

# Alice Roosevelt Longworth Papers

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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Alice Roosevelt Longworth Papers

**Span Dates:** 1888-1942

**Bulk Dates:** (bulk 1899-1936)

**ID No.:** MSS56283

**Creator:** Longworth, Alice Roosevelt, 1884-1980

**Extent:** 3,000 items ; 8 containers plus 1 oversize ; 3.2 linear feet

**Language:** Collection material in English

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

**Summary:** Journalist. Family and general correspondence, diaries, speeches and writings, newspaper clippings, and scrapbooks relating to Washington, D.C., social life, Longworth's world travels, her engagement and marriage to Nicholas Longworth, and her writings, especially her newspaper column and her reminiscences for *Ladies' Home Journal*.

## 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

Longworth, Alice Roosevelt, 1884-1980.

Longworth, Nicholas, 1869-1931--Marriage.

Roosevelt family--Correspondence.

Roosevelt, Edith Kermit Carow, 1861-1948--Correspondence.

Roosevelt, Theodore, 1858-1919--Correspondence.

### Subjects

American newspapers.

Journalism.

Voyages and travels.

### Places

United States--Politics and government--1901-1953.

Washington (D.C.)--Social life and customs.

### Titles

*Ladies' home journal*.

### Occupations

Journalists.

## Administrative Information

### Provenance

The papers of Alice Roosevelt Longworth, journalist, were given to the Library of Congress by her granddaughter, Joanna Sturm, in 1975.

### Processing History

The papers of Alice Roosevelt Longworth were processed in 1980. The finding aid was revised in 2005.

### Transfers

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## Preferred Citation

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## Biographical Note

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1884, Feb. 12	Born, New York, N.Y.
1906	Married Nicholas Longworth (1869-1931)
1932	Appointed member, Board of Counselors, Women's Division, Republican National Convention
1932-1934	Published reminiscences in <i>Ladies' Home Journal</i>
1933	Published <i>Crowded Hours: Reminiscences of Alice Roosevelt Longworth</i> . New York: C. Scribner's Sons
1936	Ohio delegate, Republican National Convention Political column for McNaught Syndicate, New York
1937	Published with Theodore Roosevelt (1887-1944) <i>The Desk Drawer Anthology; Poems for the American People</i> . Garden City, N.Y.: Doubleday, Doran
1940	Member, National Committee on Food for Five Small Democracies
1980, Feb. 20	Died, Washington, D.C.

## Scope and Content Note

The papers of Alice Lee Roosevelt Longworth (1884-1980) span the years 1888-1942, with the bulk of the material concentrated in the years 1899-1908 and 1931-1936. The collection includes the following series: [Diaries](#), [Family Correspondence](#), [General Correspondence](#), [Speeches and Writings](#), [Miscellany](#), and [Oversize](#).

Roosevelt's [diaries](#) were written while she lived in the White House during the administration of her father, Theodore Roosevelt, and continue until 1912, several years after her marriage to Congressman Nicholas Longworth (1869-1931).

The [Family Correspondence](#) series consists chiefly of letters received between 1895 and 1905 and includes letters from her father and her stepmother, Edith Kermit Roosevelt, and her brothers and sisters.

Most of the letters in the [General Correspondence](#) were received between 1900 and 1906 and 1931 and 1936. Early correspondence concerns Longworth's friends and social acquaintances, especially during her residence in Washington, her world travels, and notes on her engagement to marry Nicholas Longworth. Later correspondence concerns her writing ventures. From 1932 to 1934, she contributed monthly installments of her reminiscences to Curtis Publishing Company's

*Ladies' Home Journal* under the editorship of Loring Schuler. In 1936, she began a short-lived daily newspaper column of comments on the political scene in Washington. The 1936 correspondence consists chiefly of readers' responses to her column. The General Correspondence also includes condolences sent to Longworth on the death of her husband in 1931. A few drafts of outgoing letters by Longworth complete the series.

The [Speeches and Writings](#) series is related to Longworth's 1936 newspaper column. In addition to a set of the news syndicate release copies, there are notes, and fragments and drafts of her writings.

The [Miscellany](#) consists mainly of newspaper clippings and scrapbooks covering Longworth's activities in the White House, her marriage to Nicholas Longworth, and their travels.

## Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged in six series:

- [Diaries, 1902-1912](#)
- [Family Correspondence, 1888-1934](#)
- [General Correspondence, 1890-1942](#)
- [Speeches and Writings, 1936](#)
- [Miscellany, 1888-1936](#)
- [Oversize, 1905](#)

## Description of Series

<i>Container</i>	<i>Series</i>
BOX 1-2	<b><u>Diaries, 1902-1912</u></b> Diaries. Arranged chronologically.
BOX 3	<b><u>Family Correspondence, 1888-1934</u></b> Letters received from family members. Arranged alphabetically by name of correspondent and therein chronologically.
BOX 3-5	<b><u>General Correspondence, 1890-1942</u></b> Incoming correspondence, letters of condolence and sympathy cards, miscellaneous cards and invitations, and drafts of outgoing letters. Arranged alphabetically by type of correspondence and therein alphabetically by name of person.
BOX 6	<b><u>Speeches and Writings, 1936</u></b> Notes, drafts, and typescripts of writings by Longworth, chiefly for McNaught Syndicate columns. Arranged alphabetically by type of material.
BOX 7-8	<b><u>Miscellany, 1888-1936</u></b> Newspaper clippings, printed matter, and scrapbooks. Arranged alphabetically by type of material.
BOX OV 1	<b><u>Oversize, 1905</u></b> Scrapbook concerning Roosevelt's engagement to marry Nicholas Longworth. Described according to the series, container, and folder from which it was removed.

