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William Walcott "Buck" Watson  
Papers, 1875-1930.

**Box 1:**

**1. Historical Writings and Other Papers**

William Walcott Watson, "Politics and Political Affairs," typescript (15 pages) and transcript (9 pages), prepared by Margaret Watson Rutledge from the 1929 memoir of her great-grandfather, and photographs of them (digital prints).

Insurance and Personal Receipts, 1913-23

**2. Correspondence**

Selected correspondents arranged chronologically

1875-90: Correspondents include: Schuyler Colfax, H. D. L. Grigsby, and A. C. Matthews.

1891-99: Correspondents include: T. (Timothy) E. Byrnes, Joseph W. Fifer, L. A. Goddard, H. D. L. Grigsby, A. C. Matthews, John J. Rinaker, D. W. Smith, John R. Tanner, and Richard Yates.

1900-9: Correspondents include: Ray N. Anderson, Joseph N. Carter, W. S. Cowen, Shelby M. Cullom, Charles G. Dawes, C. (Charles) S. Deneen, Charles P. Gillett, H. D. L. Grigsby, H. J. Hamlin, Frank O. Lowden, A. C. Matthews, Fred H. Rowe, Roy O. West, and Richard Yates.

1910-12: Correspondents include: Ray N. Anderson, Shelby M. Cullom, C. (Charles) S. Deneen, Chauncey Dewey, Abel Davis, B. A. Eckhart, William Hayward, Thomas J. Healy, Frank O. Lowden, Medill McCormick, Robert R. McCormick, James B. Reynolds, Andrew Russel, Frank L. Smith, Homer J. Tice, William H. Weber, Roy O. West, and Richard Yates.

1913-15: Correspondents include: B. (Burnett) M. Chipfield,

L. L. Emerson, Charles P. Gillett, Frank O. Lowden, Frank L. Smith, William H. Stead, Roger C. Sullivan, Homer J. Tice, Roy O. West, and Chauncey H. Wood.

Jan.-May 1916: Correspondents include: Frank O. Lowden, Andrew Russel, William H. Stead, and Homer J. Tice.

June-Sept. 1916: Correspondents include: Frank O. Lowden, William E. Mason, John G. Oglesby, Frank L. Smith, William H. Stead, Fred E. Sterling, W. L. Sullivan, William Hale Thompson, and Homer J. Tice.

Oct.-Dec. 1916: Correspondents include: Ray N. Anderson, Frank O. Lowden, Walter A. Rosenfeld, Fred E. Sterling, William Hale Thompson, Homer J. Tice, and William R. Wilcox.

### **Box 2:**

1917-19: Correspondents include: Ray N. Anderson, Clarence F. Buck, L. L. Emerson, Frank O. Lowden, Medill McCormick, Henry T. Rainey, Lawrence Y. Sherman, William H. Stead, Fred E. Sterling, William Hale Thompson, Homer J. Tice, and Richard Yates.

1920-25: Clarence F. Buck, L. L. Emerson, Medill McCormick, John G. Oglesby, Henry R. Rathbone, Andrew Russel, Guy L. Shaw, and Richard Yates.

1926-30: Correspondents include: Clarence F. Buck, L. L. Emerson, Ruth Hanna McCormick, Andrew Russel, William J. Stratton, and Richard Yates.

Selected correspondents arranged alphabetically (dates pertain to correspondence to and from W. W. Watson)

**Anderson, Ray N.** - 1904: Mar. 29; 1906: July 25; 1912: Feb. 24, Oct. 30; 1916: Oct. 16, Oct. 27, Nov. 27, Nov. 29; 1917: Feb. 18, Feb. 19; 1918: May 22

