

Nicholas Longworth

An Inventory of His Papers at the Library of Congress

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Collection Summary

Title: Papers of Nicholas Longworth

Span Dates: 1782-1931

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1915-1930)

ID No.: MSS55129

Creator: Longworth, Nicholas, 1869-1931

Extent: 1,800 items; 4 containers plus 2 oversize; 2.4 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

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

Abstract: Lawyer, congressman, and speaker of the United States House of Representatives. Correspondence, speeches, newspaper clippings, scrapbooks, and memorabilia consisting chiefly of speeches made during Longworth's service in the House of Representatives. Includes a series of letters to Theodore Roosevelt concerning the nomination of an African American to be surveyor of customs for the Port of Cincinnati; a group of letters by Longworth's grandfather, Nicholas Longworth (1782-1863); and an album of letters of speakers of the United States House of Representatives.

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:

Longworth, Nicholas, 1869-1931

Longworth, N. (Nicholas), 1782-1863--Correspondence

Roosevelt, Theodore, 1858-1919--Correspondence

United States. Congress. House

United States. Congress. House. Office of the Speaker of the House--Correspondence

Harvard University--Students

Subjects:

Universities and colleges--Massachusetts

African Americans--Ohio--Cincinnati

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

Occupations:

Lawyers

Representatives, U.S. Congress--Ohio

Administrative Information

Provenance:

The papers of Nicholas Longworth, lawyer, congressman, and speaker of the United States House of Representatives, were given to the Library of Congress by Katherine F. Deitz in 1964 and by his granddaughter, Joanna Sturm, in 1975.

Processing History:

The papers of Nicholas Longworth were arranged and described in 1978 and 1979. The finding aid was revised in 2005.

Transfers:

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Preferred Citation:

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Biographical Note

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1869, Nov. 5	Born, Cincinnati, Ohio
1891	Graduated, Harvard College, Cambridge, Mass.
1894	Graduated, Cincinnati Law School, Cincinnati, Ohio
1891	Elected to the Cincinnati Board of Education, Cincinnati, Ohio
1899-1901	Member, Ohio state house of representatives
1901-1903	Member, Ohio state senate
1903-1913	Represented 1st District of Ohio in the United States Congress
1906	Married Alice Lee Roosevelt
1915-1931	Represented 1st District of Ohio in the United States Congress
1923-1925	Republican Party floor leader, United States House of Representatives
1925-1932	Speaker, United States House of Representatives
1931, Apr. 9	Died, Aiken, S.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Nicholas Longworth (1869-1931) span the period 1782-1931. Most of Longworth's papers were destroyed during the closing of his home, Rookwood, in Cincinnati following his death. What remains consists of miscellaneous [correspondence](#), newspaper clippings relating to political campaigns, scrapbooks from his student years at Harvard College, souvenir memorial books, and [speeches](#).

A series of letters from various individuals written in 1907 to President Theodore Roosevelt concerns nomination of an African American to be surveyor of customs of the port of Cincinnati. Letters written by Longworth's grandfather, Nicholas Longworth (1782-1863), are dated 1823, 1824, and 1860.

Related Materials

Other material relating to Nicholas Longworth is in the Manuscript Division's collection of the papers of his wife, Alice Roosevelt Longworth.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged in four series:

- [Correspondence, 1823-1928, n.d.](#)
- [Speeches and Writings, 1889-1930, n.d.](#)
- [Miscellany, 1782-1931](#)
- [Oversize, 1782-1920](#)

Description of Series

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BOX 3-4	<u>Miscellany, 1782-1931</u> Biographical papers, campaign material, elementary school notebook, college scrapbooks, memorial steamship log, and a volume of letters of speakers of the United States House of Representatives. Arranged alphabetically by subject.
BOX OV 1-OV 2	<u>Oversize, 1782-1920</u> Memorial steamship log and volume of letters of speakers of the United States House of Representatives. Arranged and described according to the series, containers, and folders from which the items were removed.

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BOX 1	Book, <i>Silas Jackson's Wrongs</i> (1889) Speeches Chronological file 1906-1923 (7 folders)
BOX 2	1924-1930, n.d. (8 folders) <i>Extracts from the Congressional Record; Remarks by Nicholas Longworth, 1904-1911</i>
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BOX 3	Biographical material and articles about Longworth, 1925-1931, n.d. Campaign material, 1918, 1928 Fiftieth wedding anniversary memorial of Nicholas and Susan Longworth, 1857 Log of the Steam Yacht C.O., St. Francis and Mississippi rivers, 1885, Oct. 10-Dec. 11 <u>See Oversize</u> Newspaper clippings, 1924 Notebook, elementary school, n.d. Printed matter, 1924-1925 (2 folders)
BOX 4	Album, letters of speakers of the United States House of Representatives, 1782-1920 <u>See Oversize</u>

Miscellany, 1782-1931

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	Scrapbooks, ca. 1887-1891 (2 vols.)
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