

**McCook Family Papers**  
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## Collection Summary

**Title:** McCook Family Papers

**Span Dates:** 1809-1966

**Bulk Dates:** (bulk 1850-1900)

**ID No.:** MSS31963

**Creator:** McCook family

**Extent:** 6,500 items

**Extent:** 19 containers plus 5 oversize

**Extent:** 7.6 linear feet

**Extent:** 1 microfilm reel

**Language:** Collection material in English

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

**LC Catalog record:** <https://lccn.loc.gov/mm78031963>

**Summary:** Correspondence, scrapbooks, journals, diaries, photographs, memorabilia, printed materials, and other papers relating to the Ohio family of "Fighting McCooks" that became prominent through the service of fifteen of its sons in the Civil War. The McCooks were active in legal and military affairs and in national and state politics in Ohio and New York. The larger part of the collection concerns the military and political career of Anson G. McCook (1835-1917).

## 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

Bliss, Cornelius Newton, 1833-1911--Correspondence.  
Cleveland, Grover, 1837-1908--Correspondence.  
Evans, Robley D. (Robley Dunglison), 1846-1912--Correspondence.  
Fish, Hamilton, 1808-1893--Correspondence.  
Garfield, James A. (James Abram), 1831-1881--Correspondence.  
Grant, Ulysses S. (Ulysses Simpson), 1822-1885--Correspondence.  
Hanna, Marcus Alonzo, 1837-1904--Correspondence.  
Harrison, Benjamin, 1833-1901--Correspondence.  
Hayes, Rutherford B., 1822-1893--Correspondence.  
McCook family.  
McCook, Anson G. (Anson George), 1835-1917.  
McKinley, William, 1843-1901--Correspondence.  
Page, Thomas Nelson, 1853-1922--Correspondence.  
Roosevelt, Theodore, 1858-1919--Correspondence.  
Root, Elihu, 1845-1937--Correspondence.  
Sherman, William T. (William Tecumseh), 1820-1891--Correspondence.  
Stanton, Edwin M. (Edwin McMasters), 1814-1869--Correspondence.  
Twain, Mark, 1835-1910--Correspondence.

### Places

New York (State)--Politics and government--1865-1950.  
Ohio--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.  
Ohio--Politics and government.  
Ohio--Social life and customs.  
United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.  
United States--Politics and government--1865-1900.

## Provenance

The papers of the McCook family were given to the Library of Congress in 1954 by Katharine McCook Knox. Subsequent additions were given by Mrs. Knox and other members of the McCook family, 1955-1978, and by the Confederate Publishing Company, 1998.

## Processing History

The McCook Family Papers were processed in 1955 and 1969. The finding aid was revised in 2005 and again in 2012.

## Additional Guides

Consult the staff of the Manuscript Division Reading Room for a partial index to the McCook Family Papers.

## Copyright Status

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

## Access and Restrictions

The papers of the McCook family 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.

## Microfilm

A microfilm edition of part of these papers is available on one reel. Consult a reference librarian in the Manuscript Division concerning availability for purchase or interlibrary loan.

## Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container or reel number, McCook Family Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## Scope and Content Note

The papers of the McCook family span the years 1809-1966, with the bulk of the material concentrated in the period 1850-1900. The collection relates to the Ohio family of "Fighting McCooks" that became prominent through the service of fifteen of its sons in the Civil War, seven of whom rose to the rank of general. Daniel McCook and his three sons, Robert, Daniel Jr., and Charles Morris, died of wounds received in action.

