

# Harrington Putnam Papers

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# Collection Summary

Title: Harrington Putnam Papers

Span Dates: 1909-1928

ID No.: MSS38604

Creator: Putnam, Harrington, 1851-1937

Extent: 70 items; 5 containers; 2 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

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

Abstract: Jurist. Notes concerning cases before the Supreme Court of the State of New York, 1909-1913, and correspondence with Sir Granville George Greenwood, 1924-1928.

## 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.

### Personal Names

Greenwood, G. G. (Granville George), Sir, 1850-1928--Correspondence.

Putnam, Harrington, 1851-1937.

Shakespeare, William, 1564-1616--Study and teaching.

### Organizations

New York (State). Supreme Court.

### Subjects

Courts--New York (State)

### Occupations

Jurists.

## Administrative Information

### Provenance:

The papers of Harrington Putnam, jurist, were received by the Law Library of the Library of Congress from an unknown source prior to 1970 and transferred to the Manuscript Division that year.

### Copyright Status:

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Harrington Putnam is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

### Access and Restrictions:

The Harrington Putnam 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, Harrington Putnam Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## Biographical Note

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1851, June 29	Born, Shrewsbury, Mass.
1870	A.B., Colby College, Waterville, Maine
1873	Student, Heidelberg, Germany
1876	LL.B., Columbia University, New York, N.Y. Admitted to New York bar; began legal practice
1884-1889	Examiner, New York State Civil Service Commission
1890-1894	Examiner, Brooklyn Civil Service Commission
1904	Married Mildred Smythe
1906	LL.D., Colby College, Waterville, Maine
1909	Appointed justice, Supreme Court of New York
1910	Elected justice, Supreme Court of New York
1911	LL.D., Middlebury College, Middlebury, Vt.
Circa 1920s	Lecturer in admiralty law, Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y.
1921	Retired, Supreme Court of New York
1924	President, American branch, International Law Association
1926	President, New England Society of Brooklyn
1937, Apr. 7	Died

## Scope and Content Note

The papers of Harrington Putnam (1851-1937) span the years 1909-1928. Putnam, who served as justice of the Supreme Court of New York from 1909 to 1921, maintained notes concerning cases heard by the court between 1909 and 1913. An index of evidence is also included.

Sir G. G. Greenwood, member of Parliament in the United Kingdom, cofounder of the Shakespeare Fellowship, and author of the book *Shakespeare Problem Restated*, corresponded extensively with Putnam from 1924 to 1928 concerning Shakespeare scholarship and related matters.

## Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by topic.

# Container List

<i>Container</i>	<i>Contents</i>
BOX 1	Greenwood, G. G., Sir, correspondence, 1924-1928
BOX 1	Supreme Court of New York
BOX 2	Index of evidence, undated
BOX 1	Notes concerning legal cases
BOX 1	1909, Nov.
BOX 1	1910
BOX 1	Jan.-May (6 folders)
BOX 2	June-Dec. (7 folders)
BOX 2	1911
BOX 2	Jan.
BOX 3	Feb.-May (9 folders)
BOX 4	June-Dec. (4 folders)
BOX 4	1912
BOX 4	Jan.-Mar. (5 folders)
BOX 5	Apr.-Dec. (2 folders)
BOX 5	1913, Jan.-Apr. (5 folders)