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.
LC Catalog record: https://lccn.loc.gov/mm81033274
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.
Ellis, 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.
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

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<td>1872</td>
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<tr>
<td>1876</td>
<td>Graduated, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.</td>
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<tr>
<td>1878</td>
<td>Admitted to the bar</td>
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<td>1885-1888</td>
<td>Served on Haverhill, Mass., school board</td>
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<td>1888-1890</td>
<td>City solicitor, Haverhill, Mass.</td>
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<td>1890-1895</td>
<td>District attorney, Eastern District of Massachusetts</td>
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<td>1893</td>
<td>Junior prosecutor in Lizzie Borden case</td>
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<td>1902-1904</td>
<td>Secretary of the navy</td>
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<td>Attorney general</td>
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<td>1906-1910</td>
<td>Associate justice of the Supreme Court</td>
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<td>1917, July 2</td>
<td>Died, Haverhill, Mass.</td>
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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.

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.
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