Charles Moore Papers

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Collection Summary

Title: Charles Moore Papers
Span Dates: 1848-1944
Bulk Dates: (bulk 1900-1937)
ID No.: MSS33316
Creator: Moore, Charles, 1855-1942
Extent: 6,000 items ; 22 containers ; 8.8 linear feet
Language: Collection material in English
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
Summary: Author and art historian. Correspondence, letterbooks, date books, notes, articles, speeches, picture post cards, photographs, and newspaper clippings relating to the Plan of 1901 for Washington, D.C., the restoration of the White House in 1902-1903, the Washington, D.C., Park Commission, the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts, and American architecture.

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
Charnwood, Dorothea Mary Roby Benson, Baroness, 1876-1942--Correspondence.
Charnwood, Godfrey Rathbone Benson, Baron, 1864-1945--Correspondence.
Cleveland, Frances Folsom, 1864-1947--Correspondence.
Cleveland, Grover, 1837-1908--Correspondence.
Coolidge, Grace Goodhue, 1879-1957--Correspondence.
French, Daniel Chester, 1850-1931--Correspondence.
Gilbert, Cass, 1859-1934--Correspondence.
Harding, Florence Kling, 1860-1924--Correspondence.
Harding, Warren G. (Warren Gamaliel), 1865-1923--Correspondence.
Hoover, Lou Henry, 1874-1944--Correspondence.
Jusserand, J. J. (Jean Jules), 1855-1932--Correspondence.
Kendall, William Mitchell, 1856-1914--Correspondence.
McKim, Charles Follen, 1847-1909--Correspondence.
McMillan, James, 1838-1902--Correspondence.
Moore, Charles, 1855-1942.
Olmsted, Frederick Law, 1870-1957--Correspondence.
Roosevelt, Edith Kermit Carow, 1861-1948--Correspondence.
Roosevelt, Eleanor, 1884-1962--Correspondence.
Roosevelt, Franklin D. (Franklin Delano), 1882-1945--Correspondence.
Roosevelt, Theodore, 1858-1919--Correspondence.
Root, Elihu, 1845-1937--Correspondence.
Swartwout, Egerton, 1870-1943--Correspondence.
Taft, Helen Herron, 1861-1943--Correspondence.
Taft, William H. (William Howard), 1857-1930--Correspondence.

Organizations
Library of Congress--Officials and employees.
United States. Commission of Fine Arts.
United States. Senate Park Commission.
White House (Washington, D.C.)

Subjects
Architecture--Conservation and restoration--Washington (D.C.)
Architecture--United States.

Architecture--Washington (D.C.)
Architecture.
City planning--Washington (D.C.)
Landscape architecture--Washington (D.C.)
Parks--Washington (D.C.)--Design and construction.

Occupations
Art historians.
Authors.

Administrative Information

Provenance

The papers of Charles Moore, author and art historian, were given to the Library of Congress by Moore between 1918 and 1940. Additions were made by James M. Moore in 1969.

Processing History

The papers of Charles Moore were arranged and described in 1962 and expanded in 1978. The finding aid was revised in 2012.

Copyright Status

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

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Charles Moore 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

Date	***Event***
1855, Oct. 20	Born, Ypsilanti, Mich.
1878	A.B., Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.
1890	Ph.D., George Washington University, Washington, D.C.
1878-1895	Newspaper work in Detroit, Mich., and Washington, D.C
1889-1903	Political secretary to Senator James McMillan of Michigan
1910-1937	Member, National Commission of Fine Arts (chairman, 1915-1937)
1918-1927	Acting chief, Division of Manuscripts, Library of Congress
1921	Published *Daniel H. Burnham: Architect, Planner of Cities.* Boston: Houghton Mifflin. 2 vols.

1926	Published *The Family Life of George Washington.* Boston: Houghton Mifflin
1929	Published *The Life and Times of Charles Follen McKim.* Boston: Houghton Mifflin
1942, Sept. 25	Died, Gig Harbor, Wash.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Charles Moore (1855-1942) span the years 1848-1944, with the bulk of the material dated 1900-1937. The collection consists of Correspondence, letterbooks, datebooks, notes, articles, speeches, picture post cards, photographs, and newspaper clippings relating to the Plan of 1901 for Washington, D.C., the restoration of the White House in 1902-1903, the Washington, D.C., Park Commission, the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts, and American architecture. The papers are organized into six series: Datebook and Bound Correspondence; General Correspondence; White House Letters; Speech, Article, and Book File; Miscellany; and Addition. Of special importance are materials reflecting Moore's service on the Commission of Fine Arts, 1910-1937, including as chairman, that document his personal and business relations with prominent American architects and that make up the White House Letters series, 1884-1937. The book file relating to Moore's work on Daniel Burnham includes original correspondence and other background items relating to Burnham.

Correspondents include Baron, Godfrey Rathbone Benson Charnwood, Baroness Dorothea Mary Roby Thorpe Charnwood, Daniel Chester French, Cass Gilbert, J. J. Jusserand, William Mitchell Kendall, Charles Follen McKim, James McMillan, Frederick Law Olmsted (1870-1957), Elihu Root, and Egerton Swartout. Presidential correspondents include Grover Cleveland, Calvin Coolidge, Benjamin Harrison, Hebert Hoover, William McKinley, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Theodore Roosevelt William H. Taft, and Woodrow Wilson and their wives.

Arrangement of the Papers

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