

**George von Lengerke Meyer Papers**  
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## 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://lcn.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.

Russo-Japanese War, 1904-1905--Peace.

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The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of George von Lengerke Meyer is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).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

Date	Event
1858, June 24	Born, Boston, Mass.
1879	Graduated, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.
Circa 1879-1899	Businessman, Boston, Mass.
1889	Member, Common Council, Boston., Mass.
1892-1897	Member, Massachusetts house of representatives (speaker of the house, 1895-1897)
1900-1904	Member, Republican National Committee
1900-1905	Ambassador to Italy
1905-1907	Ambassador to Russia
1907-1909	Postmaster general
1909-1913	Secretary of the navy
1918, Mar. 9	Died, Boston, Mass.

## 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

<b>Container</b>	<b>Contents</b>
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