

# Joseph Benson Foraker Papers

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## Collection Summary

Title: Joseph Benson Foraker Papers

Span Dates: 1884-1916

ID No.: MSS20958

Creator: Foraker, Joseph Benson, 1846-1917

Extent: 5 items; 2 containers; .7 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

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

Abstract: Army officer, governor of Ohio, and United States senator from Ohio. Includes originals and printed versions of correspondence with Marcus Alonzo Hanna, Theodore Roosevelt, John Sherman, and William H. Taft.

## 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.

### People

Foraker, Joseph Benson, 1846-1917.

Hanna, Marcus Alonzo, 1837-1904--Correspondence.

Roosevelt, Theodore, 1858-1919--Correspondence.

Sherman, John, 1823-1900--Correspondence.

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

### Organizations

Republican Party (U.S. : 1854- )

### Places

United States--Politics and government--1865-1933.

### Occupations

Army officers.

Governors--Ohio.

Senators, U.S. Congress--Ohio.

## Administrative Information

### Provenance

The papers of Joseph Benson Foraker, army officer, governor of Ohio, and United States Senator from Ohio, were given to the Library of Congress by Julia B. Foraker in 1926 and 1931.

### Additional Guides

Descriptions of the Foraker Papers appear in the *Report of the Librarian of Congress* for 1926, p. 67; 1927, pp. 51-52; and 1931-32, p. 44.

### Other Repositories

Other collections of Foraker's papers are held by the Cincinnati Historical Society and Cornell University.

## Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Joseph Benson Foraker is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

## Access and Restrictions

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

## Preferred Citation

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## Biographical Note

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1846, July 5	Born near Rainsboro, Ohio
1862-1865	Officer, 89th Ohio Infantry Regiment
1866-1868	Student, Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio
1869	Graduated, Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y. Admitted to bar and commenced law practice, Cincinnati, Ohio
1870	Married Julia Bundy
1879-1882	Judge, superior court of Cincinnati, Ohio
1883	Unsuccessful Republican candidate for governor of Ohio
1884	Delegate-at-large, Republican National Convention (also in 1888, 1892, 1896, 1900, and 1904)
1885-1889	Governor of Ohio
1886	Chairman, Republican party of Ohio state convention (also in 1890, 1896 and 1900)
1896-1909	United States senator from Ohio
1908	William Randolph Hearst (1863-1951) reveals Foraker in employ of and in debt to Standard Oil Company while a United States senator Lost bid for reelection to United States Senate
1909	Resumed law practice in Cincinnati, Ohio
1914	Unsuccessful Republican candidate for United States Senate
1916	Published <i>Notes of a Busy Life</i> (Cincinnati: Stewart & Kidd Co.). 2 vols.

1917, May 10      Died, Cincinnati, Ohio

## Scope and Content Note

The papers of Joseph Benson Foraker (1846-1917) span the years 1884-1916 and consist of correspondence documenting his career as a judge, governor, and United States senator from Ohio.

The Foraker Papers include volumes of his correspondence to and from Marcus Alonzo Hanna, Theodore Roosevelt, John Sherman, and William H. Taft printed by the Foraker family. Also in the collection is a single volume of original correspondence with other politicians and notables. The papers detail the politics of the day and infighting within the Republican party.

## Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material.

# Container List

<i>Container</i>	<i>Contents</i>
BOX 1	Correspondence
BOX 1	Original, 1885-1916
BOX 2	Printed
BOX 2	Hanna, Marcus Alonzo, 1884-1903
BOX 2	Roosevelt, Theodore, 1885-1916
BOX 2	Sherman, John, 1884-1889
BOX 2	Taft, William H., 1887-1912