

**William H. Moody Papers**  
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## Collection Summary

**Title:** William H. Moody Papers

**Span Dates:** 1879-1916

**Bulk Dates:** (bulk 1902-1906)

**ID No.:** MSS33274

**Creator:** Moody, William H. (William Henry), 1853-1917

**Extent:** 3,000 items

**Extent:** 17 containers

**Extent:** 3.5 linear feet

**Language:** Collection material in English

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

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**Summary:** U.S. Supreme Court justice, attorney general, secretary of the navy, and representative from Massachusetts. Correspondence and related material mainly from Moody's service as secretary of the navy and attorney general in the administration of Theodore Roosevelt.

## 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

Angell, James Burrill, 1829-1916--Correspondence.

Baker, Ray Stannard, 1870-1946--Correspondence.

Blair, Gist, 1860-1940--Correspondence.

Boeufve, Jules--Correspondence.

Cannon, Joseph Gurney, 1836-1926--Correspondence.

Chapin, Benjamin Chester, 1874-1918--Correspondence.

Clapp, Moses E. (Moses Edwin), 1851-1929--Correspondence.

Cook, Waldo Lincoln, 1865-1951--Correspondence.

Cortelyou, George B. (George Bruce), 1862-1940--Correspondence.

Crozier, William, 1855-1942--Correspondence.

Dick, Charles, 1858-1945--Correspondence.

Eliot, Charles William, 1834-1926--Correspondence.

Elkins, Stephen B. (Stephen Benton), 1841-1911--Correspondence.

Fessenden, Franklin G. (Franklin Goodridge), 1849-1931--Correspondence.

Foster, Addison G. (Addison Gardner), 1837-1917--Correspondence.

Gardner, Augustus Peabody, 1865-1918--Correspondence.

Gibbons, James, 1834-1921--Correspondence.

Gillett, Frederick Huntington, 1851-1935--Correspondence.

Gilman, Daniel C. (Daniel Coit), 1831-1908--Correspondence.

Hale, Eugene, 1836-1918--Correspondence.

Hay, John, 1838-1905--Correspondence.

Herbert, Hilary A. (Hilary Abner), 1834-1919--Correspondence.

Hilliard, Robert Cochran, 1857-1927--Correspondence.

Kahn, Julius, 1861-1924--Correspondence.

Kean, John, 1852-1914--Correspondence.

Kitchin, William W. (William Walton), 1866-1924--Correspondence.

Knox, Philander C. (Philander Chase), 1853-1921--Correspondence.

Kyle, Thomas Barton, 1856-1915--Correspondence.

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

Loeb, William, Jr., 1866-1937--Correspondence.

Long, John Davis, 1838-1915--Correspondence.

Lowell, Francis C. (Francis Cabot), 1855-1911--Correspondence.  
MacVeagh, Wayne, 1833-1917--Correspondence.  
McCleary, J. T. (James Thompson), 1853- --Correspondence.  
McCook, John James, 1843-1927--Correspondence.  
McCready, Joseph Robinson--Correspondence.  
McCumber, Porter J. (Porter James), 1858-1933--Correspondence.  
McManus, Henry--Correspondence.  
McRae, Thomas C. (Thomas Chipman), 1851-1929--Correspondence.  
Meany, William D.--Correspondence.  
Metcalf, Victor Howard, 1853-1936--Correspondence.  
Meyer, George von Lengerke, 1858-1918--Correspondence.  
Moody, William H. (William Henry), 1853-1917.  
Penrose, Boies, 1860-1921--Correspondence.  
Robb, Charles Henry, 1867-1939--Correspondence.  
Roosevelt, Theodore, 1858-1919--Correspondence.  
Roosevelt, Theodore, 1858-1919.  
Root, Elihu, 1845-1937--Correspondence.  
Rosewater, Edward, 1841-1906--Correspondence.  
Stimson, Henry L. (Henry Lewis), 1867-1950--Correspondence.  
Taft, William H. (William Howard), 1857-1930--Correspondence.  
Thompson, Richard W. (Richard Wigginton), 1809-1900--Correspondence.  
Washington, Booker T., 1856-1915--Correspondence.

### **Organizations**

United States. Department of Justice.  
United States. Navy Department.

### **Subjects**

Canals, Interoceanic.  
Canals--Panama.

