

Henry Thomas Rainey Papers
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Collection Summary

Title: Henry Thomas Rainey Papers

Span Dates: 1904-1934

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1924-1934)

ID No.: MSS37184

Creator: Rainey, Henry Thomas, 1860-1934

Extent: 6,000 items

Extent: 20 containers

Extent: 8 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

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

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Summary: U.S. representative from Illinois and speaker of the U.S. Congress House of Representatives. Primarily constituent correspondence from 1934 and correspondence relating to the McNary-Haugen Farm Relief Bill of 1924.

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

Bacon, Alexander S. (Alexander Samuel), 1853-1920--Correspondence.

Bryan, William Jennings, 1860-1925--Correspondence.

Dannis, Sam B.--Correspondence.

Hearst, William Randolph, 1863-1951--Correspondence.

Masters, Edgar Lee, 1868-1950--Correspondence.

McAdoo, W. G. (William Gibbs), 1863-1941--Correspondence.

Rainey, Henry Thomas, 1860-1934.

Wilson, Woodrow, 1856-1924--Correspondence.

Subjects

Agriculture--Economic aspects--United States.

Agriculture--United States.

Farm produce--United States--Marketing.

Inland water transportation--United States.

Places

Illinois Waterway (Ill.)

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

Occupations

Representatives, U.S. Congress--Illinois.

Provenance

The papers of Henry Thomas Rainey, U.S. Representative from Illinois and speaker of the House of Representatives, were given to the Library of Congress by his widow, 1934-1936.

Processing History

The papers of Henry Thomas Rainey were housed and described circa 1960. The finding aid was revised in 2006.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Henry Thomas Rainey is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Henry Thomas Rainey 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, Henry Thomas Rainey Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

Date	Event
1860, Aug. 20	Born, Carrollton, Ill.
1883	Graduated, Amherst College, Amherst, Mass.
1885	Graduated, Union College of Law, Chicago, Ill. Admitted to the bar and began law practice, Carrollton, Ill.
1887-1895	Master in chancery, Greene County, Ill.
1903-1920	U.S. representative from Illinois
1923-1934	U.S. representative from Illinois
1931-1932	Democratic Majority leader in House of Representative
1933-1934	Speaker of the House of Representative
1934, Aug. 19	Died, St. Louis, Mo.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Henry Thomas Rainey (1860-1934) span the years 1904-1934, with the bulk of the material from 1924 to 1934. The collections consist mainly of letters from his constituents and correspondence from 1924 relating to the passage of the McNary-Haugen Farm Relief Bill. Also included are files concerning the Illinois Waterway. Correspondents include Alexander S. Bacon, William Jennings Bryan, Sam B. Dannis, Edgar Lee Masters, W. G. McAdoo, William Randolph Hearst, and Woodrow Wilson. The collection is organized into four series: [General Correspondence](#), [Subject File](#), [McNary-Haugen Farm Relief Bill Correspondence](#), and [Miscellany](#).

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged in four series:

- [General Correspondence, 1904-1934](#)
- [Subject File, 1931-1933](#)
- [McNary-Haugen Farm Relief Bill Correspondence, 1924](#)
- [Miscellany, 1908-1934](#)

Description of Series

Container	Series
BOX 1-10	<p><u>General Correspondence, 1904-1934</u> Letters sent and received. Arranged chronologically.</p>
BOX 11-15	<p><u>Subject File, 1931-1933</u> Correspondence, reports, charts, legislative bills, list, and miscellaneous material. Arranged by alphabetically by subject.</p>
BOX 16-18	<p><u>McNary-Haugen Farm Relief Bill Correspondence, 1924</u> Correspondence concerning the McNary-Haugen Bill in 1924. Arranged alphabetically by name of correspondent.</p>
BOX 19-20	<p><u>Miscellany, 1908-1934</u> Correspondence and printed matter relating to the Illinois Waterway and Chicago sewage and other papers on miscellaneous topic. Arranged by topic or type of material.</p>

Container List

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BOX 1	1904, Feb.-1923, June
BOX 2	1923, July-1927, Dec.
BOX 3	1928, Jan.-1933, Dec.
BOX 4	1934
BOX 4	Jan.- Feb.
BOX 5	Feb.-Mar.
BOX 6	Mar.
BOX 7	Mar.-Apr
BOX 8	Apr.-May
BOX 9	May-July
BOX 10	July-Dec.
BOX 10	Undated
BOX 11-15	Subject File, 1931-1933 Correspondence, reports, charts, legislative bills, list, and miscellaneous material. Arranged by alphabetically by subject.
BOX 11	A-B
BOX 12	C-F
BOX 13	G-S
BOX 14	T-U
BOX 15	V-Z
BOX 16-18	McNary-Haugen Farm Relief Bill Correspondence, 1924 Correspondence concerning the McNary-Haugen Bill in 1924. Arranged alphabetically by name of correspondent.
BOX 16	Illinois, A-Z
BOX 17-18	Other states, A-Z
BOX 19-20	Miscellany, 1908-1934 Correspondence and printed matter relating to the Illinois Waterway and Chicago sewage and other papers on miscellaneous topic. Arranged by topic or type of material.
BOX 19	Illinois Waterway-Chicago sewage, 1923-1924
BOX 19	Correspondence, A-Z
BOX 19	Printed matter

Miscellany, 1908-1934

Container	Contents
BOX 20	Reports, drawings, bills, charts, poems, printed matter, financial documents, and other material on miscellaneous topics, 1922-1934
BOX 20	Newspaper clippings, 1908-1934