

# **Mabel Thorp Boardman**

**A Register of Her Papers in the Library of Congress**

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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Papers of Mabel Thorp Boardman

**Span Dates:** 1853-1945

**Bulk Dates:** (bulk 1894-1929)

**ID No.:** MSS13086

**Creator:** Boardman, Mabel Thorp, 1860-1946

**Extent:** 4,000 items; 13 containers; 5.2 linear feet

**Language:** Collection material in English

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

**Abstract:** American Red Cross official. Correspondence, diaries, genealogical material, letterbooks, newspaper clippings, printed items, and other material relating to Boardman's career in the American Red Cross and as a commissioner of the District of Columbia.

## 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:

Boardman, Mabel Thorp, 1860-1946

Taft, William H. (William Howard), 1857-1930--Correspondence

District of Columbia. Commissioner

American Association of the Red Cross

American National Red Cross

### Subjects:

United States--Foreign relations--20th century

United States--Politics and government--20th century

### Occupations:

Administrators

Businesswomen

## Administrative Information

### Provenance:

The papers of Mabel Thorp Boardman, American National Red Cross leader, were given to the Library of Congress by Florence Keep and Josephine B. Crane in 1947 and by the American National Red Cross in 1954.

### Processing History:

The papers of Mabel Thorp Boardman were processed in 1947 and reprocessed in 1954. A finding aid was prepared in 1986. The collection and finding aid were revised in 2004.

### Copyright Status:

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Mabel Thorp Boardman is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

### Preferred Citation:

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Mabel Thorp Boardman Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## Biographical Note

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1861, Oct. 12	Born, Cleveland, Ohio
1901	Member, governing body American Red Cross
1903-1904	Disagreement with Clara Barton resulted in Barton's resignation from the American Red Cross
1905	Head, American Red Cross, after reorganization Wrote, with John W. Foster, new charter for American Red Cross
1915	Published <i>Under the Red Cross Flag at Home and Abroad</i> . Philadelphia, J. B.Lippincott
1920	Appointed a commissioner, District of Columbia
1921-1944	National secretary, American Red Cross
1922-1939	Director, Office of Volunteer Service (United States)
1944	Retired from American Red Cross
1946, Mar. 17	Died, Washington D.C.

## Scope and Content Note

The papers of Mabel T. Boardman span the years 1853-1945, with the bulk of the material dated 1894-1929. The collection consists of correspondence, diaries, genealogical material, letterbooks, miscellaneous drafts, newspaper clippings, printed matter, and other material relating to Boardman's personal life, her work with the American National Red Cross, as a commissioner for the District of Columbia, and in relation to the presidential administrations from William McKinley to Franklin D. Roosevelt. The collection is arranged in three series: [Diaries](#), [Correspondence](#), and [Miscellany](#). Correspondents include William Howard Taft.

## Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged in three series:

- [Diaries, 1882-1902](#)
- [Correspondence, 1853-1945, n.d.](#)
- [Miscellany, 1855-1944, n.d.](#)

## Description of Series

<i>Container</i>	<i>Series</i>
BOX 1	<u><b>Diaries, 1882-1902</b></u> Diaries. Arranged chronologically.
BOX 1-11	<u><b>Correspondence, 1853-1945, n.d.</b></u> Family and general correspondence and letterbooks. Arranged chronologically.
BOX 12-13	<u><b>Miscellany, 1855-1944, n.d.</b></u> Commonplace book, drafts, genealogical material, newspaper clippings, printed matter, and a school notebook. Arranged alphabetically by type of material and therein chronologically.

# Container List

<i>Container</i>	<i>Contents</i>
<b>BOX 1</b>	<b>Diaries, 1882-1902</b> Diaries. Arranged chronologically.
<b>BOX 1</b>	Diaries, 1882-1902 (18 vols.)
<b>BOX 1-11</b>	<b>Correspondence, 1853-1945, n.d.</b> Family and general correspondence and letterbooks. Arranged chronologically.
<b>BOX 1</b>	Family correspondence 1853, 1871-1888 (2 folders)
<b>BOX 2</b>	1890, 1930, 1941-1945 (2 folders) General correspondence 1877, 1894-1896 (3 folders)
<b>BOX 3</b>	1897-1904 (8 folders)
<b>BOX 4</b>	1905-1909 (5 folders)
<b>BOX 5</b>	1910-1911 (6 folders)
<b>BOX 6</b>	1912-1914 (5 folders)
<b>BOX 7</b>	1914-1915 (4 folders)
<b>BOX 8</b>	1915-1920 (8 folders)
<b>BOX 9</b>	1920 (6 folders)
<b>BOX 10</b>	1921-1937 (18 folders)
<b>BOX 11</b>	1938-1945 (8 folders) "A-W" miscellaneous, n.d. (13 folders) Unidentified, n.d.

**Correspondence, 1853-1945, n.d.**

**Container**

**Contents**

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Letterbooks, 1879-1888  
(2 vols.)

**BOX 12-13**

**Miscellany, 1855-1944, n.d.**

Commonplace book, drafts, genealogical material, newspaper clippings, printed matter, and a school notebook.

Arranged alphabetically by type of material and therein chronologically.

**BOX 12**

Commonplace book of poetry, 1878-1882, n.d.

Drafts of letters, addresses, and notes, 1895, 1902, 1920, n.d.

(2 folders)

Genealogy and family notes, 1894-1905, 1920, n.d.

(2 folders)

Newspaper clippings

1882, 1893

**BOX 13**

1912-1921, 1938, n.d.

(4 folders)

Photographs, 1922, n.d.

Printed matter, 1855, 1891-1894, 1913-1930, 1938, 1944, n.d.

(3 folders)

Sketch books; landscapes, interiors, and people, 1884-1887, n.d.

School notebook, 1876-1877