Brand. The finding aid was revised in 2007 and again in 2011 by Maria Farmer. Material received between 2006 and 2011 was processed as an addition to the papers by Connie L. Cartledge in 2012. The finding aid was updated in 2023 by Maria Farmer as part of a division-wide remediation project by the Inclusive Description Working Group.

Additional Guides

Card indexes to the Office Files series of the collection received with the papers are available in the Manuscript Division Reading Room. Consult reference staff for further information.

Related Material

Related collections in the Manuscript Division include the [Albert J. Beveridge Collection of John Marshall Papers](#).

Copyright Status

Copyright in the unpublished writings of Albert J. Beveridge in these papers and in other collections of papers in the custody of the Library of Congress has been dedicated to the public.

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Albert J. Beveridge 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.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Albert J. Beveridge Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

Date	Event
1862, Oct. 6	Born, Highland County, Ohio
1865	Moved to Illinois with family
1877	Became a logger and teamster; began to attend high school
1881	Entered Asbury College, Greencastle, Ind.
1884	Began political career as a campaign orator for James Gillespie Blaine
1885	B.A., DePauw University, Greencastle, Ind.
1887	Married Katherine Langsdale (died 1900) Admitted to Indiana bar
1887-1899	Practiced law, Indianapolis, Ind.
1888	M.A., DePauw University, Greencastle, Ind.
1899-1911	U. S. senator from Indiana
1903	Published <i>The Russian Advance</i> . New York: Harper & Bros.
1905	Published <i>The Young Man and the World</i> . New York: D. Appleton and Co.
1907	Married Catherine Eddy in Berlin, Germany Published <i>The Meaning of the Times</i> . Bobbs-Merrill Co. Published <i>The Bible as Good Reading</i> . Philadelphia: H. Altemus Co.
1911	Defeated for U.S. Senate; nominated as governor of Indiana by the Progressive Party of Indiana, but defeated by the Democratic candidate, Samuel M. Ralston
1915	War correspondent in Germany
1916	Rejoined the Republican Party and supported Charles Evans Hughes for president
1919	Published <i>The Life of John Marshall</i> . Boston and New York: Houghton Mifflin Co. (4 vols.)
1922	Nominated for U.S. Senate by the Republican Party of Indiana; defeated incumbent, Harry S. New, but in the general election was defeated by Samuel M. Ralston
1927, Apr. 27	Died, Indianapolis, Ind.
1928	Posthumous publication of <i>Abraham Lincoln</i> . London: Gollancz (2 vols.)

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Albert Jeremiah Beveridge (1862-1927) document his career from 1890 to 1927, beginning with his law practice in Indianapolis, Indiana, prominence as an acclaimed orator and two terms in the United States Senate, war correspondent in Europe during World War I, and later achievement as a historian and biographer of John Marshall and Abraham Lincoln. The collection spans the years 1788-1943, with the bulk of the material concentrated in the period 1886-1927. Major correspondents include George Horace Lorimer, George W. Perkins, David Graham Phillips, Theodore Roosevelt (1858-1919), John C. Shaffer, and Albert Shaw. Beveridge's senatorial career covered the period of political insurgency that led to the rise of the Progressive Party. He was one of the original Progressive Republicans, and in 1912 went into the Progressive Party with Theodore Roosevelt, making the keynote address at the Chicago Progressive Convention the same year. In 1916 he re-entered the Republican Party. The collection is organized into eleven series: [Office Files](#), [General Correspondence](#), [Lincoln Correspondence](#), [Speeches and Articles](#), [Miscellaneous Notes and Manuscripts](#), [Biographical Material](#), [Philippines Speech](#), [Scrapbooks](#), [Miscellany](#), and [Book File](#), and [Addition](#).

At the request of his wife, Catherine Eddy Beveridge, Albert Beveridge's drafts of articles that appeared first in *Collier's Weekly* and later in his book, *What Is Back of the War*, (published in 1915 as a result of his European trip) were identified, annotated, and arranged as part of the [Book File](#) series. Included were Beveridge's correspondence of the period, his diary

notes, and a few photographs as well as records of interviews, many of them used in his book, with such individuals as Henri Bergson, Viscount Edward Grey of Fallodon, Gabriel Hanotaux, Gilbert Parker, Bernard Shaw, Alfred von Tirpitz, and William II, Emperor of Germany. Most of the interviews were sent to the persons interviewed for comments or corrections, and the responses contain unique material organized with related documentation and supplementary printed matter.

Also in the [Book File](#) is material relating to Beveridge's biographies of John Marshall and Abraham Lincoln, including notes, transcripts drafts, galleys, and other background files. Other topics of importance in the collection, in addition to the rise of Progressivism and his role in it, include Indiana politics, his call for empire and defense of imperialism, support for annexation of the Philippines, advocacy before the First World War of the construction of a new navy, and championship of national child labor laws and other reform legislation.

The [Addition](#), 1898-1943, consists primarily of photographs of Beveridge and speeches, writings, and notes of Beveridge. Included in the speeches and writings are a speech given in 1912 by Beveridge at the Progressive National Convention in Chicago, Ill., a speech to the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity in 1926 discussing the merits of the election primary versus the party convention, and an introduction written by Beveridge about Robert W. McBride's book *Personal Recollections of Abraham Lincoln, by a Member of His Bodyguard, Rober W. McBride*. Two telegrams in the general correspondence relate to the founding of the Progressive Party and there is also correspondence relating to Beveridge's book *Abraham Lincoln*. Also featured in the addition are a notebook and related papers documenting Beveridge's trip to the Philippines in 1899 prior to taking his seat in the Senate.

Arrangement of the Papers

The collection is arranged in ten series:

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- [Philippines Speech, 1900](#)
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Description of Series

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BOX 1-110	<p><u>Office Files, circa 1900-1912</u></p> <p>Letters sent and received largely relating to post office patronage. Arranged numerically and controlled by an index received with the collection. Index available only in the Manuscript Division Reading room.</p>
BOX 111-284	<p><u>General Correspondence, 1890-1927</u></p>
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BOX 285-296	<p><u>Lincoln Correspondence, circa 1922-1927</u></p> <p>Letters sent and received by relating to Beveridge's biography of Abraham Lincoln. Arranged alphabetically. Includes a small group of clippings filed at the end of the series.</p>
BOX 297-320	<p><u>Speeches and Articles, circa 1888-1926</u></p> <p>Addresses and articles by Beveridge in various forms, including notes, handwritten and typed drafts, and printed texts. Arranged chronologically.</p>
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- BOX 326** **Scrapbooks, 1892-1910**
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- BOX 327** **Miscellany, undated**
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- BOX 328-417** **Book File, 1788-1927**
- BOX 328-375** **What Is Back of the War (1914-1915)**
Bond volumes of correspondence, mainly letters received; diary notes; drafts of chapters; interviews; and notes used in preparing chapters for Beveridge's book about his European trip. Also unbound printed matter and photographs.
Organized by type of material.
- BOX 338-375** **The Life of John Marshall (1916-1919)**
Research notes, drafts, and galleys for Beveridge's book on Marshall.
Organized by type of material.
- BOX 376-417** **Abraham Lincoln (1918)**
Research notes, draft, and other material relating to Beveridge's book on Lincoln.
Organized by type of material.
- BOX 418** **Addition, 1898-1943**
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