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<i>Container</i>	<i>Contents</i>
<b>BOX 1-2</b>	<b>Diaries, 1902-1912</b> Diaries. Arranged chronologically.
<b>BOX 1</b>	1902-1905 (4 vols.)
<b>BOX 2</b>	1910-1912 (2 vols.)
<b>BOX 3</b>	<b>Family Correspondence, 1888-1934</b> Letters received from family members. Arranged alphabetically by name of correspondent and therein chronologically.
<b>BOX 3</b>	Anderson, R. C., undated
<b>BOX 3</b>	Cowles, Anna Roosevelt, 1899-1906, 1931, undated
<b>BOX 3</b>	Derby, Ethel Roosevelt, undated
<b>BOX 3</b>	Herbert, Elizabeth, undated
<b>BOX 3</b>	Lee, Caroline, 1903-1905
<b>BOX 3</b>	Lee, George C., 1904-1905, undated
<b>BOX 3</b>	Longworth, Nicholas (1869-1931), 1904-1905, undated
<b>BOX 3</b>	Longworth, Paulina, undated
<b>BOX 3</b>	Robinson, Corrine Roosevelt, 1908
<b>BOX 3</b>	Robinson, Douglas, 1905
<b>BOX 3</b>	Robinson, Theodore, undated
<b>BOX 3</b>	Roosevelt, Edith Kermit Carow, 1901-1902, undated
<b>BOX 3</b>	Roosevelt, Eleanor, 1907, undated
<b>BOX 3</b>	Roosevelt, Kermit, 1902, 1908, undated
<b>BOX 3</b>	Roosevelt, Philip James, 1902
<b>BOX 3</b>	Roosevelt, Theodore (1858-1919), 1898-1903
<b>BOX 3</b>	Roosevelt, Theodore (1887-1944), 1901-1902
<b>BOX 3-5</b>	<b>General Correspondence, 1890-1942</b> Incoming correspondence, letters of condolence and sympathy cards, miscellaneous cards and invitations, and drafts of outgoing letters. Arranged alphabetically by type of correspondence and therein alphabetically by name of person.
<b>BOX 3</b>	Incoming letters
<b>BOX 3</b>	“A-C” miscellaneous, 1899-1906, 1935-1936, undated (3 folders)
<b>BOX 3</b>	Driscoll, Charles B., 1936
<b>BOX 3</b>	“D-F” miscellaneous, 1904-1908, 1933-1936, undated (3 folders)

## General Correspondence, 1890-1942

### Container

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- BOX 3 Goethals, George W., undated
- BOX 3 "G-L" miscellaneous, 1902-1909, 1935-1938, undated  
(6 folders)
- BOX 4 "M-P" miscellaneous, 1890, 1902-1905, 1936, 1942, undated  
(3 folders)
- BOX 4 Reid, Helen Rogers, 1901, undated
- BOX 4 "R" miscellaneous, 1903-1906, 1936, undated
- BOX 4 Schuler, Loring, 1934-1935
- BOX 4 "S-Z" miscellaneous, 1902-1908, 1935-1936, undated  
(5 folders)
- BOX 4 Unidentified, 1898-1907, 1935-1936, undated  
(2 folders)
- BOX 4 Letters of condolence on death of Nicholas Longworth (1869-1931), 1931
- BOX 4 A-E  
(4 folders)
- BOX 5 F-Z and unidentified  
(8 folders)
- BOX 5 Miscellaneous
- BOX 5 Miscellaneous cards and invitations, 1905-1907, 1936, undated
- BOX 5 Outgoing letters, drafts by Longworth, 1936, undated
- BOX 6 **Speeches and Writings, 1936**  
Notes, drafts, and typescripts of writings by Longworth, chiefly for McNaught Syndicate columns.  
Arranged alphabetically by type of material.
- BOX 6 McNaught Syndicate release copy , 1936
- BOX 6 Notes, drafts, and typescripts of speeches and writings, 1936, undated  
(4 folders)
- BOX 7-8 **Miscellany, 1888-1936**  
Newspaper clippings, printed matter, and scrapbooks.  
Arranged alphabetically by type of material.
- BOX 7 Addresses by Theodore Roosevelt (1887-1944), 1936
- BOX 7 Lists and notes and miscellaneous items, 1888, 1906, 1919, 1935-1936, undated
- BOX 7 Newspaper clippings, 1898, 1902-1906, 1924-1926, 1932-1936, undated  
(4 folders)
- BOX 8 (1 folder)
- BOX 8 Printed matter, 1898-1903, 1934-1936, undated  
(4 folders)
- BOX 8 Scrapbooks
- BOX 8 Engagement to marry Nicholas Longworth (1869-1931), 1905 *See Oversize*
- BOX 8 Death of Nicholas Longworth (1869-1931), 1931
- BOX OV 1 **Oversize, 1905**  
Scrapbook concerning Roosevelt's engagement to marry Nicholas Longworth.  
Described according to the series, container, and folder from which it was removed.

**Oversize, 1905**

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**BOX OV 1**

Miscellany

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Scrapbook

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Engagement to marry Nicholas Longworth (1869-1931), 1905 (Container 8)