

**Rounsevelle Wildman and Edwin Wildman Papers**  
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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Rounsevelle Wildman and Edwin Wildman Papers

**Span Dates:** 1896-1923

**Bulk Dates:** (bulk 1898-1900)

**ID No.:** MSS45666

**Creator:** Wildman, Rounsevelle, 1864-1901

**Creator:** Wildman, Edwin, 1867-1932

**Extent:** 800 items

**Extent:** 5 containers

**Extent:** 2 linear feet

**Language:** Collection material in English

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

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**Summary:** Rounsevelle Wildman, diplomat and editor; and Edwin Wildman, diplomat, editor, and war correspondent. Correspondence, writings, legal papers, subject files, printed matter, and miscellany. Papers of Rounsevelle Wildman relate principally to his service as consul general at Hong Kong and to events surrounding the Philippine American War, including material relating to Emilio Aguinaldo. Papers of Edwin Wildman deal mainly with the Boxer Rebellion and Leonard Wood's 1920 presidential campaign.

## 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

Aguinaldo, Emilio, 1869-1964.

Cridler, Thomas W. (Thomas Wilbur), 1850-1914--Correspondence.

Day, W. A. (William A.)--Correspondence.

Dewey, George, 1837-1917--Correspondence.

Goodnow, John, 1858-1907--Correspondence.

Hanna, Marcus Alonzo, 1837-1904.--Correspondence.

Hay, John, 1838-1905--Correspondence.

Hill, David Jayne, 1850-1932--Correspondence.

Otis, Elwell S. (Elwell Stephen), 1838-1909,--Correspondence.

Porter, John Addison, 1856-1900--Correspondence.

Wildman, Edwin, 1867-1932. Rounsevelle Wildman and Edwin Wildman. 1896-1923.

Wildman, Rounsevelle, 1864-1901.

Wood, Leonard, 1860-1927--Correspondence.

Wood, Leonard, 1860-1927.

### Subjects

Diplomatic and consular service, American--Hong Kong.

Elections--United States--1920.

### Places

China--History--Boxer Rebellion, 1899-1901.

Philippines--History--Philippine American War, 1899-1902.

Philippines--History--Revolution, 1896-1898.

United States--Politics and government--1913-1921.

### Titles

*Edwin Wildman papers*

*Rounsevelle Wildman papers*

### Occupations

Diplomats.  
Editors.  
Journalists.

## Provenance

The papers of Rounsevelle Wildman, diplomat and editor, and Edwin Wildman, diplomat, editor, and war correspondent, were purchased in 1934.

## Processing History

The Wildman Papers were processed in 1974. The finding aid was revised in 1984 and 2014.

## Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Rounsevelle and Edwin Wildman is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

## Access and Restrictions

The Wildman Papers 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, Rounsevelle Wildman and Edwin Wildman Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## Biographical Note

### Rounsevelle Wildman

Date	Event
1864, Mar. 19	Born, Batavia, N.Y.
circa 1880s	Studied at Lima Seminary, Lima, N.Y., and Syracuse University, Syracuse, N.Y.
1885-1890	Editor, Boise City, Idaho
1889	U.S. consul, Singapore
1893	Recalled from Singapore by President Grover Cleveland Commissioner for the Straits Settlements and Borneo, Chicago World's Fair
1894-1897	Editor, <i>Overland Monthly</i> , San Francisco, Calif.
1897	U.S. consul, Hong Kong
1898	U.S. consul general, Hong Kong
1901, Feb.	Died in ship disaster, San Francisco Bay

### Edwin Wildman

Date	Event
1867, May 9	Born, Corning, N.Y.
circa 1880s	Studied at General Wesleyan Seminary, Lima, N.Y., and Phillips Exeter Academy, Exeter, N.H.
1891-1896	Editor and proprietor, <i>Elmira Echoes</i>

1897-1898	Writer and war correspondent, <i>Leslie's Weekly</i>
1898-1899	Vice consul and deputy consul general, Hong Kong
1898-1900	Special war correspondent, Philippines
1903-1904	Correspondent, <i>New York World</i>
1918-1920	President and editor, <i>Forum</i>
1925-1928	Executive director, Caucasian Society of America
1932, Nov. 3	Died

## Scope and Content Note

The papers of Rounsevelle Wildman (1864-1901) and Edwin Wildman (1867-1932) cover the period 1896-1923, with the bulk of the material concentrated in the years 1898-1900. The collection consists of correspondence, writings, legal material, cables, reports, notes, photographs, clippings, printed matter, and miscellaneous items. The papers are organized into six groupings: official correspondence, general correspondence, a legal file, article file, subject file, and miscellany.

Rounsevelle Wildman was consul general in Hong Kong with connections to revolutionists from the Philippines including Emilio Aguinaldo in the early stages of the Philippine American War after American annexation of that country. The collection contains correspondence with Filipino representatives, reports of spies and detectives, news regarding insurgents, documents on lawsuits regarding insurgent funds, and correspondence with American commanders and State Department and other officials. Much of the latter consists of carbon copies of official communications.

The correspondence of Edwin Wildman deals mainly with the Boxer Rebellion in China and his aid to Leonard Wood's campaign for the presidency in 1920. His articles relate in part to the Philippines and to Manila.

Subject files include the translated narrative reports of Filipinos about the Philippine American War, information about the Pact of Biak-na-Bato, material about Aguinaldo, and the correspondence of Edwin Wildman with the War Department regarding the purchase of Jose Rizal's last poem.

The miscellany consists of biographical material, financial papers, newspaper and magazine clippings, photographs, and printed matter dealing with relations between Americans and Filipinos and Spaniards.

Correspondents of Rounsevelle Wildman include Thomas W. Cridler, William A. Day, George Dewey, John Goodnow, Marcus Alonzo Hanna, John Hay, David Jayne Hill, Elwell Stephen Otis, Leonard Wood, and John Addison Porter, President William McKinley's private secretary.

## Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged by type of material.

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BOX 1	Jan. 8-Dec. 20, 1900
BOX 1	Undated
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BOX 1	May 17-Sept. 28, 1900
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BOX 4	Philippine Commission

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