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Guide to the Herbert. R. Strauss Collection of Theodore Roosevelt Papers 1884-1919



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Descriptive Summary

Identifier	ICU.SPCL.ROOSEVELT
Title	Strauss, Herbert R. Collection of Theodore Roosevelt Papers
Date	1884-1919
Size	5 linear feet (5 boxes)
Repository	Special Collections Research Center University of Chicago Library 1100 East 57th Street Chicago, Illinois 60637 U.S.A.
Abstract	This collection contains manuscripts, photographs and memorabilia of Theodore Roosevelt. Also contained within this collection are autographed John T. McCutcheon cartoons. The collection dates from 1884 to 1919, with the bulk of the material dating between 1895 and 1919.

Information on Use

Access

This collection is open for research.

Citation

When quoting material from this collection, the preferred citation is: Strauss, Herbert R. Collection of Theodore Roosevelt Papers, [Box #, Folder #], Special Collections Research Center, University of Chicago Library.

Biographical Note

Herbert Strauss (1899-1974) was a Chicago investment banker who collected historical documents. The Herbert R. Strauss Collection of Theodore Roosevelt Papers was donated to the University of Chicago in four installments from 1960 to 1974.

Born on October 27, 1858, Theodore Roosevelt was the 26th President of the United States. Roosevelt's first elected office was as a New York State Assemblyman. After serving his term as an Assemblyman, Roosevelt left public life and founded and operated a ranch in North Dakota. After the collapse of his ranch, Roosevelt returned to public life, and quickly rose through the Republican Party. He was a member of the Civil Service Commission from 1888 to 1895. In 1895 he became president of the New York City Police Commission and served in that capacity until he was made Assistant Secretary of the Navy in 1897. He served in this position until the Spanish American War. During the war, he founded and lead the First U.S. Volunteer Cavalry Regiment in Cuba.

After his success in Cuba, Roosevelt returned to politics. In 1898 he was elected governor of New York. In the second year of his term as governor, he was selected as the running mate of the eventual winner, William McKinley. After McKinley's assassination in 1901, Roosevelt became president. In 1904 Roosevelt easily won reelection. After he decided not to run in the 1908 election, Roosevelt returned to politics, and in 1912 ran for president of the United States under the Bull Moose Party. Roosevelt lost the election and largely retreated from public life. Theodore Roosevelt died in 1919.

Lemuel E. Quigg was a journalist and New York Republican politician who was associated with Theodore Roosevelt. Quigg was the editor of the Republican organization newspaper and integral to Roosevelt's quick rise through the Republican ranks. Quigg helped arrange Roosevelt's appointment to the New York City Police Commission and persuaded Republican elites to nominate Roosevelt for the New York Governorship.

William Murphy was a real estate investor and active in the New York Republican Party. He served on many state conventions and was an early supporter of Theodore Roosevelt.

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The collection is organized into three series: Series I Correspondence; Series II Photographs, Slides, and Ephemera; Series III Oversized. All folders are in chronological order by year of the latest dated document within the folder, with the exception of the correspondence series. The correspondence series is organized in chronological order by year of the latest dated document with the exception of the folders organized by recipient. Those folders are organized in alphabetical order.

Series I, Correspondence, is divided into four subseries.

Subseries I contains correspondence between Theodore Roosevelt and Lemuel. E. Quigg from 1894 to 1919.

Subseries II contains correspondence between Theodore Roosevelt and William Murphy from 1890 to 1905.

Subseries III contains the correspondence of members of Theodore Roosevelt's Cabinet from 1901 to 1916.

Subseries IV contains the general correspondence of Theodore Roosevelt from 1882 to 1918.

Series II, Photographs, Slides, and Ephemera, consists of photographs of Theodore Roosevelt, glass lantern slides of political cartoons, newspaper clippings, cartoons, pamphlets, and other ephemera.

Series III, Oversized, contains oversized material, including original cartoons by John T. McCutcheon, and a printed cotton scarf produced for Roosevelt's presidential campaign.

