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
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.
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