Collection Summary

Title: George von Lengerke Meyer Papers  
Span Dates: 1900-1917  
ID No.: MSS32789  
Creator: Meyer, George von Lengerke, 1858-1918  
Extent: 50 items  
Extent: 4 containers  
Extent: 1.6 linear feet  
Language: Collection material in English  
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.  
LC Catalog record: https://lccn.loc.gov/mm78032789  
Summary: Ambassador to Italy and to Russia, postmaster general, and secretary of the navy. Diaries, family correspondence, and memorabilia recording Meyer’s social and family life and national and international events of which he was a part.

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  
Jusserand, J. J. (Jean Jules), 1855-1932.  
Lodge, Henry Cabot, 1850-1924.  
Meyer family.  
Meyer, George von Lengerke, 1858-1918.  
Myers family.  
Roosevelt, Theodore, 1858-1919.  
Root, Elihu, 1845-1937.

Organizations  
Republican Party (U.S. : 1854- )  
United States. Post Office Department.

Subjects  
Cabinet officers--United States.  
Cabinet officers.  
Diplomatic and consular service, American--Italy.  
Diplomatic and consular service, American--Russia.  

Places  
Italy--Foreign relations--United States.  
Japan--Foreign relations--Russia.  
Russia--Foreign relations--Japan.  
Russia--Foreign relations--United States.  
United States--Foreign relations--1901-1909.  
United States--Foreign relations--Italy.  
United States--Foreign relations--Russia.  
United States--Politics and government--1901-1909.

Occupations  
Cabinet officers.  
Diplomats.
Provenance
The papers of George von Lengerke Meyer, ambassador to Italy and to Russia, postmaster general, and secretary of the navy, were given to the Library of Congress by Julia Meyer Brambilla and Alice Meyer Coffin in 1954-1955.

Processing History
The Meyer Papers were housed and described in circa 1955. The collection was rehoused and the finding aid revised in 2012.

Copyright Status
The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of George von Lengerke Meyer is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions
The papers of George von Lengerke Meyer 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, George von Lengerke Meyer Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

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<td>1858, June 24</td>
<td>Born, Boston, Mass.</td>
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<td>1879</td>
<td>Graduated, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.</td>
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<td>Circa 1879-1899</td>
<td>Businessman, Boston, Mass.</td>
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<td>1889</td>
<td>Member, Common Council, Boston, Mass.</td>
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<td>1892-1897</td>
<td>Member, Massachusetts house of representatives (speaker of the house, 1895-1897)</td>
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<td>Member, Republican National Committee</td>
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<td>Postmaster general</td>
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<td>1909-1913</td>
<td>Secretary of the navy</td>
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<td>1918, Mar. 9</td>
<td>Died, Boston, Mass.</td>
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Scope and Content Note
The papers of George von Lengerke Meyer (1858-1918) span the years 1900-1917 and consist of diaries, family correspondence, and memorabilia. The diaries record social and family life and the national and international events of which he was a part, including references to the negotiations leading to peace after the Russo-Japanese War and reports of conversations, 1907-1909, with Theodore Roosevelt, J. J. Jusserand, Henry Cabot Lodge, Elihu Root, and others. Additional subjects include the Post Office Department, summaries of cabinet meeting, and the Republican Party.
Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is organized by type of material.
## Container List

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<tr>
<th>Container</th>
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| BOX 1     | Correspondence, 1904-1908, 1917, undated  
(2 folders) |
| BOX 1     | Diary |
| BOX 1     | 1901 |
| BOX 1     | 1902-1903  
(2 folders) |
| BOX 2     | 1904-1906  
(3 folders) |
| BOX 3     | 1907-1909  
(3 folders) |
| BOX 4     | Invitations and cards, 1902-1906, undated |
| BOX 4     | Photographs and postcards, 1912, undated |
| BOX 4     | Scrapbook, 1900-1902 |