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Accession # 45 M 25; 46 M 46; 49 M 115 Location 8-C Annex
60 M 13; 71 M 41 : 48 A 116, 2000 M 20
Title Richard Welling Papers
Approximate inclusive dates 1881-1941 bulk dates 1925-41
Date of receipt 1945; 1946; 1949; 1960; 1971 Received from R. Welling; Welling Estate
Winifred Letts; National
Self Government Committee
Mrs. Sophia Rush;
Volume on arrival unknown
Number of boxes (after reboxing) 52 50 AB; 2 catalog card boxes; 21 1/2 linear ft. ANONYMOUS
1 FLAT BOX 23
Condition Poor-good. Mostly good.
Restrictions none

Description

- 351 46 The papers of Richard Welling are arranged in two main series: 1) General Correspondents and Prominent Correspondents 2) Organizations and subject correspondence
- 545 46 Richard Ward Greene Welling, lawyer, social reformer and author was born in North Kingston, Rhode Island, August 27, 1858, the son of Charles Hunt Welling and Katherine Celia Greene. #b Welling graduated from Harvard with an A.B. in 1880; he studied 2 yrs. at Harvard Law School and was admitted to the bar of NY in 1883. He received a P.D.M. from New York University in 1911. Welling was known as an active political and municipal reformer in New York City and also as a founder and member of many organizations. They include: City Reform Club; the City Club which organized 25 "Good Government Clubs"; the Citizens Union, responsible for electing Seth Low to office, and the "National Arts Club" (Director).
#b Welling's writings include "Self Government Miscellanies" and his autobiography "As the Twig's Bent".
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- 520 46 The papers basically covers the many social and reform organizations in which Welling was involved. Prominent correspondents include Thomas E. Dewey; Virginia Gildersleeve; F.H. LaGuardia; Winifred Letts; Eleanor Roosevelt; Franklin S. Roosevelt; Theodore Roosevelt; Norman Thomas & H.G. Wells.

Special Formats ☒ Photographs ☐ Maps ☐ Audio Tapes ☐ Films ☒ Graphics
☐ Artifacts ☐ Machine-readable records
☒ Other (list) film negatives; index cards; tintype (1)

Temporary catalog card added entries

A.S.P.C.A.
Boys Brotherhood Republic
Citizens Union of New York City
City Reform Club
George Junior Republic
Municipal Arts Society
National Sculpture Society
Philharmonic Symphony Society

Roosevelt Memorial Association
American Labor Party
Citizens & Non Partisan Committee

Accessioned by Valerie Wingfield

Date 4/14/86

520 86/ Organizations include A.S.P.C.A.; Boys Brotherhood Republic; Citizens Union of New York; City Reform Club; George Junior Republic; Municipal Arts Society; National Sculpture Society; Philharmonic Symphony Society; Roosevelt Memorial Association; American Labor Party and Citizens & Non Partisan Committee. His interests also include civil service reform, New York City parks and the National Self Government Committee.

520 86/ The remaining papers are writings that include a typescript of Welling's autobiography "As the Twig is Bent"; scrapbooks, printed material and photographs.

The photographs are mainly of Welling from childhood to adult.

Added entries (con't.)

Dewey, Thomas Edmund 1902-1971
Gildersleeve, Virginia Crocheron 1877-1965
La Guardia, Fiorello H. 1882-1947
Roosevelt, Anne Eleanor 1884-1962
Franklin Delano 1882-1945
Theodore 1858-1919
Thomas, Norman Mattoon 1884-1968
Wells, H.G. 1866-1946
Letts, Winifred

RICHARD WELLING PAPERS

Container list

- Box 1. General Correspondents A-C
2. D-I
3. J-O
4. P-S
5. S-Z; unidentified
6. Prominent Correspondents A-B (incl. Burlingham, 1942)
7. Burlingham, 1943 - L
8. Letts, Winifred. Incoming Correspondence 1924-41;n.d.
Outgoing " 1925-35
9. 1936-43;n.d. 1936-43;n.d.
10. M; McAndrew, William 1902-34
10. 1935--; N-Z

Organizations and Subject Correspondence

- American Civil Liberties Union 1936-41
11. A.S.P.C.A. 1910-49
- Bar Association: Committee on Art 1930-41
12. Boys Brotherhood Republic 1937-52
Assorted material
- Central Parks & parks 1926-38; etc.
13. Citizen Union of N.Y. 1896-1902; corres. re fusion
ticket, 1903
- City Club
- City Reform Club: re violations of the excise law 1888-90

- Box 14. City Reform Club. Corres. 1915-33;
 memos; receipts & vouchers 1889-93; salary
 vouchers 1887-93; bills & receipts 1887-89
15. bank books; cancelled checks; assorted material
16. Civil Service Reform. Corres. 1915-39;
17. 1940-46; Court clerk fight 1934-35; Craig case;
 Deputy Commissioners corres. 1932-34; exemptions
18. Good government contest 1939-40; Hatch Bill 1939;
 Law suit regarding substitute list 1943-44;
 The Merit System 1932; Mark Starr 1943 re rejection
 as Director of Adult Education; Veteran's material;
 radio addresses by Richard Welling 1932-34
19. George Junior Republic. Corres. 1926-46;
 corres. with General Pershing; radio talk; article
 on "Daddy" George; constitution & general laws;
 papers of incorporation
- Judicial Nominators - Committee on Meetings &
 Speakers A-P (1906)
20. R-Z ; corres. regarding requests for tickets to
 mass meetings, 1926; checkbooks
21. Municipal Arts Society. Corres. 1923-45
- National Sculpture Society. Corres. 1928-46
- New York Symphony Society. Corres. 1900-33
22. Philharmonic Symphony Society. Corres. 1928-45
23. assorted

