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Descriptive Summary

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Title                      Woodruff, Timothy Lester. Papers
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                           Chicago, Illinois 60637 U.S.A.

Abstract                    Timothy Lester Woodruff (1858-1913), Republican politician. Lieutenant Governor of New York, 1896-1902. Contains correspondence and a speech. Material deals primarily with campaigns, patronage, and other political issues, some with references to Theodore Roosevelt and Lemuel Quigg. Correspondents include Thomas Platt, Frank S. Black, John D. Rockefeller, James Sherman, and James Wadsworth.

Information on Use

Access
The collection is open for research.

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The collection is made up of twenty-eight items, mostly letters to Woodruff from various political figures. The papers are divided into six main sections. The first contains two letters from Thomas-Boss-Platt, 1897, 1898, concerning patronage. Reference is made to Lemuel Quigg, a portion of whose correspondence with Theodore Roosevelt is in the Library collection.

The second section contains six letters written in 1898, four to Woodruff from Governor Frank S. Black, one a copy of a Woodruff letter to Black, and the sixth a letter to Woodruff from one of his political lieutenants, Harry Bates. The letters concern Black's attempt to gain re-nomination as Republican gubernatorial candidate against Theodore Roosevelt, and Woodruff’s participation in this struggle, apparently as a Black supporter, though Woodruff was later nominated for Lieutenant Governor with Roosevelt. Again the influence of Quigg is mentioned.

The third section contains three letters between John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and Woodruff. One, dated 1901, concerns personal matters, and the others, 1907, 1908, concern Rockefeller’s campaign contributions. One of these letters returns a check for $5000 to Rockefeller since it was not needed for the campaign.

The fourth section contains three letters from James S. Sherman, Republican Congressman from New York and Vice-President of the United States under William H. Taft. The letters concern routine matters of the campaign of 1908, such as campaign funds and speaking engagements.

The fifth section contains three letters from James W. Wadsworth, Jr., then speaker of the New York State Assembly, later U.S. representative and senator. The letters, dated July, August 1909, deal with local New York politics, one extensively.
The sixth group contains miscellaneous documents and letters concerning New York politics. A letter (from George J. Smith, Republican State Treasurer to Woodruff) comments on a talk with President Roosevelt about the New York gubernatorial race in 1908. There is also one letter from Charles F. Murphy to Woodruff dated 1909, a speech or article about Woodruff entitled “The Successor and Heir of Roosevelt,” and 7 cancelled checks signed by Smith and one cancelled note all apparently concerning the campaign of 1908.

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

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

Strauss collection of Theodore Roosevelt papers

**Subject Headings**
- Woodruff, Timothy Lester
- Black, Frank S. (Frank Swett), 1853-1913
- Platt, Thomas Collier, 1833-1910
- Quigg, Lemuel Ely, 1863-1919
- Roosevelt, Theodore, 1858-1919
- Rockefeller, John D. (John Davison), 1839-1937
- Sherman, J. S. (James Schoolcraft), 1855-1912
- Wadsworth, James Wolcott, 1846-1926
- Politicians -- New York (State)
- New York (State) -- Politics and government -- 1865-1950

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Letters
- Thomas Collier Platt to TLW, TLS, January 4, 1897, 1 p
- Thomas Collier Platt to TLW, TLS, January 25, 1898, 1 p

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**Folder 2**
Letters
- Frank Black to TLW, TLS, August 3, 1898, 5 pp
- Frank Black to TLW, TLS, August 23, 1898, 3 pp
- Frank Black to TLW, TLS, September 16, 1898, 3 pp
- TLW to Frank S. Black, TL, September 17, 1898, 6 pp (copy)
- Harry Bates to TLW, TLS, September 20, 1898, 4 pp
- Frank S. Black to TLW, TL, September 21, 1898, 3 pp

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**Folder 3**
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View digitized documents. http://pi.lib.uchicago.edu/1001/srcmd/woodruff-0001-003

• John D. Rockefeller, Jr. to TLW, ALS, August 21, 1901, 1 p
• TLW to John D. Rockefeller, Jr., TL, April 15, 1907, 2 pp
• TLW to John D. Rockefeller, Jr., ALS, November 2, 1908, 1 p

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• James S. Sherman to TLW, TLS, August 10, 1908, 2 pp
• James S. Sherman to TLW, TLS, August 12, 1908, 2 pp
• James S. Sherman to TLW, ALS, November 1(?), 2 pp

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Folder 5
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• James W. Wadsworth, Jr. to TLW, ALS, July 20, 1909, 5 pp
• James W. Wadsworth, Jr. to TLW, ALS, July 25, 1909, 1 p
• James W. Wadsworth, Jr. to TLW, ALS, August 14, 1909, 1 p

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Folder 6
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• George J. Smith to TLW, TLS, August 19, 1908, 2 pp
• 1 loan form for $5,000, ADS, August 25, 1908, 1 p signed George J. Smith
• Cancelled checks signed George J. Smith, ADS, October 14 - 27, 1908

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Folder 7
Charles F. Murphy to TLW, TLS, August 4, 1908, 2 pp


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Folder 8
Speech, "The Successor and Heir of Roosevelt," AD (1900), 8 pp