**Buck, Clarence F.** - 1918: Feb. 19, May 29, July 1, July 16, July 17; 1920: Aug. 21; 1930: May 9

**Byrnes, T. (Timothy) E.** - 1896: Apr. 20, May 26

**Carter, Joseph N.** - 1903: Jan. 21; 1905: Mar. 10

**Chiperfield, B. (Burnett) M.** - 1914: Sept. 3

**Colfax, Schuyler** - 1880: Aug. 21

**Cowen, W. S.** - 1904: Oct. 10, Oct. 15, Oct. 17, Oct. 20

**Cullom, Shelby M.** - 1900: Jan. 16, Feb. 16; 1912: Mar. 30, Dec. 9, Dec. 30

**Davis, Abel** - 1912: Apr. 22

**Dawes, Charles G.** - 1901: July 12

**Deneen, C. (Charles) S.** - 1906: Apr. 13; 1912: Feb. 28, July 24

**Dewey, Chauncey** - 1912: Mar. 22, Apr. 3, Apr. 8, Apr. 25, July 12

**Eckhart, B. A.** - 1912: Apr. 22

**Emmerson, L. L.** - 1915: June 1, June 3, Sept. 4; 1917: Jan. 1, Jan. 15, Mar. 2, June 18, Oct. 31, Nov. 1; 1920: Oct. 4, Dec. 18; 1926: Dec. 13; 1927: Aug. 22; 1928: Feb. 4, Apr. 5, Apr. 27, Nov. 28; 1929: Jan. 15, Jan. 21, Sept. 17

**Fifer, Joseph W.** - 1896: Apr. 24

**Gillett, Charles P.** - 1903: Nov. 14, Nov. 18; 1913: Feb. 24, Apr. 8, July 10, July 23

**Goddard, L. A.** - 1894: Dec. 22, Dec. 29

**Grigsby, H. D. L.** - 1888: Apr. 28; 1889: July 1, Aug. 3, Aug. 14, Dec. 22; 1890: Jan. 15, Feb. 17, Mar. 3, Mar. 7, Mar. 16, Mar. 20, Mar. 23, Mar. 28, Apr. 22, Apr. 27, May 20, May 26, May 29, May 31, June 16, June 18, June 21, June 22, July 10, July 28; 1891: Jan. 18, Apr. 26, Dec. 15; 1892: Jan. 26, Mar. 15, Mar. 20; 1894: Aug. 11; 1896: June 25, June 29, Aug. 8, Oct. 24, Dec. 1; 1897: Apr. 10; 1900: June 14, Oct. 2, Oct. 3, Dec. 14

**Hamlin, H. J.** - 1903: Dec. 1

**Hayward, William** - 1912: May 20, May 21

**Healy, Thomas J.** - 1912: Apr. 22

**Lowden, Frank O.** - 1903: Dec. 21; 1911: Dec. 21; 1915: May 20, May 25, May 31; 1916: Apr. 12, Apr. 14, Apr. 22, Sept. 9, Sept. 21, Nov. 21, Dec. 4, Dec. 18, Dec. 19; 1917: Feb. 8, Dec. 26, Dec. 29; 1918: Apr. 10

**McCormick, Medill** - 1912: May 28, July 12; 1916: Sept. 8, Sept. 11; 1918: July 29, Sept. 13, Sept. 17, Sept. 30, Oct. 2; 1920: Dec. 7

**McCormick, Robert R.** - 1912: Apr. 22, Apr. 30, May 17, June 5, June 28, July 8

**McCormick, Ruth Hanna** -1927: Nov. 5, Dec. 28

**Mason, William E.** - 1916: Aug. 19

**Matthews, A. C.** - 1889: Apr. 30, May 23, May 27, June 7, Dec. 14; 1890: Dec. 5; 1891: Dec. 12, Dec. 28; 1892: Jan. 18, Feb. 5, Mar. 24, May 25; 1895: Nov. 21; 1896: Feb. 21, Apr. 6, Apr. 22, Apr. 25, May 28, June 6, June 12, Sept. 22, Oct. 21, Oct. 27; 1897: Jan. 6; 1904: Jan. 22; 1908: Jan. 8