~~Prohibition~~ Corres. 1924-32

Robey Report. re high school textbooks, 1941

Roosevelt Memorial Association 1938-39

Political Papers

American Labor Party

see: Citizen Union of NY box 13

Citizens & Non Partisan Committee. Corres. 1940-45

City Council Election Campaign 1939

- Box 24. City Fusion Party. Corres. 1932-41
- Good Government. Corres. 1894-1902
25. Jerome Campaign. Corres. 1905; vouchers; assorted material
26. La Guardia Campaign, 1937
- Other political papers: Municipal elections in various states; NYC Committee for World Federation; Progressive City Committee. Civil Service Committee, 1937; Supreme Court 1937; Tammany Hall, 1934-39.
27. Assorted political papers
28. Writings-
Articles 1884-1944; Civic & Politics; Freedom of the Press
29. "As the Twig is Bent" (typescript)
related corres.
30. publicity; reviews
"From Tweed to Laguardia" (typescript) revised and published as "The Twig is Bent".
"The Needy Rich and the Grateful Poor", 1935 (formed basis of Welling's autobiography.
31. notes by R.W. & unpublished chapter from "Trips Around the World"; articles on Theodore Roosevelt
- Diaries: 1883-95 (index); 1892-95
32. 1898; 1899; 1900; 1901; 1902; 1903; 1904
33. 1905; 1906; 1907; 1914; 1927-30
34. 1931-34; 1935-37; 1938-41; 1942-45
35. Scrapbooks : 1) American Civilizations 1927-42; 2) City Manager Plan-Proportional Representation-Voting Charter 3;4) City Politics 1929-42 5) City Waste 1932-38
36. 6-7) Civil Service 1929-44
37. 8) Fusion Administration 1933-37 9) Health 1929-34
10) LaFayette cross presented to Kinswoman of Nathaniel Greene 1924-31 11) Mortgage 1933-41

- Box 38. 12) Motors (automobiles) 1926-32; 13) Nazi 1938-42;
14) Parks 1932-33; 15) Peace & Military articles
1924-39; 16) Personal Miscellaneous v. 1: 1883-1917
39. 17) v.2: 1876-1932; 18) v. 3: 1932-1941; 19) v. 4: 1941-46
40. 20) v.--1884-98; 21) Philharmonic & Music 1931-43
41. 22-23) Pictures
42. 24) Polo; 25) Press; 26) Religion 1929-36
43. Personal assorted papers
Biographical data; etc.
44. Military Papers: W.W.I: W.W.II
45. Family members corres; notes; address book (1);
Family tree books (2)
- 46-47 Assorted Papers
Letters to newspapers
Cremation; Monsignor Chidwick address
48. School Citizens Committee; printed material
Printed Material: horses; politics; prohibition;
women suffrag
- 49 Women suffrage
- Photostats; sketches
50. Photographs (FB)

see also: oversize group shot of Conference of Eastern States
~~map case - Anne~~ Association of Professional School Teachers (includes RW)
51. postcards commenting on article by RW in the NY Times
"1st Steps in Citizenship", 1932; reply cards reporting student
gov't activities in high schools and colleges
52. questionnaire reply cards on self government in the schools
1936; replies to "You and Politics" and self government booklet.
53. Unprocessed addition, 2000
54. "
55. " (flat box; includes sketch inscribed to
Welling by Ivy Litvinoff

List of prominent correspondents (note: incomplete)

Adams, James T.
Ade, George
Barlow, Sir Montague
Barton, Bruce
Beard, Charles
 Mary
Bloom, Sol

Bori, Lucrezia
Brandeis, Louis D.
Brooks, Phillips
Broun, Heywood
Buck, Pearl S.
Butler, Nicholas M.

Carnegie, Louise
Conant, James B.
Crowninsheild, Frank
Damrosch, Walter
Dewey, John
 Thomas E.
Downes, Olin

Eliot, Charles W.
Field, Marshal
Finley, John H.
Flagler, Harry Harkness
Gildersleeve, Virginia
Hart, Albert Bushnell
Ickes, Harold

James, Henry
 William
Keppel, F.W.
Lafage, John
LaGuardia, F.H.
Lamont, Thomas
Laski, Harold

Lehman, Herbert
Lippmann, Walter
Lowell, A. Lawrence
Ludwig, Emil
Mackay, Clarence
Manning, Bishop William T.
Millikan, Robert A.

Norman, Sir Harry
Patri, Angelp
Peabody, George Roster
Perry, Ralph Barton
Pershing, John J.
Pinchot, Gifford

Roosevelt, Edith K.
 Eleanor
 Franklin D.
 Theodore

Root, Elihu

Satterlee, Herbert L.
Schurz, Carl
Shaw, George B.
Smith, Alfred E.
Stimson, Henry L.
Stokowski, Leopold

Tarkington, Booth
Taylor, Deems
Thomas, Norman
Thompson, Dorothy
Tunney, Gene
Wagner, Robert F.
Wallenstein, Alfred

Welles, Summer
Wells, H.G.
Wharton, Edith ?
White, William A.
Willkie, Wendell L.
Wilson, Woodrow