### **Places**

Panama Canal (Panama)

### **Occupations**

Cabinet officers.  
Judges.  
Justices, U.S. Supreme Court.  
Lawyers.  
Representatives, U.S. Congress--Massachusetts.

## **Provenance**

The papers of William H. Moody, lawyer, U.S. Supreme Court justice, attorney general, secretary of the navy, and representative from Massachusetts, were purchased by the Library of Congress in 1936. An additional item was purchased in 1953.

## **Processing History**

The collection was processed between 1936 and 1953. The finding aid was revised in 2013.

## Copyright Status

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

## Access and Restrictions

The papers of William H. Moody 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, William H. Moody Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## Biographical Note

Date	Event
1853, Dec. 23	Born, Newbury, Mass.
1872	Graduated, Phillips Academy, Andover, Mass.
1876	Graduated, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.
1878	Admitted to the bar
1885-1888	Served on Haverhill, Mass., school board
1888-1890	City solicitor, Haverhill, Mass.
1890-1895	District attorney, Eastern District of Massachusetts
1893	Junior prosecutor in Lizzie Borden case
1895-1902	Served in House of Representatives
1902-1904	Secretary of the navy
1904-1906	Attorney general
1906-1910	Associate justice of the Supreme Court
1917, July 2	Died, Haverhill, Mass.

## Scope and Content Note

The papers of William Henry Moody (1853-1917) span the years 1879-1916 and consist mostly of bound volumes of correspondence and related material concentrated in the period 1902-1906 when Moody was secretary of the navy (1902-1904) and attorney general (1904-1906) in the administration of Theodore Roosevelt. Topics include administrative issues, patronage, the Panama Canal, and activities of the fleet. Included are miscellaneous writings, printed matter, and drafts or reports of speeches by Moody.

Correspondents include James Burrill Angell, Ray Stannard Baker, Gist Blair, Jules Boeufve, Joseph Gurney Cannon, Benjamin Chester Chapin, Moses E. Clapp, Waldo Lincoln Cook, George B. Cortelyou, William Crozier, Charles Dick, Charles William Eliot, Stephen B. Elkins, Franklin G. Fessenden, Addison G. Foster, Augustus Peabody Gardner, James Gibbons, Frederick Huntington Gillett, Daniel Coit Gilman, Eugene Hale, John Hay, Hilary A. Herbert, Robert Cochran Hilliard, Julius Kahn, John Kean, William W. Kitchin, Philander C. Knox, Thomas Barton Kyle, Henry Cabot Lodge, William Loeb, John Davis Long, Francis C. Lowell, Wayne MacVeagh, J. T. McCleary, John James McCook, Joseph Robinson. McCready, Porter J. McCumber, Henry McManus, Thomas C. McRae, William D. Meany, Victor Howard Metcalf, George von Lengerke Meyer, Boies Penrose, Charles Henry Robb, Theodore Roosevelt, Elihu Root, Edward Rosewater, Henry L. Stimson, William H. Taft, Richard W. Thompson, and Booker T. Washington.

## **Arrangement of the Papers**

The bound volumes are organized chronologically with an addition of loose correspondence and related matter filed chronologically at the end of the collection.

## Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1	1879, May 9-1902, May 17, including a few letters for June and one for Jan. 1, 1903
BOX 2	1902
BOX 2	May 20-Aug. 20
BOX 3	Aug. 21-Oct. 23, including letters for Dec. 9, 1902; Jan. 28 and 29, 1903; and Feb. 5, 1903
BOX 4	Oct. 24-Dec. 12
BOX 5	1902, Dec. 14-1903, Feb. 5, including one letter for July 3, 1903
BOX 6	1903
BOX 6	Feb. 6-Apr. 22
BOX 7	Apr. 23-July 3
BOX 8	July 4-Sept. 21
BOX 9	Sept. 22-Nov. 13
BOX 10	1903, Nov. 14-1904, Jan. 12
BOX 11	1904
BOX 11	Jan. 13-Mar. 1, including letters for Mar. 3 and 14
BOX 12	Mar. 2-May 5
BOX 13	1904, May 7-1905, July 24
BOX 14	1905, July 31-1906, June 21
BOX 15	1906, June 22-1916, Apr. 20, undated
BOX 16	Undated
BOX 17	Additional correspondence, 1896-1907, undated (4 folders)