**Oglesby, John G.** - 1916: Sept. 4, Sept. 5; 1920: Apr. 2, July 24, Aug. 6

**Rainey, Henry T.** - 1917: Nov. 2; 1918: May 7

**Rathbone, Henry R.** - 1922: Feb. 13, Mar. 30

**Reynolds, James B.** - 1912: Dec. 3

**Rinaker, John J.** - 1896: July 28, Oct. 30, Nov. 17

**Rosenfeld, Walter A.** - 1916: Oct. 19, Oct. 21

**Rowe, Fred H.** - 1900: Nov. 2

**Russel, Andrew** - 1912: Feb. 15; 1916: Feb. 4, Feb. 5; 1920: Apr. 27, Oct. 1, Dec. 6, Dec. 8; 1924: Feb. 5; 1929: Sept. 30, Oct. 5, Oct. 8, Oct. 10, Oct. 12; 1930: Mar. 31, Apr. 5

**Shaw, Guy L.** - 1921: Mar. 26, Oct. 21, Nov. 9, Nov. 15

**Sherman, Lawrence Y.** - 1918: Jan. 31

**Smith, D. W.** - 1894: Sept. 4, Sept. 22, Nov. 10; 1895: Mar. 30

**Smith, Frank L.** - 1912: Mar. 15; 1915: Sept. 29; 1916: July 13

**Stead, William H.** - 1915: Aug. 17, Aug. 23, Sept. 2; 1916: May 12, May 16, May 17, May 18, May 19, May 22, May 25, June 1, June 20, June 28, July 5, July 7, July 12, July 14, July 21, July 25, Aug. 7, Aug. 8, Aug. 31, Sept. 2, Sept. 5, Sept. 6, Sept. 21; 1917: June 16, June 18

**Sterling, Fred E.** - 1916: July 21, July 25, July 28, July 29, Aug. 22, Sept. 9, Sept. 19, Oct. 5, Oct. 17, Oct. 20, Nov. 1, Dec. 5; 1918: May 2

**Stratton, William J.** - 1929: Feb. 18

**Sullivan, Roger C.** - 1914: Oct. 26

**Sullivan, W. L.** - 1916: July 18

**Tanner, John R.** - 1892: Feb. 19, Apr. 4

**Thompson, William Hale** - 1916: June 19, July 29, Aug. 23, Aug. 24, Sept. 25, Sept. 26, Oct. 7, Oct. 16, Oct. 19, Oct. 20, Oct. 27, Oct. 31; 1917: Feb. 22, Feb. 23

**Tice, Homer J.** - 1912: Mar. 23, Apr. 21; 1915: Dec. 30, Dec. 31; 1916: Mar. 25, Mar. 28, Apr. 2, Apr. 4, Apr. 14, Apr. 17, May 11, May 12, May 13, May 15, May 17, May 30, Sept. 1, Sept. 14, Sept. 17, Dec. 16, Dec. 18; 1917: Oct. 3, Oct. 22

**Weber, William H.** - 1912: Apr. 4

**West, Roy O.** - 1904: Sept. 13; 1912: May 23, May 25, Oct. 16, Oct. 30; 1915: June 1

**Wilcox, William R.** - 1916: Oct. 30

**Wood, Chauncey H.** - 1914: Sept. 2, Sept. 12

**Yates, Richard** - 1892: Jan. 15, Mar. 28, Apr. 2; 1898: Nov. 16; 1900: Apr. 24, Dec. 19; 1903: Dec. 5; 1911: Sept. 20, Oct. 2; 1912: Jan. 15, Feb. 16; 1917: Oct. 24, Nov. 13, Nov. 14; 1918: Mar. 4, Mar. 13, May 27, Sept. 13, Sept. 19; 1925: Oct. 2; 1926: Jan. 5; 1928: Apr. 5; 1929: Mar. 8; 1930: May 2