

**James R. Mann Papers**  
**A Finding Aid to the Collection in the Library of Congress**



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## Collection Summary

**Title:** James R. Mann Papers

**Inclusive Dates:** 1887-1922

**ID No.:** MSS31203

**Creator:** Mann, James R. (James Robert), 1856-1922

**Extent:** 8,000 items

**Extent:** 15 containers plus 5 oversize

**Extent:** 5.8 linear feet

**Extent:** 8 microfilm reels

**Language:** Collection material in English

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

**LC Catalog record:** <https://lccn.loc.gov/mm79031203>

**Summary:** Lawyer and U.S. representative from Illinois. Mounted newspaper clippings, correspondence, telegrams, invitations, memorabilia, and miscellaneous printed matter relating to Mann's career in Chicago politics and as a Republican representative from Illinois.

## 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

Mann, James R. (James Robert), 1856-1922.

Norris, John--Correspondence.

Taft, William H. (William Howard), 1857-1930--Correspondence.

Wilson, James, 1835-1920--Correspondence.

### Organizations

Republican Party (U.S. : 1854- )

United States. Congress. House.

United States. Food and Drugs Act.

United States. Mann Act of 1910.

### Subjects

Drugs--Law and legislation--United States.

Food law and legislation--United States.

Human trafficking--Law and legislation--United States.

Interstate commerce--Law and legislation--United States.

Paper industry--United States.

Political campaigns--United States.

Slavery--Law and legislation--United States.

Wood-pulp industry--United States.

### Places

Chicago (Ill.)--Politics and government.

Chicago River (Ill.)--History.

Illinois--Politics and government.

United States--Politics and government--1865-1933.

### Occupations

Lawyers.

Representatives, U.S. Congress--Illinois.

## Acquisition Information

The papers of James R. Mann, lawyer and U.S. representative from Illinois, were given to the Library of Congress by his wife, Emma Columbia Mann, in 1923.

## Processing History

The papers of James R. Mann were prepared for filming in 1993. The finding aid was revised in 2012. The finding aid was updated in 2023 by Maria Farmer as part of a division-wide remediation project by the Inclusive Description Working Group.

## Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of James R. Mann is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

## Access and Restrictions

The papers of James R. Mann 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 these papers is available on eight reels. Consult reference staff in the Manuscript Division concerning availability for purchase or interlibrary loan. To promote preservation of the originals, researchers are required to consult the microfilm edition.

## Preferred Citation

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

## Scope and Content Note

The papers of James Robert Mann (1856-1922) span the years 1887-1922 and consist of mounted newspaper clippings, correspondence, telegrams, invitations, memorabilia, and miscellaneous printed matter relating to Mann's career in Chicago politics and as a Republican representative from Illinois. Subjects include Chicago River improvement, interstate commerce legislation, the Pure Food and Drug Act of 1906, the Mann Act of 1910 prohibiting interstate sex trafficking, the investigation of wood-pulp and paper by a congressional committee, 1908-1910, Republican congressional party leadership, and Mann's successful campaigns to win reelection. Correspondents include John Norris, William H. Taft, and James Wilson.

## Arrangement of the Papers

The collection is organized by type of material and therein chronologically. Oversize material is filed at the end, but microfilmed according to its chronological location before removal.

# Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1 REEL 1	Scrapbooks
BOX 1 REEL 1	8 Mar. 1887-12 Aug. 1894 <i>See Oversize</i>
BOX 1 REEL 1	30 Nov. 1887-7 Apr. 1894
BOX 1 REEL 1	12 June 1888-4 Mar. 1905
BOX 2 REEL 1	25 Mar. 1889-11 Jan. 1898
BOX 2 REEL 2	14 Mar. 1892-4 June 1897 <i>See Oversize</i>
BOX 2 REEL 2	6 Jan. 1896-17 Dec. 1900 <i>See Oversize</i>
BOX 3 REEL 2	7 Dec. 1897-17 Aug. 1899
BOX 3 REEL 2	13 Jan. 1898-3 May 1900 <i>See Oversize</i>
BOX 3 REEL 2	12 Aug. 1898-19 Feb. 1902
BOX 3 REEL 3	6 May 1899-18 Feb. 1903 <i>See Oversize</i>
BOX 4 REEL 4	20 May 1902-27 Apr. 1904
BOX 4 REEL 4	19 Oct. 1902-19 June 1906
BOX 5 REEL 4	6 Aug. 1906-3 May 1909
BOX 5 REEL 4	21 Sept. 1906-15 June 1911
BOX 5 REEL 4	21 Sept. 1906-15 June 1911
BOX 5 REEL 4	22 May 1909-2 May 1911
BOX 6 REEL 5	3 May 1911-19 Nov. 1912
BOX 6 REEL 5	1 Aug. 1912-6 May 1913
BOX 6 REEL 5	12 Aug. 1912-25 Dec. 1914
BOX 7 REEL 5	4 Feb. 1913-30 July 1914
BOX 7 REEL 5	4 Apr. 1913-17 Dec. 1913
BOX 7 REEL 6	1 Aug. 1914-8 Jan. 1915
BOX 8 REEL 6	10 Jan. 1915-19 Aug. 1916
BOX 8 REEL 6	11 Sept. 1916-27 Feb. 1919
BOX 9 REEL 6	27 Feb. 1919-24 Apr. 1920
BOX 9 REEL 6	28 Aug. 1920-6 Nov. 1922
BOX 10 REEL 6	26 Nov. 1897-18 Dec. 1903 ("Chicago River Improvement")
BOX 10 REEL 6	19 Dec. 1903-22 Jan. 1914 ("Chicago River Improvement")
BOX 11 REEL 7	18 Jan. 1897-1 Mar. 1905 ("Interstate Commerce")
BOX 11 REEL 7	Mar. 1905-5 Jan. 1910 ("Interstate Commerce")
BOX 12 REEL 7	5 Jan. 1910-25 Feb. 1913 ("Interstate Commerce")
BOX 12 REEL 7	26 Feb. 1906-7 Dec. 1906 (also 14 Aug. 1903) ("Congressional Campaign")
BOX 12 REEL 7	30 May-6 Aug. 1906 ("Congressional Campaign")
BOX 12 REEL 7	16 Sept.-20 Nov. 1912 ("Congressional Campaign")
BOX 13 REEL 8	13 July-9 Nov. 1916 ("Congressional Campaign")
BOX 14 REEL 8	3 Apr.-28 May 1908 ("Pulp and Paper Investigation")
BOX 14 REEL 8	8 May 1908-21 Jan. 1910 ("Pulp and Paper Investigation")
BOX 15 REEL 8	3 Mar.-9 July 1915 ("Western Trip Hawaii")
BOX 15 REEL 8	Unbound items removed from above volumes
BOX 15 REEL 8	Correspondence, 1894-1916

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<b>Container</b>	<b>Contents</b>
<b>BOX 15 REEL 8</b>	Memorabilia, 1892-1897
<b>BOX 15 REEL 8</b>	Clippings, 1894-1918
<b>BOX OV 1</b>	Oversize scrapbooks (filmed in sequence before removal)
<b>BOX OV 1</b>	8 Mar. 1887-12 Aug. 1894 (Container 1, Reel 1)
<b>BOX OV 2</b>	14 Mar. 1892-4 June 1897 (Container 2, Reel 2)
<b>BOX OV 3</b>	6 Jan. 1896-17 Dec. 1900 (Container 2, Reel 2)
<b>BOX OV 4</b>	13 Jan. 1898-3 May 1900 (Container 3, Reel 2)
<b>BOX OV 5</b>	6 May 1899-18 Feb. 1903 (Container 3, Reel 3)