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Collection Summary

Title: Albert Jeremiah Beveridge Papers

Span Dates: 1788-1943

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1886-1927)

ID No.: MSS12591

Creator: Beveridge, Albert Jeremiah, 1862-1927

Extent: 98,000 items ; 410 containers plus 8 oversize ; 167.4 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

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

Summary: United States senator from Indiana, lawyer, historian, and biographer. Correspondence, diary notes, addresses, drafts of writings, research material, records of interviews, printed matter, photographs, and miscellaneous material documenting Beveridge's career from his early law practice in Indiana to his career in the Senate, espousal of the Progressive Party, experience as a war correspondent in Europe, and his later work as historian and biographer. Includes source material used in writing biographies of Abraham Lincoln and John Marshall.

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

Bergson, Henri, 1859-1941--Interviews.

Beveridge, Albert J. (Albert Jeremiah), 1862-1927.

Beveridge, Albert J. (Albert Jeremiah), 1862-1927. Abraham Lincoln, 1809-1858. 1928.

Beveridge, Albert J. (Albert Jeremiah), 1862-1927. Life of John Marshall. 1916-1919.

Beveridge, Albert J. (Albert Jeremiah), 1862-1927. What is back of the war. 1915.

Grey of Fallodon, Edward Grey, Viscount, 1862-1933--Interviews.

Hanotaux, Gabriel, 1853-1944--Interviews.

Lincoln, Abraham, 1809-1865.

Lorimer, George Horace, 1868-1937--Correspondence.

Marshall, John, 1755-1835.

Parker, Gilbert, 1862-1932--Interviews.

Perkins, George W. (George Walbridge), 1862-1920--Correspondence.

Phillips, David Graham, 1867-1911--Correspondence.

Pinchot, Gifford, 1865-1946--Correspondence.

Roosevelt, Theodore, 1858-1919--Correspondence.

Shaffer, John C. (John Charles), 1853-1943--Correspondence.

Shaw, Albert, 1857-1947--Correspondence.

Shaw, Bernard, 1856-1950--Interviews.

Tirpitz, Alfred von, 1849-1930--Interviews.

William II, German Emperor, 1859-1941--Interviews.

Organizations

Progressive Party (U.S. : 1912)

United States. Congress. Senate.

United States. Navy.

Subjects

Child labor--Law and legislation--United States.

Imperialism.

Practice of law--Indiana.

Progressivism (United States politics)

Social change--United States.

World War, 1914-1918--Causes.

World War, 1914-1918--Journalists.

Places

Indiana--Politics and government.
Philippines--Foreign relations--United States.
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United States--Politics and government--1865-1933.
United States--Social conditions.
United States--Territorial expansion.

Occupations

Biographers.
Historians.
Lawyers.
Senators, U.S. Congress--Indiana.

Administrative Information

Provenance

The papers of Albert Jeremiah Beveridge, United States senator from Indiana, lawyer, historian, and biographer, were given to the Library of Congress by his wife between 1940 and 1953. Additional installments to the papers were given between 2006-2011 by Beveridge's grandson, Albert J. Beveridge III.

Processing History

The Beveridge Papers were processed in 1954. The finding aid was revised in 2007 and again in 2011. Material received between 2006 and 2011 was processed as an addition to the papers in 2012.

Additional Guides

Card indexes to the Office Files series of the collection received with the papers are available in the Manuscript Division Reading Room. Consult reference staff for further information.

Related Material

Related collections in the Manuscript Division include the [Albert Jeremiah Beveridge Collection of John Marshall Papers](#).

