

Mabel Walker Willebrandt Papers
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Collection Summary

Title: Mabel Walker Willebrandt Papers

Inclusive Dates: 1881-1978

Bulk Dates: 1921-1929

ID No.: MSS59618

Creator: Willebrandt, Mabel Walker, 1889-1963.

Extent: 2,000 items

Extent: 5 containers plus 1 oversize

Extent: 2 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

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

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Summary: Lawyer and public official. Correspondence, speeches, writings, family papers, photographs, and printed matter relating primarily to Willebrandt's service as assistant attorney general under Presidents Warren G. Harding and Calvin Coolidge.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

People

Coolidge, Calvin, 1872-1933.

Harding, Warren G. (Warren Gamaliel), 1865-1923.

Walker family.

Willebrandt family.

Willebrandt, Mabel Walker, 1889-1963.

Organizations

Republican Party (U.S. : 1854-)

United States. Constitution. 18th Amendment.

United States. Office of the Assistant Attorney General.

Subjects

Prohibition.

Women--Political activity.

Places

Stevens County (Kan.)--History.

United States--Politics and government--1919-1933.

Washington (D.C.)--Social life and customs.

Occupations

Lawyers.

Public officials.

Acquisition Information

The papers of Mabel Walker Willebrandt, lawyer and public official, were given to the Library of Congress by her daughter, Dorothy Rae Willebrandt Van Dyke, 1980-1987.

Processing History

The papers of Mabel Walker Willebrandt were arranged and described in 1983 by Allan Teichroew. The finding aid was revised in 2010. The finding aid was updated in 2024 by Maria Farmer as part of a division-wide remediation project by the Inclusive Description Working Group.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Mabel Walker Willebrandt is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Mabel Walker Willebrandt are open to research. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting.

Preferred Citation

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

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Mabel Walker Willebrandt (1889-1963) span the years 1881-1978, with the bulk dating from 1921 to 1929. The collection consists of correspondence, speeches, writings, family papers, photographs, and printed matter relating primarily to Willebrandt's service as United States assistant attorney general under Presidents Warren G. Harding and Calvin Coolidge. The correspondence includes letters to Willebrandt's parents and pertains chiefly to social and political life in Washington, D.C., her efforts as an enforcer of the Eighteenth Amendment, Republican Party politics, and the issue and role of women in politics. Also included is a file concerning the Haystack Massacre of 1888.

Arrangement of the Collection

This collection is arranged by type of material.

Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1	Family papers
BOX 1	Van Dyke, Dorothy
BOX 1	Biography of Willebrandt, 1964-1977
BOX 1	Condolence letters on death of Willebrandt, 1963
BOX 1	Correspondence with relatives, 1963-1973
BOX 1	Walker, David W.
BOX 1	Diary, 1928
BOX 1	Family history and reminiscences, 1907-1939
BOX 1	Journal, 1887-1888
BOX 1	Legal and financial miscellany, 1883-1937, undated
BOX 1	Notes and miscellaneous writings
BOX 1	Teaching certificates, 1881-1897
BOX 1	Miscellany
BOX 1	Address book, 1942
BOX 1	<i>Blackwell Times</i> and <i>Time-Record</i> , 1893, 1894
BOX 1	Clippings
BOX 1	Walker, David W., and Myrtle Walker
BOX 1	Family correspondence, 1921-1949
BOX 1	General correspondence, 1922-1945, undated
BOX 2	Walker, Myrtle
BOX 2	Poems
BOX 2	Teaching certificates, 1886-1899, undated
BOX 2	Willebrandt, Mabel Walker
BOX 2	Correspondence
BOX 2	Cousins and other relatives, 1921-1954
BOX 2	Foster sister, 1923-1927, undated
BOX 2	Parents
BOX 2	1921-1924
	(5 folders)
BOX 3	1925-1954, undated
	(8 folders)
BOX 3	Diary, 1922-1923
BOX 4	General correspondence, A-Z and unidentified, 1923-1957
BOX 4	Subject file
BOX 4	Fruit Industries, Ltd., 1930-1932
BOX 4	<i>Good Housekeeping</i> magazine, 1927-1929
BOX 4	Haystack Massacre (1888), Sam Robinson case, 1927-1929
BOX 4	Obituaries of Willebrandt, 1963
BOX 4	Walker Fields estate, 1942
BOX 4	Speeches and writings, 1923-1929, undated
BOX 5	Miscellany
BOX 5	Certificates, awards, and related matter, 1926-1963

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BOX 5	Christmas cards and photographs
BOX 5	Clippings, circa 1920-1978 (3 folders)
BOX 5	Notes and itineraries
BOX 5	Pamphlets, leaflets, announcements, etc.
BOX OV 1	Photograph album, 1906-1918
BOX OV 1	Photographs, circa 1885-1975