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Collection Summary
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Summary: Journalist, politician, and public official. Correspondence, autobiography, reports, memoranda, speeches, articles, financial and family records, clippings, printed matter, photographs, and memorabilia pertaining mainly to Woolley's political career in the Democratic Party and as a public official.

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
Barkley, Alben William, 1877-1956--Correspondence.
Brandeis, Louis Demberitz, 1856-1941--Correspondence.
Breckinridge, Desha, 1867-1935--Correspondence.
Cox, James M. (James Middleton), 1862-1948--Correspondence.
House, Edward Mandell, 1858-1938--Correspondence.
McAdoo, W. G. (William Gibbs), 1863-1941--Correspondence.
Peabody, George Foster, 1852-1938--Correspondence.
Roosevelt, Franklin D. (Franklin Delano), 1882-1945--Correspondence.
Roper, Daniel C. (Daniel Calhoun), 1867-1943--Correspondence.
Truman, Harry S., 1884-1972--Correspondence.
Tumulty, Joseph P. (Joseph Patrick), 1879-1954--Correspondence.
Wilson, Woodrow, 1856-1924--Correspondence.
Woolley family.

Organizations
Democratic Party (U.S.)
United States. Congress. Senate. Committee on Interstate Commerce.
United States. Interstate Commerce Commission.

Subjects
Elections--United States--1912.
Elections--United States--1916.
Elections--United States--1920.
Energy policy--United States.
Fuel consumption.
Interstate commerce--United States.
Railroads and state--United States.
Railroads--United States.
World War, 1914-1918--Transportation--United States.
Places
United States--Commerce.
United States--Politics and government--1901-1953.

Occupations
Journalists.
Politicians.
Public officials.

Provenance
The papers of Robert Wickliffe Woolley, journalist, politician, and public official, were given to the Library of Congress by Woolley in 1951. Additional papers were given by his daughter, Marguerite Trenholm Woolley, in 1959, and by Mrs. Clarence List in 1977. Several items of correspondence owned by Woolley were reproduced by the Library for the collection in 1952.

Processing History
The collection was processed in 1959 and expanded in 1977. The finding aid was revised in 2008.

Additional Guides

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Biographical Note

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<td>1911-1912</td>
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**Scope and Content Note**

The papers of Robert Wickliffe Woolley (1871-1958) consist of correspondence, reports, memoranda, manuscripts of speeches and articles, the draft of an unpublished autobiography, photographs, clippings and other printed matter, financial records, and memorabilia. The material extends from 1842 to 1956, with the bulk of the papers from the period 1912-1921. The collection is organized into six series: General Correspondence ; Letterpress Books ; Subject File ; Speech, Article, and Book File ; Miscellany ; and Printed Matter .

Nearly a third of the papers concerns the Democratic national political campaigns of 1912, 1916, and 1920, when Woolley was engaged in organizing party publicity. Another third of the material relates to his work with the Interstate Commerce Commission from 1917 to 1921. The greatest emphasis of this portion is on the regulation of railroads during and after World War I, inquiries relating to the United States Senate Committee on Interstate Commerce, and fuel economy. The remainder of the papers is comprised of family, political, and financial correspondence, memorabilia, and printed matter. Although Woolley was a member of twelve emergency boards of the National Mediation Board, between 1945 and 1947, only a few items in the papers concern these matters. Material is also scant on the Stanley Committee for which Woolley was chief investigator into the affairs of the U.S. Steel Corporation.

“Politics Is Hell,” an unpublished autobiography, chronicles Woolley's acquaintance with the political leaders and issues during his career.


**Arrangement of the Papers**

This collection is arranged in six series:
- General Correspondence, circa 1910-1956
- Letterpress Books, 1915-1916
- Subject File, 1908-1945
- Speech, Article, and Book File, 1907-1950
- Miscellany, 1842-1955

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