Related Resources

The following related resources are located in the Department of Special Collections:

<http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/spcl/select.html>

Woodruff, Timothy Lester. Papers, 1897-1909

U.S. Presidential Inauguration and Rationing Memorabilia, 1861-1973

Additional Herbert R. Strauss collections are found at the Newberry Library in Chicago:

Herbert R. Strauss collection of Adams family letters, 1763-1829.

Herbert R. Strauss collection of Thomas Jefferson letters, 1780-1823.

Herbert R. Strauss collection of autograph letters, 1775-1840.

Subject Headings

- Roosevelt, Theodore, 1858-1919
- Quigg, Lemuel Ely, 1863-1919
- McCutcheon, John T. (John Tinney), 1870-1949
- Progressive Party (1912)

INVENTORY

Series I: Correspondence

Subseries I: Correspondence between Roosevelt and Lemuel. E. Quigg

Box 1

Folder 1

Police Commission, 1894-1895

Box 1

Folder 2

Police Commission, 1895

Box 1

Folder 3

Police Commission, 1896-1897

Box 1

Folder 4

Governor of New York, 1897-1898

Box 1

Folder 5

Governor of New York, 1898

Box 1

Folder 6

Governor of New York, 1899

Box 1

Folder 7

Governor of New York, 1900

Box 1

Folder 8

White House, 1901

Box 1

Folder 9

Autobiography, 1913

Box 1

Folder 10

Republican Party and Politics, 1916

Box 1

Folder 11

Republican Party and Politics, 1916

Box 1

Folder 12

Republican Party and Politics, 1917

Box 1

Folder 13

Republican Party and Politics, 1918

Box 1

Folder 14

Miscellaneous Correspondence and Letters of Condolence from Quigg to Roosevelt Family, 1918-1919

Subseries II: Correspondence between Roosevelt and William Murphy

Box 2

Folder 1

Roosevelt to Murphy, 1890-1901

Box 2

Folder 2

Roosevelt to Murphy, 1904-1905

Subseries III: Correspondence of members of Roosevelt's Cabinet.

Box 2

Folder 3

Correspondence of Bonaparte, Cortelyou, and Fairbanks, 1903-1916

Box 2

Folder 4

Correspondence of Hay, Knox and Metcalf, 1900-1908

Box 2

Folder 5

Correspondence of Moody, Morton and Straus, 1901-1908

Subseries IV: General Correspondence

Box 2

Folder 6

General Correspondence "A," 1898-1914

Box 2

Folder 7

General Correspondence "B," 1886-1894

Box 2

Folder 8

General Correspondence "C," 1915-1916

Box 2

Folder 9

General Correspondence "C-D," 1882-1906

Box 2

Folder 10

General Correspondence "E-F," 1891-1917

Box 2

Folder 11

General Correspondence "G," 1887-1911

Box 2

Folder 12

General Correspondence "H-M," 1885-1917

Box 2

Folder 13

General Correspondence "P," 1898-1900

Box 2

Folder 14

General Correspondence "S-U," 1884-1918

Series II: Photographs, Slides, and Ephemera

Box 2

Folder 15

Photographs, 1901-1948 and undated

Box 2

Folder 16

Photographs and Clippings, undated

Box 2

Folder 17

Political Cartoons, undated

Box 2

Folder 18

Newspaper Clippings, 1891-1960

Box 2

Folder 19

Magazines, Pamphlets and General Publications, 1908-1912

Box 2

Folder 20

Memorials, 1918-1919

Box 2

Folder 21

Invitations, Programs and Menus, 1887-1905

Box 2

Folder 22

National Progressive Convention Program, 1912

Box 2

Folder 23

Realizable Ideals, Text Block, 1912

Box 2

Folder 24

Postcards, 1903

Box 3

Lantern Slides, undated

Series III: Oversized

Box 4

Printed Cotton Campaign Scarf, undated

Box 5

"Theodore Roosevelt." Pencil Drawing by F. Soule Campbell. 1907

Box 5

"Cartoons of the Day." Autographed Cartoon by John T. McCutcheon.

Box 5

"When an Irresistible Force Meets an Immovable Body." Autographed Cartoon by John T. McCutcheon.

Box 5

"His First Lion." Autographed Cartoon by John T. McCutcheon.