The larger part of the collections relates to the military and political career of Anson G. McCook (1835-1917), congressman from New York, 1877-1883; secretary of the U.S. Senate, 1883-1893; Union Army officer; and father of Katharine McCook Knox, the donor of the main body of the papers. The correspondence, principally 1830-1957, includes letters from Presidents Grover Cleveland, James A. Garfield, Ulysses S. Grant, Benjamin Harrison, Rutherford Birchford Hayes, William McKinley, and Theodore Roosevelt (1858-1919), as well as from correspondents such as Cornelius Newton Bliss, Robley D. Evans, Hamilton Fish, Marcus Alonzo Hanna, Thomas Nelson Page, Elihu Root, William T. Sherman, Edwin McMasters Stanton, and Mark Twain. Other material consists of scrapbooks, journals and diaries, photographs, printed matter, invitations, autograph albums, other memorabilia, and miscellany.

## **Arrangement of the Papers**

This collection is arranged by type of material and includes oversize items.

# Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1	General correspondence
BOX 1	1809, 1830-1875 (12 folders)
BOX 2	1876-1890 (16 folders)
BOX 3	1891-1897 (8 folders)
BOX 4	1898-1907 (10 folders)
BOX 5	1908-1966 (13 folders)
BOX 5	Undated
BOX 5	Family autographs
BOX 5	“A-Z” miscellaneous
BOX 6	Anson G. McCook
BOX 6	Letterbooks, 1865-1872 (2 vols.)
BOX 6	Military records
BOX 6	Speeches
BOX 6	Financial papers
BOX 6	Certificates
BOX 6	Commissions
BOX 6	Honorary memberships
BOX 7	Invitations, miscellaneous, 1886-1938, undated
BOX 8	Invitations, memorabilia and miscellaneous menus, place cards, etc.
BOX 8	Scrapbooks, Series I
BOX 8	Vol. 1, McCook family <i>See Oversize</i>
BOX 8	Vol. 2, Hettie B. McCook <i>See Oversize</i>
BOX 8	Vol. 3, Alexander McDowell McCook (1831-1903)
BOX 8	Vol. 4, George Wythe McCook (1821-1877), Robert Latimer McCook (1867-1934), George Wythe McCook, Jr. (1852-1910), Gill McCook (1882-1952), Capt. Francis R. McCook (?-1978?), Justice Philip J. McCook (1873-1963)
BOX 9	Vol. 5, John James McCook (1843-1927), clergyman
BOX 9	Vol. 6, Henry Christopher McCook (1837-1911), clergyman
BOX 9	Vol. 7, Marty Gertrude McCook and her husband, Lewis Sheldon (1824-1880); Roderick Sheldon McCook (1839-1886), commander, United States Navy; John Anson McCook, United States Naval Academy architect; Edward Moody McCook (1833-1909), governor of Colorado, minister to Hawaii, military governor of Florida; Edward McPherson McCook (1867- ?)
BOX 9	Vol. 8, Robert Latimer McCook (1827-1862), Union general, killed 1862; Daniel McCook, Jr. (1834-1873), Union general, mortally wounded at Kenesaw, died in Steubenville, Ohio; Edwin Stanton McCook (1837-1873), Union general territorial secretary of Dakota, assassinated; Mrs. Edwin Stanton McCook, killed by an automobile, age 69; George Sheldon

