

Irvine Luther Lenroot Papers

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Collection Summary

Title: Irvine Luther Lenroot Papers

Span Dates: 1858-1971

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1900-1944)

ID No.: MSS29942

Creator: Lenroot, Irvine Luther, 1869-1949

Extent: 10,000 items ; 33 containers plus 1 oversize ; 13.2 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

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

Abstract: Jurist, lawyer, and United States representative and senator from Wisconsin. Correspondence, biographical material, legal papers, speeches, articles, political and subject files, reports, scrapbooks, memoranda, newspaper clippings, printed matter, and photographs relating primarily to Lenroot's political campaigns, association with Robert M. La Follette, role in the Wisconsin Progressive movement, and relationship with national political leaders.

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

Clough family.

Coolidge, Calvin, 1872-1933--Correspondence.

Crownhart, Charles Henry, 1863-1930--Correspondence.

Dougherty, William H.--Correspondence.

Ekern, Herman Lewis, 1872-1954--Correspondence.

Goff, Guy Despard, 1867-1933--Correspondence.

Hannan, John J., 1866-1946--Correspondence.

Hard, William, 1878-1962--Correspondence.

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

Hoover, Herbert, 1874-1964--Correspondence.

Kohler, Walter Jodok, 1875-1940--Correspondence.

La Follette, Robert M. (Robert Marion), 1855-1925--Correspondence.

La Follette, Robert M. (Robert Marion), 1855-1925.

Lenroot family.

Lenroot, Clara Clough, 1856-1942. Clara Clough Lenroot papers.

Lenroot, Irvine Luther, 1869-1949.

Lodge, Henry Cabot, 1850-1924--Correspondence.

Pinchot, Gifford, 1865-1946--Correspondence.

Rogers, Alfred Thomas, 1873-1948--Correspondence.

Sullivan, Mark, 1874-1952--Correspondence.

Organizations

United States. Congress.

Wisconsin. Legislature.

Subjects

Political campaigns--United States.

Political campaigns--Wisconsin.

Political parties--Wisconsin.

Progressivism (United States politics)

Places

United States--Politics and government--1901-1953.

Wisconsin--Politics and government--1848-1950.

Occupations

Jurists.

Lawyers.

Representatives, U.S. Congress--Wisconsin.

Senators, U.S. Congress--Wisconsin.

Administrative Information

Provenance

The papers of Irvine Luther Lenroot, jurist, lawyer, and U.S. representative and senator from Wisconsin, were given to the Library of Congress by Katharine F. Lenroot and Eleanore von Eltz Lenroot from 1964 to 1979.

Processing History

The papers of Irvine Luther Lenroot were arranged and described in 1979. The collection was expanded and revised in 2012.

Copyright Status

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

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Irvine Luther Lenroot 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

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

Biographical Note

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1869, Jan. 31	Born, Superior, Wis.
1887-1889	Attended Parsons Business College, Duluth, Minn.
1890, Jan. 22	Married Clara P. Clough (died 1942)
1890-1892	Clerk in law offices of Ross & Dwyer, Superior, Wis.
1892	Official stenographer, city of Superior, Wis.
1892-1896	Chairman, Republican City Committee, Superior, Wis.
1893-1900	Official court reporter, superior court of Douglas County, Wis.
1896-1900	Chairman, Douglas County Republican Committee, Wis.
1898	Admitted to Wisconsin bar
1898-1900	Secretary, Douglas County Bar Association, Wis.

1900, 1902, 1904	Delegate, Wisconsin Republican state convention
1901-1907	Member, then speaker, Wisconsin House of Representatives
1906	Unsuccessful candidate for Republican nomination for governor of Wisconsin
1909-1919	Member, United States House of Representatives
1918-1927	Member, United States Senate
1919	Initiated movement for improvement of the Saint Lawrence River to admit ocean-going vessels into the Great Lakes
1927-1929	Practiced law, offices of Lenroot, Hanson, Smith and Lovett, Washington, D.C.
1927-1935	Member, Anglo-American Conciliation Commission
1929-1944	Associate judge, United States Court of Customs and Patent Appeals
1943, Feb. 9	Married Eleanore von Eltz
1949, Jan. 26	Died, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Irvine Luther Lenroot (1869-1949) consist of family and general correspondence, memoranda, reports, political files, speeches, articles, subject files, biographical material, the typescript draft of an unpublished autobiography, a handwritten record of Lenroot's congressional career, printed matter, newspaper clippings, photographs, scrapbooks, legal papers, broadsides, certificates, and other related material. The years covered are 1858-1964, with most of the papers falling within the period 1900-1944. The collection is organized into ten series: [Correspondence](#), [Political File](#), [Speech and Article File](#), [Subject File](#), [Biographical File](#), [Miscellany](#), [Scrapbooks](#), [Addition](#), and [Oversize](#).

Lenroot's political career from 1894 to 1928 dominates the papers. Specifically, the papers are concerned primarily with Lenroot's political campaigns and membership in the Wisconsin state legislature, the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate. Correspondents include Calvin Coolidge, C. H. Crownhart, William H. Dougherty, Herman Lewis Ekern, Guy Despard Goff, John J. Hannan, William Hard, Warren G. Harding, Herbert Hoover, Walter Jodok Kohler, Robert M. LaFollette (1855-1925), Henry Cabot Lodge (1850-1924), Gifford Pinchot, Alfred Thomas Rogers, and Mark Sullivan. Papers of the Clough and Lenroot families include correspondence, genealogical material, and diaries and writings of Lenroot's wife, Clara Clough Lenroot.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged in ten series:

- [Correspondence, 1890-1947](#)
- [Political File, 1894-1928](#)
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- Oversize, 1894-1929

Description of Series

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BOX 5-7	<p><u>Political File, 1894-1928</u></p> <p>Correspondence, memoranda, reports, speeches, printed matter, and newspaper clippings concerned with campaigns and conventions. The 1926 senatorial campaign in Wisconsin and the 1928 presidential campaign dominate this series. The 1926 campaign file contains correspondence, financial papers, campaign literature, speeches and statements, and newspaper clippings. The 1928 campaign file contains correspondence, speeches, and campaign literature.</p> <p>Arranged chronologically by campaign and/or convention</p>
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