

# **Perry S. Heath Papers**

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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Perry S. Heath Papers

**Span Dates:** 1890-1983

**Bulk Dates:** (bulk 1896-1927)

**ID No.:** MSS82156

**Creator:** Heath, Perry S. (Perry Sanford), 1857-1927

**Extent:** 300 items ; 2 containers ; 0.6 linear feet

**Language:** Collection material in English

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

**Summary:** Newspaperman, political writer, Republican National Committee secretary and party emissary.

Correspondence, journal notes, printed matter, memorabilia, and biographical material chiefly relating to Heath's term as secretary of the Republican National Committee and his work on the 1896 presidential campaign of William McKinley.

## 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

Fairbanks, Charles W. (Charles Warren), 1852-1918.

Heath, Perry S. (Perry Sanford), 1857-1927.

McKinley, William, 1843-1901.

Wood, Leonard, 1860-1927.

### Organizations

Republican National Committee (U.S.)

Republican Party (U.S. : 1854- )

United States. Post Office Department.

### Subjects

Presidents--United States--Election--1896.

### Places

United States--Politics and government--1897-1901.

United States--Politics and government--20th century.

### Occupations

Journalists.

Public officials.

## Administrative Information

### Provenance

The papers of Perry S. Heath, newspaperman, political writer, Republican National Committee secretary and party emissary, U. S. assistant postmaster general (1897-1900), and businessman, were given to the Library of Congress in 1993 by family members Frederick Heath and Mrs. C. Wendell Martin.

### Processing History

The papers of Perry S. Heath were arranged and described in 1995. The finding aid was revised in 2008.

### Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Perry S. Heath is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

### **Access and Restrictions**

The papers of Perry S. Heath 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, Perry S. Heath Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## **Scope and Content Note**

The papers of Perry Sanford Heath (1857-1927) span the years 1890-1983, with the bulk of the material dated 1896-1927. The collection includes correspondence, journal notes, a draft statement, printed matter, memorabilia, biographical material, and a photograph relating primarily to Heath's political work. The documents concern his term as secretary of the Republican National Committee and his work on the 1896 presidential campaign of William S. McKinley. The McKinley file includes a letter from Mark Hanna. Heath's service as U.S. assistant postmaster general (1897-1900) is documented in a report and a letterbook, dated March-December 1897, of outgoing letters concerning political appointments and other matters. His later involvement in Republican Party politics concern the political fortunes of Charles W. Fairbanks and Leonard Wood. Heath worked behind the scenes, as indicated in his correspondence and journal notes, to have Fairbanks nominated by the Republican Party as the presidential candidate in 1916. Heath's statement opposing Leonard Wood's campaign for the Republican presidential nomination in 1920 and negative documentation on Wood's military career are also included.

## **Arrangement of the Papers**

This collection is arranged alphabetically by topic and type of material.

# Container List

<i>Container</i>	<i>Contents</i>
BOX 1	Biographical material
BOX 1	Resume and biographical sketch, 1897, 1983
BOX 1	Miscellany, 1890-1927
BOX 1	Business miscellany, 1901, 1910
BOX 1	Republican Party
BOX 1	Fairbanks, Charles W., correspondence and journal notes, 1915-1916
BOX 1	Letterbook, 1897
BOX 1	McKinley, William S., presidential campaign
BOX 1	Correspondence and press release, 1896
BOX 1	Speeches and other campaign material (bound), 1896
BOX 1	Republican National Committee, 1897-1908
BOX 1	United States assistant postmaster general, 1899-1900 <i>For additional material see same container, Letterbook</i>
BOX 2	Wood, Leonard
BOX 2	Draft statement and notes for 1920 Republican Party presidential convention, undated
BOX 2	John R. Brooke file
BOX 2	<i>Testimony of the Secretary of War in the Wood Hearing</i> , undated
BOX 2	"True Careers of Leonard Wood and T. Roosevelt in Cuba, from General John R. Brooke," scrapbook of newspaper clippings, American and Cuban press, 1901-04, undated, with unsigned letter, circa 1920
BOX 2	Miscellany, undated