William Howard Taft Papers

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Collection Summary

Title: William Howard Taft Papers
Span Dates: 1915-1953
ID No.: MSS83782
Creator: Taft, William Howard, 1915 Aug. 7-
Extent: 250 items; 1 container; 0.4 linear feet
Language: Collection material in English
Repository: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
Abstract: Ambassador to Ireland, son of Senator Robert A. Taft, and grandson of President William H. Taft. Chiefly correspondence between Taft and his parents, Robert A. and Martha Wheaton Bowers Taft, especially during his years as a student at the Taft School, Yale University, and Princeton University.

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
Taft, Horace Dutton, 1861-1943--Correspondence.
Taft, Martha Wheaton Bowers, 1891-1958--Correspondence.
Taft, Robert A. (Robert Alphonso), 1889-1953--Correspondence.
Taft, William H. (William Howard), 1857-1930--Correspondence.
Taft, William Howard, 1915 Aug. 7-

Organizations
Princeton University--Students.
Taft School--Students.
Yale University--Students.

Occupations
Diplomats.
Public officials.

Administrative Information

Provenance:

The papers of William Howard Taft III, ambassador to Ireland, son of Senator Robert A. Taft and grandson of President William H. Taft, were given to the Library of Congress in 1996 by his wife, Barbara Taft.

Processing History:

The papers of William Howard Taft were arranged and described in 1997. The collection was revised in 2009.

Copyright Status:

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of William Howard Taft is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions:

The papers of William Howard Taft 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, William Howard Taft Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of William Howard Taft III (7 Aug. 1915-1991) span the years 1915-1953 and consist of correspondence primarily between Taft and his parents, Robert A. Taft and Martha Wheaton Bowers Taft, especially during his school years at the Taft School in Watertown, Connecticut, at Yale University, and as a graduate student at Princeton University. Also included are three letters from Horace D. Taft and one letter of congratulations from William H. Taft to his son, Robert A. Taft, upon the birth of William Howard Taft III. In these papers, Robert and Martha Taft's son was called William Howard Taft II during the 1930s but by 1947 was addressed as William Howard Taft III.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by name of correspondent and therein chronologically.

Container List

Container	*Contents*
BOX 1	Correspondence
BOX 1	Taft, Horace D. (uncle), 1933-1939
BOX 1	Taft, Martha Wheaton Bowers (mother), 1930-1950 (6 folders)
BOX 1	Taft, Robert A. (father), 1930-1953 (2 folders)
BOX 1	Taft, William H. (grandfather) concerning the birth of William Howard Taft III, 1915