

Judson King

A Register of His Papers in the Library of Congress

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Collection Summary

Title: Papers of Judson King

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

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

Abstract: 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.

Names:

King, Judson, 1872-1958

Aiken, George D. (George David), 1892-1984--Correspondence

Carmody, John M. (John Michael), 1881-1962--Correspondence

Hill, Lister, 1894- --Correspondence

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

United States. Rural Electrification Administration

National Popular Government League

Tennessee Valley Authority

Subjects:

Electric power--United States

Energy policy--United States

Political parties--United States

Public utilities--United States

Rural electrification--United States

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. 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:

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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. |

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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Series

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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.

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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.

BOX 78-84

Subject File, 1900-1943

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

Arranged by topic and type of material.

BOX 85-91

Scrapbooks, 1907-1940

Clippings mounted in scrapbooks.

Arranged chronologically by volume.

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Miscellany, 1902-1958, n.d.

Newspaper clippings, photographs, notes, and printed matter.

Arranged by type of material.

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Addition, 1902-1958, n.d.

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

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| BOX 61-77 | Article and Book File, 1913-1958 |
| | Notes and drafts of <i>The Conservation Fight, From Theodore Roosevelt to the Tennessee Valley Authority</i> and handwritten, typewritten, and near-print copies of articles, bulletins, and press releases. |
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Financial and legal papers, photographs, notebooks of bulletins and press releases, and scrapbooks of clippings.

Arranged alphabetically by topic and type of material.

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