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Collection Summary

Title: William E. Humphrey Papers

Span Dates: 1903-1936

ID No.: MSS26815

Creator: Humphrey, William E. (William Ewart), 1862-1934

Extent: 500 items; 2 containers; .6 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

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

Abstract: Lawyer, United States congressman, and member of the Federal Trade Commission.

Correspondence, memoranda, speeches and other papers relating primarily to Humphrey's service in the United States House of Representatives (1903-1917) and on the Federal Trade Commission (1925-1933).

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

Humphrey, William E. (William Ewart), 1862-1934.

Roosevelt, Franklin D. (Franklin Delano), 1882-1945.

Roosevelt, Theodore, 1858-1919.

Organizations

United States. Federal Trade Commission.

Places

United States--Politics and government--1901-1953.

Washington (State)--Politics and government.

Occupations

Lawyers.

Public officials.

Representatives, U.S. Congress--Washington (State)

Administrative Information

Provenance

The papers of William E. Humphrey, lawyer, United States congressman, and member of the Federal Trade Commission, were given to the Library of Congress by Ashmun Brown between 1939 and 1947.

Processing History

The papers of William E. Humphrey were arranged and described in 1957. The collection was revised in 2010.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of William E. Humphrey is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of William E. Humphrey 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

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Biographical Note

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1862, Mar. 31	Born, near Alamo, Montgomery County, Ind.
1887	Graduated, Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Ind. Studied law and was admitted to the Indiana state bar; practiced law in Crawfordsville, Ind.
1893	Moved to Seattle, Wash., and continued the practice of law
1898-1902	Corporation counsel for the city of Seattle, Wash.
1903-1917	United States congressman
1917-1925	Resumed law practice in Seattle, Wash.
1922	Chairman, Speakers Bureau of the Republican National Committee
1925-1933	Member, Federal Trade Commission
1934, Feb. 14	Died, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of William Ewart Humphrey (1862-1934) span the years 1903-1936 and contain correspondence, records of the Federal Trade Commission, an original illustration by Clifford Kennedy Berryman, and printed copies of his congressional speeches in the United States House of Representatives. The correspondence consists of negative photocopies and originals of incoming letters received by Humphrey from various Republican Party officials and other public figures including Warren G. Harding, Charles Evans Hughes, Thomas R. Marshall, and Harlan Fiske Stone. Letters from Theodore Roosevelt reveal aspects of Roosevelt's political conflicts within the Republican Party, explore his relations with William H. Taft and others following the secession of the Progressive Party from the Republican Party in 1912, and chronicle his advocacy of universal military training. The correspondence also includes letters concerning Humphrey's appointment and controversial dismissal in 1933 from the Federal Trade Commission. The Federal Trade Commission files further document the administration and operations of the commission including details of cases filed before it for adjudication.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged by topic or type of material.

Container List

<i>Container</i>	<i>Contents</i>
BOX 1	Correspondence, 1903-1936 (5 folders)
BOX 1	Federal Trade Commission
BOX 1	1914-1931 (3 folder)
BOX 2	1932-1934
BOX 2	Undated
BOX 2	Illustration by Clifford Kennedy Berryman, 1930
BOX 2	Speeches, 1909-1914