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HITCHCOCK, GILBERT MONELL, 1859-1934

PAPERS, 1905-1922
(bulk dates, 1919-1922)
Quantity .25 linear ft.

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History

Gilbert Monell Hitchcock was born in Omaha, Nebraska on September 18, 1859. Phineas Warren Hitchcock, his father, served as Nebraska's Senator from 1871-1877. Hitchcock earned a law degree from the University of Michigan in 1881. He practiced law in Omaha until 1885 when he established the *Omaha Evening World*. In 1889, Hitchcock purchased *Nebraska Morning Herald* and merged the two papers into the *Omaha World Herald*. Hitchcock made an unsuccessful run for Congress in 1898 but he was elected when he ran again in 1903. He served in Congress from 1903-1905 and 1907-1911. In 1911, Hitchcock was elected to the Senate. During his tenure in the Senate, Hitchcock was important liaison to President Woodrow Wilson throughout the dispute over the United States' membership in the League of Nations. After Hitchcock lost his re-election bid in 1923, he returned to work at the *Omaha World Herald*. Hitchcock died February 3, 1934.

Scope and Content Note

The Gilbert M. Hitchcock papers consist of materials from his tenures in Congress and the Senate. The collection is organized into two series: **Printed Materials** and **Typescripts**.

The **Printed Materials** series contains three items: two Congressional documents containing Resolutions and Reservation on the peace treaty with Germany to end World War I. The third item is an indexed bound book of Hitchcock's speeches given in the House of Representatives and the Senate.

The **Typescript** series contains four documents. The first three are draft documents concerning the Treaty of Versailles and the League of Nations. One document is titled *Suggestions, The White House Washington*. It has a holographic note of "These are the Wilson revisions. Copied from long hand of Mrs. Wilson". The untitled document seems to be answers to questions about Hitchcock's relationship with the *Omaha World Herald*.

Additional Resources

Gilbert Monell Hitchcock Papers 1910-1935, Library of Congress, Manuscript Division, Washington, DC

Gilbert Monell Hitchcock Papers: 1894-1936. Nebraska State Historical Society
Lincoln, NE

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Patterson, R. F.

[Gilbert M. Hitchcock, A story of two careers.](#) 1940

Ryley, Thomas W.

Gilbert Hitchcock of Nebraska: Wilson's floor leader in the fight for the Versailles Treaty. Lewiston, N.Y.: Edwin Mellen Press, 1998

Robinson, Lawrence Spencer

Internationalism and isolationism between the wars: an opinion survey focusing on George Horace Lorimer, Gilbert M. Hitchcock and the World-Herald, and the correspondence of Cordell Hull. 1996

Wimer, Kurt

“Senator Hitchcock and the League of Nations.” *Nebraska History* 44 (September 1963): 189-204.

Subjects

American newspapers

European war, 1914---Peace; Versailles, Treaty of, June 28, 1919(Germany)

House; United States. Congress.

Omaha World-Herald – History

Senate; League of Nations

Speech of Gilbert M. Hitchcock in the Senate, September 3, 1919

United States. Congress.

Wilson, Woodrow, 1856-1924

Box No. Description

Box 1

PRINTED MATERIALS

Congressional Documents

Treaty of Peace with Germany. Resolution, 1919, June 28

Treaty of Peace with Germany. Reservations, 1919, Nov. 15

Miscellaneous Speeches of Senator Hitchcock 1905-1922

TYPESCRIPTS

Suggestions, White House (Wilson's Resolutions)

Treaty Ratification for League of Nations drafts, 1919 (2 items)

Untitled Document