

# **Evelyn Wadsworth Symington Collection of John Hay Material**

## **A Finding Aid to the Collection in the Library of Congress**



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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Evelyn Wadsworth Symington Collection of John Hay Material

**Span Dates:** 1864-1905

**ID No.:** MSS50583

**Creator:** Symington, Evelyn Wadsworth, 1903-1972

**Extent:** 25 items ; 2 containers ; 0.8 linear feet

**Language:** Collection material in English

**Location:** Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

**Summary:** Collector. Letters, diaries, speech, poetry and writings, newspaper clippings, and other papers by and about John Hay, statesman, diplomat, historian, journalist, poet, and the grandfather of Symington.

## 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

Adams, Henry, 1838-1918.

Austin, Alfred, 1835-1913.

Bunau-Varilla, Philippe, 1859-1940.

Griscom, Lloyd Carpenter, 1872-1959.

Hay, John, 1838-1905.

Lincoln, Abraham, 1809-1865.

Lincoln, Robert Todd, 1843-1926.

McKinley, William, 1843-1901.

Nicolay, John G. (John George), 1832-1901.

Sherman, William T. (William Tecumseh), 1820-1891.

Symington, Evelyn Wadsworth, 1903-1972.

### Occupations

Collectors.

## Administrative Information

### Provenance

The Evelyn Wadsworth Symington Collection of John Hay Material was given to the Library of Congress by James W. Symington, Stuart Symington, and Stuart Symington, Jr., 1973-1978.

### Processing History

The Symington collection was processed in 1978 and expanded in 1983. The finding aid was revised in 2011.

### Related Material

Related collections in the Manuscript Division include the [John Hay Papers](#) and the [Tyler Dennett Collection Relating to John Hay](#).

### Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of John Hay is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

### **Access and Restrictions**

The Evelyn Wadsworth Symington Collection of John Hay Material is 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, Evelyn Wadsworth Symington Collection of John Hay Material, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## **Scope and Content Note**

The collection of Evelyn Wadsworth Symington (1903-1972) of John Hay material spans the years 1864-1905. The papers consist of letters, diaries, a speech, poetry and writings, newspaper clippings, and other documents by and about John Hay, Symington's grandfather. Individuals represented by letters, poetry, or subject matter include Henry Adams, Alfred Austin, Philippe Bunau-Varilla, Lloyd Carpenter Griscom, Abraham Lincoln, Robert Todd Lincoln, William McKinley, John G. Nicolay, and William T. Sherman.

## **Arrangement of the Papers**

The collection is organized by type of material.

## Container List

<i>Container</i>	<i>Contents</i>
BOX 1	Letter signed by William T. Sherman, 1880, Jan. 31 (5 pages), to Hay concerning Abraham Lincoln
BOX 1	Letter written and signed by Robert Todd Lincoln to Hay, 1883, Apr. 14 (3 pages), and copy of letter from John G. Nicolay to Robert Todd Lincoln, 1888, Apr. 12(?), concerning the papers of Abraham Lincoln now in the Manuscript Division of the Library of Congress
BOX 1	Letter from Alfred Austin (poet laureate) to Hay, 1899, Mar. 25, and published correspondence of the two men from the <i>London Times</i> , with other newspaper clippings
BOX 1	Letter from Lloyd Carpenter Griscom to Mrs. John Hay with poem written by Court poet of Japan, Baron Tacusaki. Includes photograph of Baron Tacusaki
BOX 1	Letter from Philippe Bunau-Varilla to Hay thanking him for the loan of Richard Harding Davis's book, <i>Captain Macklin</i> . Includes book
BOX 1	Hay's engagement book, 1890-1892; listing of books (in his library?)
BOX 1	Hay's pocket diary, 1897; undated notebook; address book; undated pocket diary
BOX 1	Reading copy of Hay's memorial address on President William McKinley before Congress and his handwritten draft of the address
BOX 1	Concurrent resolution of House and Senate thanking Hay for his McKinley memorial address, accompanied by a letter of transmittal
BOX 2	Manuscript volume entitled "Lincoln and the Army of the Potomac", (470 pages), a portion of which is in the handwriting of Hay. Consists of drafts of segments of the text of <i>Abraham Lincoln, a History</i> , by Hay and John G. Nicolay
BOX 2	Manuscript (fair copy) of a poem entitled "Buddha and Brahma", (24 pages) by Henry Adams, with covering letter from Adams to Hay, 1895, Apr. 26