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Title Sherman, James Schoolcraft. Papers

Approximate inclusive dates 1883-1912; 1906-1912 (bulk)

Date of receipt 1928, Dec. 5

Received from Carrie Babcock Sherman,
(Mrs. James S. Sherman) gift

Volume on arrival 5 chests

Number of boxes (after reboxing) 72 AB 30' 9"

Condition Good. The scrapbooks are quite fragile and should be filmed.

Restrictions none

Description

The papers of James Schoolcraft Sherman are arranged in five series.

1) General Correspondence, 1883-1912; 2) Financial Documents, 1896-1912;
3) Papers regarded contested elections, 1896; 4) Writings; 5) Scrapbooks

James Schoolcraft Sherman (1855-1912), vice president of the United States is the son of Richard Updike Sherman and Mary Frances Sherman. He was raised in the New Hartford township outside Utica. Sherman was educated in local schools, Whitestown Seminary and Hamilton College. He received an A.B. in 1878 and an L.L.B. in 1879. Sherman practiced law before deciding to enter politics as a Republican against his father's wishes who was a Democrat. Sherman political career includes being elected mayor of Utica (1884); member of the House of Representatives (1887-91; 1893-1903); chairman of the congressional campaign committees and vice president under Taft (1908-1912). Renominated in 1912, Sherman died before the close of the campaign. Sherman married Carrie Babcock, with whom he had three sons.

Series one, General Correspondence, 1883-1912, spans Sherman's political career especially during the 1906-1912 time period. By bulk, the general correspondence is 80% of the papers. It contains official, semi-official, business and private correspondence.

Temporary catalog card added entries

New York State-Politics
United States-Politics
Banks and Banking
Tariff-United States
United States-Congress

Payne-Aldrich Tariff of 1909
Progressive Party
Republican Party

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Hitchcock, Frank Harris 1869-1935
Roosevelt, Theodore 1858-1919
Root, Elihu 1845-1937
Stimson, Henry Lewis 1867-1950
Subjects covered are the campaign election for vice-presidency, Sherman's candidacy for Speaker of the House of Representatives (1899), his control of patronage and party machinery, his defeat by Roosevelt for chairmanship of the New York Republican Convention in 1910, the Progressive Party, legislation enacted during the Roosevelt and Taft administration, especially the Payne-Aldrich Tariff of 1909, the Republican Party, reports of the Utica Trust and Depository Company of which he was President, veteran claims, request for support to pass or defeat bills and endorsements for appointments.

Correspondents are members of Congress, Department heads in Washington, members of the Roosevelt and Taft cabinet, constituents, business and personal correspondents. Correspondents noted are Elihu Root, John Sharp Williams, P.C. Knox, Theodore Roosevelt and William H. Taft. Copies of Sherman's replies are scattered throughout series one.

Series two, financial documents are personal accounts, 1896-1912 of Sherman. Series three, papers regarding contested elections, 1896, concerns Sherman. It contains letters, petitions and legal documents. Series four, writings are Sherman's speeches. Series five, scrapbooks focuses on Sherman political career and politics (9 vols). The remaining material is graphics, photographs, artifacts and printed material.
JAMES SCHOOLCRAFT SHERMAN PAPERS

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70. #8: 1908-12 Memoriam vol.1

71-72. Newspapers "Utica Globe," etc.
Letters of William H. Taft in the Sherman Papers.

1908
Apr. 30  Taft, Wm. H. War Department, Washington. Letter to H. C. Lodge, U. S. Senate. He is just leaving for Panama; approves amendment to Sundry Civil bill in regard to purchase of two ships for the Panama trade, and for preference for American bottoms. Typewritten. L. S. 1 p.

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June 1  Taft, Wm. H. War Department, Washington, D. C. Letter to Professor Irving Fisher, President Committee of One Hundred, New Haven, Conn. Typewritten carbon. 1 p.

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