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	McCook (1875?-1900), student in Paris; Latimer A. McCook (1820-1869), medical doctor and surgeon
BOX 9	Vol. 9, George McCook (1795-1866), medical doctor; Willis F. McCook; Daniel McCook (1798-1863), political figure, killed in the Civil War; Mrs. Daniel McCook; John McCook (1806-1865), medical doctor
BOX 9	Vol. 10, Anson G. McCook (1835-1917), congressman, secretary to the Senate, publisher
BOX 10	Vol. 11, Anson G. McCook (1835-1917)
BOX 10	Vol. 12, McCook memorials, Carrollton, Ohio; Steubenville, Ohio; Philadelphia, Pa.; Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, D.C.
BOX 10	Vol. 13, John James McCook (1845-1911), wealthy lawyer; John James McCook (1823-1842), midshipman, died at sea
BOX 10	Vol. 14, Charles Morris McCook (1843-1861), soldier, killed in battle of Bull Run, 21 July 1861; Philip J. McCook (1873-196?), justice, New York state supreme court; Anson T. McCook, major, lawyer, colonel; John Butler McCook, medical doctor; Eliza Lydia McCook, married Rev. Logan H. Roots
BOX 10	Vol. 15, George Anson McCook (1892-?), realtor and builder, and members of his family
BOX 11	Scrapbooks, Series II
BOX 11	Vol. 1, clippings relating mainly to congressional career of Anson G. McCook, 1876-1883
BOX 11	Vol. 2, clippings and papers extending into 1896, pertaining mainly to Anson G. McCook, 1876-1883
BOX 11	Vol. 3, clippings dated 1894-1896 concerning Anson G. McCook
BOX 11	Vol. 4, clippings about New York state and national politics, 1896-1897
BOX 12	Vol. 5, clippings about New York state and national politics, 1897-1899
BOX 12	Vol. 6, clippings relating to Sound Money Parade and New York politics, Jan.-Nov. 1900
BOX 13	Vol. 7, mainly New York politics, hunting trips with Grover Cleveland, Anson G. McCook, Jr., shooting at burglar, military items
BOX 13	Vol. 8, clippings on presidential campaign of William H. Taft; deaths in McCook family; wedding of Katharine McCook; Daniel Sickles and the New York Monuments Commission; and death of Anson G. McCook
BOX 14	Vol. 9, miscellaneous clippings, 1860s-1870s
BOX 14	Vol. 10, miscellaneous clippings, New York newspapers, 1870s
BOX 14	Vol. 11, clippings relating to airplanes and William "Billy" Mitchell, 1934 <i>See Oversize</i>
BOX 15	Genealogical and biographical notes on McCook Family
BOX 15	Printed matter relating to McCook House, Carrollton, Ohio
BOX 15	Autograph albums
BOX 15	Vol. 1, public figures in 1880s, Rutherford B. Hayes to Anson G. McCook
BOX 15	Vol. 2, public figures in 1880s, Chester A. Arthur to Howell E. Jackson of Tennessee
BOX 15	Vol. 3, album of Mrs. Anson G. McCook, half of book consists of clipped autographs dated as far back as Daniel Webster, 1827; includes presidential autographs from George Washington to Grover Cleveland; half of album dates from 1880s
BOX 16	Vol. 4, autographs collected by Daniel McCook, Jr.; presidential series from George Washington to Franklin Pierce
BOX 16	Photographs
BOX 16	Anson G. McCook family
BOX 16	Miscellaneous
BOX 16	John McCook
BOX 17	Miscellaneous groups, places, etc.
BOX 17	Duck hunting group in British Columbia

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BOX 17	Printed matter, re military
BOX 17	<i>McCook Daily Gazette</i> , McCook, Neb., 1957 <i>See Oversize</i>
BOX 17	Miscellaneous
BOX 18	Printed matter
BOX 18	Journals, commonplace books, account books, etc.
BOX 18	Journals of George W. McCook (2 vols.), 1846-1847 <i>Microfilm edition available (shelf no. 16,326)</i>
BOX 19	Diaries, journals, certificates, printed matter, and miscellaneous material, including Grand Army of the Republic discharge for Henry C. McCook; passport for Edward M. McCook; appointment certificate of John McCook, assessor of Internal Revenue by Andrew Johnson; funeral march; etc. <i>See also Oversize</i>
BOX 19	Addition, letter from J. F. Sarrat to A.G. McCook, 31 Jan. 1889
BOX OV 1	Oversize
BOX OV 1	Scrapbooks, Series I
BOX OV 1	Vol. 1 (Container 8)
BOX OV 2	Vol. 2 (Container 8)
BOX OV 3	Scrapbooks, Series II
BOX OV 3	Vol. 11 (Container 14)
BOX OV 4	<i>McCook Daily Gazette</i> , McCook, Neb., 1957 (Container 17)
BOX OV 5	Diaries, journals, certificates, printed matter, and miscellaneous material Miscellaneous (Container 19)