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## Collection Summary

**Title:** George B. McClellan Papers

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**Summary:** Public official and educator. Correspondence and other material of McClellan, including scrapbooks kept as a student at Princeton University, diary of military experiences in World War I, subject files relating mainly to political activities, printed matter, photographs, and memorabilia.

## 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

Butler, Nicholas Murray, 1862-1947--Correspondence.

Cleveland, Grover, 1837-1908--Correspondence.

Jusserand, J. J. (Jean Jules), 1855-1932--Correspondence.

Lansing, Robert, 1864-1928--Correspondence.

Lincoln, Robert Todd, 1843-1926--Correspondence.

Lodge, Henry Cabot, 1850-1924--Correspondence.

McClellan, Ellen Marcy, 1838-1907--Correspondence.

McClellan, George B. (George Brinton), 1826-1885--Correspondence.

McClellan, George B. (George Brinton), 1865-1940.

Morgan, J. Pierpont (John Pierpont), 1837-1913--Correspondence.

Smith, Alfred Emanuel, 1873-1944--Correspondence.

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

Van Dyke, Henry, 1852-1933--Correspondence.

Wilson, Woodrow, 1856-1924--Correspondence.

### Organizations

Princeton University--Students.

### Subjects

World War, 1914-1918.

### Places

New York (N.Y.)--Politics and government.

New York (State)--Politics and government--1865-1950.

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

### Occupations

Educators.

Public officials--New York (State)

Representatives, U.S. Congress--New York (State)

## Acquisition Information

The papers of George B. McClellan, public official and educator, were given to the Library of Congress by his wife, Georgiana Louise Heckscher McClellan, in 1951.

## Processing History

The papers of George B. McClellan were arranged and described in 1956. The finding aid was revised in 2013 by Sister Mary Amata. The finding aid was updated in 2024 by Maria Farmer as part of a division-wide remediation project by the Inclusive Description Working Group.

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## Preferred Citation

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## Biographical Note

Date	Event
1865	Born, Dresden, Germany
1885-1888	First lieutenant, New York National Guard
1886	B.A., Princeton University, Princeton, N.J.
1889	M.A., Princeton University, Princeton, N.J.
1889-1893	Treasurer of N. Y.–Brooklyn Bridge Co.
1892	Admitted to bar
1893-1894	President, board of aldermen, New York, N.Y.
1895-1903	Representative in Congress from New York
1903-1909	Mayor, New York, N.Y.
1904	Published <i>The Oligarchy of Venice, an Essay</i> . Boston and New York: Houghton, Mifflin and Co.
1912-1930	Professor of economic history, Princeton University, Princeton, N.J.
1917-1918	Served in United States Army during World War I
1940	Died, Washington, D.C.

## Scope and Content Note

The papers of George B. McClellan (1865-1940) span the years 1838-1922. The collection consists mainly of correspondence; scrapbooks kept as a student at Princeton; a diary of military experiences in World War I; subject files relating mainly to McClellan's political activities; articles, lectures, and other writings; printed matter; photographs; and

memorabilia. The collection is organized into six series: [Diary of World War I](#); [Correspondence](#); [Subject File](#); [Article, Lecture, and Speech File](#); [Miscellany](#); and [Oversize](#).

Included in the papers are letters sent and received by McClellan's parents, George Brinton McClellan (1826-1885) and Ellen Marcy McClellan. General correspondents include Nicholas Murray Butler, Grover Cleveland, J. J. Jusserand, Robert Lansing, Robert Todd Lincoln, Henry Cabot Lodge (1850-1924), J. Pierpont Morgan, Alfred Emanuel Smith, William H. Taft, Henry Van Dyke, and Woodrow Wilson. Letters to and from these correspondents are located in chronological files according to dates cited below:

<b>Correspondent</b>	<b>Date</b>
Nicholas Murray Butler	1919
Grover Cleveland	1905
Jusserand	1908
Robert Lansing	1919
Robert Todd Lincoln	1908
Henry Cabot Lodge	1916-1917
J. Pierpont Morgan	1907
Alfred Smith	1920
William H. Taft	1906
Henry Van Dyke	1909
Woodrow Wilson	1906-1909

## Arrangement of the Papers

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