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Box 1

Political Career

U. S. House of Representatives, 1904-1912, 1914-1920

1. Papers from McKinley's years in the House, including material on his work as director of the President Taft reelection bureau in 1912. (The bulk of McKinley's papers from that campaign are at Syracuse University.)
Among the papers in this file are McKinley's statement "To the People of Champaign County," November 1, 1912; an undated speech of McKinley regarding U.S. foreign policy in Central and South America; and a speech circa 1920 on Uruguay.
- 1b. Urbana Township McKinley Republican Club membership card [later accession]
2. Campaign poster, circa 1910 [filed in oversize folder]
3. Political cartoons (one original and one copy) depicting McKinley, 1910 and undated, drawn by Clifford K. Berryman for the *Washington Star*.

Senate, 1920-1926

4. Papers, 1918-1926, on McKinley's senatorial career and campaigns. Includes speeches, flyers, and material on contributors and supporters.
Papers in this folder include McKinley's record, circa 1925, of his support of President Coolidge; his speech to the Illinois League of Women Voters, November 12, 1925; and several speeches for his reelection.
- 4b. Senate pamphlets, letters, and notes [later accession]
5. Pre-primary newspaper clippings, 1925-1926.
6. Photocopies of clippings in folder 5. Includes a two-page tally, made the day before the election, estimating McKinley's electoral margins county by county.
7. Results of the Primary of April 13, 1926, and later. Original clippings.

8. Photocopies of clippings in folder 7.
- 8b. Photocopies of newspaper clippings [later accession]
9. Commencement speech and clippings, University of Georgia, 1925.
McKinley's grandfather was president at Georgia.
10. Papers on the Interparliamentary Union, 1920-1926. The Union met in Washington in 1925. McKinley also seems to have attended meetings in Stockholm in 1921 and in Vienna in 1922.
- 10b. Interparliamentary Union clippings, pamphlet, and speeches [later accession]
11. Invitations and Calling Cards. Includes items from the White House, and also a note from Supreme Court Chief Justice Taft inviting McKinley to dinner "at a Phillippine party, just for the sake of old times."
- 11b. Card from White House [later addition]

Death

12. Obituaries (McKinley died on December 7, 1926). Original newspaper clippings.
13. Photocopies of clippings in folder 12.
14. Tributes and related items. Newspaper clippings and photocopies.
- 15.-18. Memorial citations from the U.S. Senate (in oversize folder), the Sarah Hackett Stevenson Memorial, Illinois College, and the Illinois Traction Company.
See also *William B. McKinley: Memorial Addresses Delivered in the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Memory of William B. McKinley* (1927) [Call number B.M1581u].

Business and Philanthropic Affairs

19. Business and financial papers (in chronological order).
Correspondents include Mrs. John A. Logan, Henry I. Green, George M. Mattis, and George R. McComb.
Interfiled are clippings, 1916-1927, about McComb (McKinley's business manager) and others, and a letter from Kinley to McComb, April 16, 1917, detached from the scrapbook in folder 24.
20. Philanthropic Affairs: Colleges and universities (alphabetical); religious organizations; children's organizations; other organizations; aid to individuals.
- 20b. Philanthropic affairs clipping, receipt, and letters [later addition]

Family and Personal Life

21. Genealogical papers.
22. Other personal material, including memberships in civic groups and papers relating to his (Mattis) nieces, his chauffeur Reverend Dabney C. Jones (colored) , his parents, and his wife.
23. Photographs, including some photocopies.
24. Scrapbook of clippings, some unattached and others pasted onto the front and back of 27 pages. These are clippings of poetry, sermons, and miscellaneous news items. They appear to range in date from the 1830s to the 1860s, and were probably collected by an ancestor of McKinley's. Probably as

a boy in the late 1860s, McKinley used the empty pages of the scrapbook for what he described as "a collection of stamps," all of which were removed from the scrapbook before it was donated to the Library.

Writings About McKinley

25. Writings about McKinley

Edith Ann Stotler, "William B. McKinley," University of Illinois mimeographed course paper in the Illinois history class of Robert M. Sutton, 15-page booklet, May 13, 1968. Three copies.

Irving Dilliard, "William Brown McKinley," Dictionary of American Biography, Supplement One (1944).

Tom Kacich columns on McKinley, in the Champaign-Urbana News-Gazette, January 16, 2000, Jan 30, 2000, February 2, 2000.

Oversize Items

Oversize folder f001

Special passport issued to William B. McKinley by the Department of State, December 29, 1914.

McKinley's certificate of membership in the Ordre National de la Legion D'Honneur (French Legion of Honor), February 17, 1926. 43 cm x 36.4 cm. (The certificate misspells his name "MacKinley.") This framed document was donated to the Library by Edwin C. Rae of Champaign, Ill.

Illinois Terminal Railroad Company, Know Your Illinois (1931), a pictorial map of the state, with historical vignettes.