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Collection Summary

Title: George Foster Peabody Papers

Span Dates: 1894-1937

ID No.: MSS35691

Creator: Peabody, George Foster, 1852-1938

Extent: 25,000 items

Extent: 75 containers

Extent: 32 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

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Summary: Banker and philanthropist. Correspondence and other papers reflecting Peabody's activities as treasurer of the Democratic National Committee, interest in the Democratic Party, his association with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and other banking activities, and special interests such as African-American welfare, the development of education in the South, and the Georgia Warm Springs Health Foundation.

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.

Chance, Wade, 1867-

Cooley, Stoughton, 1861-1934.

Milbury, Arthur W. (Arthur Wellesley), 1854-

Page, Walter Hines, 1855-1918.

Peabody, George Foster, 1852-1938.

Post, Louis F. (Louis Freeland), 1849-1928.

Rice, William Gorham, 1856-1945.

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

Shepard, Edward Morse, 1850-1911.

Slade, John A. (John Albert), 1882-1969.

Washington, Booker T., 1856-1915.

Wilson, Woodrow, 1856-1924.

Organizations

Democratic National Committee (U.S.)

Democratic Party (U.S.)

Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

Georgia Warm Springs Foundation.

Subjects

African Americans.

Banks and banking--New York (State)

Banks and banking.

Education--Southern States.

Places

United States--Politics and government--1901-1953.

Occupations

Bankers.

Philanthropists.

Provenance

The papers of George Foster Peabody, banker and philanthropist, were given to the Library of Congress by Elizabeth Ames in 1948-1949.

Processing History

The papers of George Foster Peabody were arranged and described in 1950-1952. The finding aid was revised in 2011.

Copyright Status

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Access and Restrictions

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Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Date	Event
1852, July 27	Born, Columbus, Ga.
1866	Moved with family to Brooklyn, N.Y.
1880	Joined the Episcopal Church
1881	Became partner in new investment firm, Spencer Trask and Co., New York, N.Y.
1904-1905	Treasurer, Democratic National Committee
1914-1921	Member, Board of Directors, Federal Reserve Bank, New York
1921	Married Katrina Trask (died 1922), widow of Spencer Trask, at Yaddo, an artists' community founded by the Trasks in Saratoga Springs, N.Y.
1923	Purchased residence at Warm Springs, Ga.
1938, Mar. 4	Died, Warm Springs, Ga.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of George Foster Peabody (1852-1938) span the years 1894-1937. The collection consists of correspondence and other papers reflecting Peabody's activities as treasurer of the Democratic National Committee, his interest in the Democratic Party, his association with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and other banking activities, and special interests such as African-American welfare, the development of education in the South, and the Georgia Warm Springs Health Foundation. The collection is arranged in [General Correspondence](#), [Subject File](#), and [Name File](#) series.

The papers include correspondence and papers by and about Newton Diehl Baker, Nicholas George Julius Ballanta-Taylor, Wade Chance, Stoughton Cooley, Arthur W. Milbury, Walter Hines Page, Louis F. Post, William Gorham Rice, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Edward Morse Shepherd, John A. Slade, Woodrow Wilson, and Booker T. Washington.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged in three series:

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