

# **Judson King Papers**

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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Judson King Papers

**Span Dates:** 1900-1958

**Bulk Dates:** (bulk 1912-1958)

**ID No.:** MSS28621

**Creator:** King, Judson, 1872-1958

**Extent:** 21,515 items ; 97 containers ; 38 linear feet

**Language:** Collection material in English

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

**Summary:** Lecturer, writer, and political consultant. Correspondence, memoranda, writings, reports, press releases, scrapbooks, newspaper clippings, printed material, charts, maps, photographs, and other material relating primarily to the development of public power policy in the United States and reflecting King's role in the United States Rural Electrification Administration.

## Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### People

Aiken, George D. (George David), 1892-1984--Correspondence.  
Carmody, John M. (John Michael), 1881-1962--Correspondence.  
Hill, Lister, 1894-1984--Correspondence.  
King, Judson, 1872-1958.  
Lilienthal, David Eli, 1899-1981--Correspondence.  
Milton, George Fort, 1894-1955--Correspondence.  
Norris, George W. (George William), 1861-1944--Correspondence.  
Pinchot, Gifford, 1865-1946--Correspondence.  
Roosevelt, Franklin D. (Franklin Delano), 1882-1945--Correspondence.  
Slattery, Harry, 1887-1949--Correspondence.  
Walsh, Frank P.--Correspondence.  
White, William Allen, 1868-1944--Correspondence.

### Organizations

National Popular Government League.  
Tennessee Valley Authority.  
United States. Rural Electrification Administration.

### Subjects

Electric power--United States.  
Energy policy--United States.  
Political parties--United States.  
Public utilities--United States.  
Rural electrification--United States.

### Places

Tennessee River Valley.

### Occupations

Authors.  
Consultants.  
Lecturers.

# Administrative Information

## Provenance

The papers of Judson King, lecturer, writer, and political consultant, were given to the Library of Congress by his widow, Bertha Hale King, in 1959 and by Ronald Ross in 1960 and 1964. Small additions were given by Ross and others from 1983 to 1985.

## Processing History

The papers of Judson King were arranged and described in 1959. Subsequent accessions received from 1960 through 1964 were interfiled with the original gift of the papers. Two accessions from 1983 were processed as an Addition in 1985. Material received in 1985 was processed in 1999 and interfiled with the Addition series.

## Additional Guides

A note concerning the Judson King Papers appeared in the *Library of Congress Information Bulletin*, vol. 18, no. 23, 8 June 1959, pp. 310-311.

## Copyright Status

Copyright in the unpublished writings of Judson King in these papers and in other collections of papers in the custody of the Library of Congress has been dedicated to the public.

## Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Judson King Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

# Biographical Note

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1872, Apr. 19	Born, Waterford, Pa.
1889-1893	Attended Battle Creek College, Battle Creek, Mich.
1893-1896	Attended University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich.
1902	Founder and editor, <i>Morning Sun</i> , Denison, Tex.
1905-1906	Editor, <i>Independent Voter</i> , Toledo, Ohio
1906-1908	Secretary, Toledo University, Toledo, Ohio
1908-1910	Field secretary, Ohio Direct Legislation League
1910-1913	Traveled and lectured
1912	Married Cora Smith Eaton
1913-1958	Director, National Popular Government League
1926	Married Bertha Hale White
1935-1944	Special consultant to Rural Electrification Administration

- 1958, July 4                      Died, Washington, D.C.
- 1959                                Posthumously published, *The Conservation Fight, From Theodore Roosevelt to the Tennessee Valley Authority* (Washington, D.C.: Public Affairs Press. 316 pp.)

## Scope and Content Note

The papers of Judson King (1872-1958) span the period 1900-1958, with the bulk of the material relating primarily to the development of public power policy in the United States and reflecting his role as a consultant to the United States Rural Electrification Administration.

Of particular interest is a file of General [Correspondence](#) covering the period 1912-1958 but largely dated after 1933. Correspondence for the year 1937 is missing. Manuscripts and typescripts of King's [writings](#), [scrapbooks](#), [photographs](#), [newspaper clippings](#), and [printed material](#) complete the collection. Topics featured in the papers include the Rural Electrification Administration, the Tennessee Valley Authority, and the National Popular Government League, which King organized and directed for many years.

Correspondents include George D. Aiken, John M. Carmody, Lister Hill, David Eli Lilienthal, George Fort Milton, George W. Norris, Gifford Pinchot, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Harry Slattery, Francis Patrick Walsh, and William Allen White.

## Organization of the Papers

The collection is arranged in six series:

- [Correspondence, 1912-1958](#)
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## Description of Series

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BOX 1-60

#### Correspondence, 1912-1958

Arranged in two groups: general correspondence and special correspondence.

General correspondence is arranged in chronological periods and therein alphabetically by name of state, correspondent, or subject. There is no arrangement within folders. An incomplete index precedes the general correspondence. Special correspondence is arranged alphabetically by name of individual.

BOX 61-77

#### Article and Book File, 1913-1958

Notes and drafts of *The Conservation Fight, From Theodore Roosevelt to the Tennessee Valley Authority* and handwritten, typewritten, and near-print copies of articles, bulletins, and press releases.

Arranged by type of material.

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#### Subject File, 1900-1943

Memoranda, reports, charts, maps, tabulations, pamphlets, and articles.

Arranged by topic and type of material.

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#### Scrapbooks, 1907-1940

Clippings mounted in scrapbooks.

Arranged chronologically by volume.

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#### Miscellany, 1902-1958

Newspaper clippings, photographs, notes, and printed matter.

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#### Addition, 1902-1958

Financial and legal papers, photographs, notebooks of bulletins and press releases, and scrapbooks of clippings.

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