

Benjamin Clarke Marsh

An Register of His Papers in the Library of Congress

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Collection Summary

Title: Papers of Benjamin Clarke Marsh

Span Dates: 1910-1950

ID No.: MSS31443

Creator: Marsh, Benjamin Clarke, 1877-1952

Extent: 1,500 items; 5 containers; 2 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

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

Abstract: Lobbyist and reformer. Correspondence, articles, extracts, legislative documents, memoranda, minutes, press releases, reports, speeches, pamphlets, scrapbooks, and clippings, mostly relating to activities of the People's Lobby, Inc., which Marsh served as executive secretary for many years.

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:

Marsh, Benjamin Clarke, 1877-1952

Couzens, James, 1859-1952--Correspondence

Dewey, John, 1859-1952--Correspondence

Ickes, Harold L. (Harold LeClair), 1874-1952--Correspondence

Wallace, Henry Cantwell, 1866-1924--Correspondence

People's Lobby

Subjects:

Agriculture

Cartels

Commerce

Conservation of natural resources

Disarmament

Housing

Railroads

Reconstruction (1914-1939)

Reconstruction (1939-1951)

Taxation

Unemployment

Occupations:

Lobbyists

Reformers

Administrative Information

Provenance:

The papers of Benjamin Clarke Marsh, lobbyist and reformer, were given to the Library of Congress by his son, Michael Marsh, in 1954.

Processing History:

The papers of Benjamin Clarke Marsh were described in the *Library of Congress Information Bulletin*, vol. 13, no. 39 (Sept. 27, 1955), p. 2.

Copyright Status:

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Preferred Citation:

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Scope and Content Note

The papers of Benjamin Clarke Marsh (1877-1952) span the years 1910-1950 and consist of correspondence, articles, extracts, legislative documents, memoranda, minutes, press releases, reports, speeches, pamphlets, scrapbooks, and clippings, mostly relating to activities of the People's Lobby, Inc., which Marsh served as executive secretary for many years. The People's Lobby corresponded, testified, and published comments on a number of legislative issues, including agriculture, railroad management, unemployment, taxation, conservation, housing, disarmament, trade, cartels, and postwar planning. Correspondents include long time president of the lobby, John Dewey, as well as James Couzens, Harold L. Ickes, and Henry C. Wallace.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material.

Container List

<i>Container</i>	<i>Contents</i>
BOX 1	Correspondence
BOX 1	1913-1947 (9 folders)
BOX 2	1948-1950, n.d. (6 folders)
BOX 2	Minutes
BOX 2	Board of directors, 1931-1950
BOX 2	Executive committee, 1932-1936
BOX 3	Stockholders and directors, 1931-1950 (3 folders)
BOX 3	Miscellany, 1914-1917
BOX 3	<i>People's Lobby Bulletin</i>
BOX 3	Index, 1931-1949
BOX 3	1931-1938 (8 folders)
BOX 4	1939-1950 (10 folders)
BOX 4	Printed matter
BOX 4	1916-1918, 1930-1946 (3 folders)
BOX 4	1947-1950, n.d. (5 folders)
BOX 4	Scrapbooks, 1910-1926 (3 folders)
BOX 4	Speeches and writings, 1913, n.d. (2 folders)