Copyright Status

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

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Albert Jeremiah Beveridge 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, Oct. 6	Born, Highland County, Ohio
1865	Moved to Illinois with family
1877	Became a logger and teamster; began to attend high school
1881	Entered Asbury College, Greencastle, Ind.
1884	Began political career as a campaign orator for James Gillespie Blaine
1885	B.A., DePauw University, Greencastle, Ind.
1887	Married Katherine Langsdale (died 1900) Admitted to Indiana bar
1887-1899	Practiced law, Indianapolis, Ind.
1888	M.A., DePauw University, Greencastle, Ind.
1899-1911	U. S. senator from Indiana
1903	Published <i>The Russian Advance</i> . New York: Harper & Bros.
1905	Published <i>The Young Man and the World</i> . New York: D. Appleton and Co.
1907	Married Catherine Eddy in Berlin, Germany Published <i>The Meaning of the Times</i> . Bobbs-Merrill Co. Published <i>The Bible as Good Reading</i> . Philadelphia: H. Altemus Co.
1911	Defeated for U.S. Senate; nominated as governor of Indiana by the Progressive Party of Indiana, but defeated by the Democratic candidate, Samuel M. Ralston
1915	War correspondent in Germany
1916	Rejoined the Republican Party and supported Charles Evans Hughes for president
1919	Published <i>The Life of John Marshall</i> . Boston and New York: Houghton Mifflin Co. (4 vols.)
1922	Nominated for U.S. Senate by the Republican Party of Indiana; defeated incumbent, Harry S. New, but in the general election was defeated by Samuel M. Ralston
1927, Apr. 27	Died, Indianapolis, Ind.
1928	Posthumous publication of <i>Abraham Lincoln</i> . London: Gollancz (2 vols.)

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Albert Jeremiah Beveridge (1862-1927) document his career from 1890 to 1927, beginning with his law practice in Indianapolis, Indiana, prominence as an acclaimed orator and two terms in the United States Senate, war correspondent in Europe during World War I, and later achievement as a historian and biographer of John Marshall and Abraham Lincoln. The collection spans the years 1788-1943, with the bulk of the material concentrated in the period 1886-1927. Major correspondents include George Horace Lorimer, George W. Perkins, David Graham Phillips, Theodore Roosevelt (1858-1919), John C. Shaffer, and Albert Shaw. Beveridge's senatorial career covered the period of political insurgency that led to the rise of the Progressive Party. He was one of the original Progressive Republicans, and in 1912 went into the Progressive Party with Theodore Roosevelt, making the keynote address at the Chicago Progressive Convention the same year. In 1916 he re-entered the Republican Party. The collection is organized into eleven series: [Office Files](#), [General Correspondence](#), [Lincoln Correspondence](#), [Speeches and Articles](#), [Miscellaneous Notes and Manuscripts](#), [Biographical Material](#), [Philippines Speech](#), [Scrapbooks](#), [Miscellany](#), and [Book File](#), and [Addition](#).

At the request of his wife, Catherine Eddy Beveridge, Albert Beveridge's drafts of articles that appeared first in *Collier's Weekly* and later in his book, *What Is Back of the War*, (published in 1915 as a result of his European trip) were identified, annotated, and arranged as part of the [Book File](#) series. Included were Beveridge's correspondence of the period, his diary notes, and a few photographs as well as records of interviews, many of them used in his book, with such individuals as Henri Bergson, Viscount Edward Grey of Fallodon, Gabriel Hanotaux, Gilbert Parker, Bernard Shaw, Alfred von Tirpitz, and William II, Emperor of Germany. Most of the interviews were sent to the persons interviewed for comments or corrections, and the responses contain unique material organized with related documentation and supplementary printed matter.

Also in the [Book File](#) is material relating to Beveridge's biographies of John Marshall and Abraham Lincoln, including notes, transcripts drafts, galleys, and other background files. Other topics of importance in the collection, in addition to the rise of Progressivism and his role in it, include Indiana politics, his call for empire and defense of imperialism, support for annexation of the Philippines, advocacy before the First World War of the construction of a new navy, and championship of national child labor laws and other reform legislation.

The [Addition](#), 1898-1943, consists primarily of photographs of Beveridge and speeches, writings, and notes of Beveridge. Included in the speeches and writings are a speech given in 1912 by Beveridge at the Progressive National Convention in Chicago, Ill., a speech to the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity in 1926 discussing the merits of the election primary versus the party convention, and an introduction written by Beveridge about Robert W. McBrides's book *Personal Recollections of Abraham Lincoln, by a Member of His Bodyguard, Rober W. McBride*. Two telegrams in the general correspondence relate to the founding of the Progressive Party and there is also correspondence relating to Beveridge's book *Abraham Lincoln*. Also featured in the addition are a notebook and related papers documenting Beveridge's trip to the Philippines in 1899 prior to taking his seat in the Senate.

Arrangement of the Papers

The collection is arranged in ten series:

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Undated writings, fragmentary material, and other miscellaneous items.
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Research notes, drafts, and galleys for Beveridge's book on Marshall.
Organized by type of material.
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