

Warren G. Harding Papers
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Collection Summary

Title: Warren G. Harding Papers

Span Dates: 1908-1926

ID No.: MSS24893

Creator: Harding, Warren G. (Warren Gamaliel), 1865-1923

Extent: 285 items

Extent: 3 containers plus 1 oversize

Extent: 2 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

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

LC Catalog record: <https://lcn.loc.gov/mm78024893>

Summary: Newspaper editor, United States senator, and president of the United States. Correspondence, speeches, subject files, scrapbook, and other papers relating in part to Armistice Day, the De Ronde sugar claim, Harding's estate and memorial services, and political campaigns.

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

Coolidge, Calvin, 1872-1933--Correspondence.

Dutton, Joseph, 1843-1931--Correspondence.

Harding, Florence Kling, 1860-1924--Correspondence.

Harding, Warren G. (Warren Gamaliel), 1865-1923--Estate.

Harding, Warren G. (Warren Gamaliel), 1865-1923.

New, Catherine McLean Brown, 1870- --Correspondence.

New, Harry S. (Harry Stewart), 1858-1937--Correspondence.

Votaw, Carolyn Harding, 1879-1951--Correspondence.

Organizations

P. De Ronde & Co.

Subjects

Armistice Day.

Political campaigns--United States.

Sugar trade.

World War, 1914-1918--United States.

Places

Argentina--Commerce--United States.

United States--Commerce--Argentina.

United States--Politics and government--1921-1923.

Occupations

Newspaper editors.

Presidents--United States.

Senators, U.S. Congress--Ohio.

Provenance

The papers of Warren G. Harding, newspaper editor, United States senator, and president of the United States, were received through gifts and purchases, 1921-1965.

Processing History

The papers of Warren G. Harding were organized and cataloged in 1968. The collection was revised and a finding aid created in 2014.

Other Repositories

Other papers of Warren G. Harding can be found at the Ohio Historical Society, Columbus, Ohio.

Related Material

Related collections in the Manuscript Division include the microfilm copy of the Harding Papers from the Ohio Historical Society, and the [Warren G. Harding-Carrie Fulton Phillips Correspondence](#) .

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Warren G. Harding is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Warren G. Harding 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, Warren G. Harding Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

Date	Event
1865, Nov. 2	Born, Blooming Grove, Ohio
1884-1923	Owner and publisher of the <i>Marion Star</i> , Marion, Ohio
1891	Married Florence Kling DeWolfe (died 1924)
1899-1903	Member, Ohio State senate
1904-1905	Lieutenant governor of Ohio
1910	Unsuccessful Republican candidate for governor of Ohio
1915-1921	U. S. senator from Ohio
1920	Elected president of the United States
1921, March 4	Inaugurated president of the United States
1923, August 2	Died, San Francisco, Calif.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Warren Gamaliel Harding (1865-1923) span the years 1908-1926. The papers include correspondence, speeches, a subject file, a scrapbook, and a miscellany file. The papers were gathered by the Library over the years through various gifts and purchases to form a Harding collection. The general correspondence includes letters written by Harding

and some carbon copies of letters sent to Harding. Some letters are photostats or typed copies. The correspondence includes some senatorial and presidential letters, including letters to Calvin Coolidge, Harry S. New, and to Brother Joseph Dutton at the leper colony in Hawaii. Constituent mail addresses various issues including the contentious issue of the United States entering the world war. The general correspondence file also has personal letters to friends and family including letters to his sister, Carolyn Harding Votaw. Harding's estate papers and items from his memorial services as well as campaign materials, including two posters from the 1920 presidential campaign, are filed in the miscellany section. Florence Kling Harding's letters to Catherine New, wife of Harry S. New, are also in the miscellany section. The subject file includes material about Armistice Day, documenting events commemorating the end of the war as well as the the movement to make Novemeber 11 an official holiday. Also in the subject file is material pertaining to the importation of sugar from Argentina instigated by the Department of Justice with the P. De Ronde & Co., and bound volumes with names of invitees to White House events in 1922.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material with a scrapbook at the end.

Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1	General correspondence, 1908-1923 (4 folders)
BOX 1	Miscellany
BOX 1	Estate papers, 1923-1926
BOX 1	Harding, Florence Kling, correspondence with Mrs. Harry S. New 1920-1921
BOX 1	Memorial services
BOX 1	Address by Charles Evans Hughes, 1923
BOX 1	Program from Westminster Abbey, 1923
BOX 1	Notes on dictatorship by Harding and interview by Richard Barry, 1917
BOX 1	Portraits, circa 1923
BOX 1	Posters from presidential campaign <i>See Oversize</i>
BOX 1	Senate campaign financial material, 1914
BOX 1	Speech file
BOX 1	Disarmament conference, Nov. 12, 1921
BOX 1	Ohio Society of New York, Jan. 6, 1920
BOX 1	Tomb of the unknown soldier, Nov. 11, 1921
BOX 1	Subject file
BOX 1	Armistice Day, 1921-1923 (7 folders)
BOX 1	Bates-Batcheller, Tryphosa, 1921
BOX 1	De Ronde sugar claim, 1922-1923 (3 folders)
BOX 1	Frazier, Lou W., 1921-1924
BOX 2	White House receptions, 1922 (2 volumes)
BOX 3	Scrapbook, "Harding in Canada," 1924
BOX OV 1	Subject file
BOX OV 1	Posters from presidential campaign, 1920 (Container 1)