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Collection Overview

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SUMMARY: Correspondence, speeches, scrapbooks, political cartoons, newspaper clippings, printed material, and other personal and family papers of Thomas C. Platt, New York businessman and Republican politician. The collection deals primarily with the inner workings of the Republican party in the state of New York from the 1870's to 1910, with emphasis on the period from 1896 to 1909.

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f. folder

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Biographical / Historical

(adapted from Richard L. McCormick's article in the Spring, 1975, Yale Library Gazette)

Thomas Collier Platt was born on July 15, 1833, in Owego, Tioga County, New York. His father William was committed to making his youngest son, Thomas, a minister. "Not at all favorably impressed" with the prospect Thomas, nevertheless, entered Yale College in 1849 with the expectation of proceeding for the degree of Doctor of Divinity. Poor health cut short his college education after a single year. (In 1876 Yale awarded Platt, then a congressman, an honorary Master of Arts degree.)

Returning to Owego, Platt began his business career as a druggist entering into a partnership with Frederic K. Hull. Late in 1852, Platt married Ellen Lucy Barstow of Owego. Though the drug store prospered, Platt's preoccupation was with politics. An early supporter of the newly-formed Republican party, Platt cast his first vote in 1856 for John C. Fremont. Despite nationwide defeat, the fledgling Republicans established their dominance in Tioga County, and Platt prospered politically with his party. Due to his ill health Platt did not serve in the Civil War, but remained at home raising money to support Union troops and persuading voters to support the Republican administration. By the late 1860s, Platt was Republican County Chairman in Tioga, and already a political power in the Southern Tier

From 1870 until 1881, Platt tied his political career closely to that of Senator Roscoe Conkling. State party conventions in the early 1870s saw a succession of battles for leadership between Conkling and Reuben E. Fenton. At each convention Platt worked wholeheartedly for Conkling, marshalling the votes of the "Southern Tier" in the Senator's support. Conkling's triumph over Fenton continued Platt's political advancement. Platt was elected to Congress in 1872 and 1874 but declined re-election in 1876. That year saw Platt's first attendance at a National Republican convention, not surprisingly as a leader of the movement to nominate Conkling for President. In recognition of his loyalty Conkling made Platt chairman of the Republican State Committee.

Platt's rise to power in the 1870s was not based on his identification with any abstract political principles or espousal of any significant policies. Rather, Platt had made himself a careful student of the leadership tactics of Thurlow Weed, Reuben Fenton, and Conkling. He had learned well the details of party management, the day in and day out business of rewarding loyalty and punishing infidelity, granting patronage, collecting campaign funds and getting the faithful out to vote on election day.

During the decades when he was party boss, Platt added a significant new element to the techniques of his predecessors by rationalizing and centralizing the flow of corporate campaign funds to the party coffers. Rather than allow favor-seeking businessmen to deal individually with members of the legislature, Platt collected the contributions, distributed funds to friendly candidates, and masterminded the passage of

legislative rewards for the generous corporations. Theoretically, all contributions were thereafter received at party headquarters. In practice, however, the Platt system failed to eliminate bribery entirely and it systematized the domination of the New York Republican party by business and financial interests.

Platt himself did not profit financially from his political dealings. He made his money elsewhere. He became president of the Tioga County National Bank and held substantial lumbering and railroad interests. Platt's advancement to the state party chairmanship coincided with his appointment as general manager of the United States Express Company, and in 1880 he became the company's president, a position he would hold for the next 30 years.

In January, 1881, the New York State legislature elected Platt to the United States Senate. As state party chairman Platt had distributed patronage and party funds wisely, and many members of the State Assembly were under personal obligation to him. What is more, he had won Chauncey Depew's support by campaigning strenuously for the election of Garfield, though he had originally preferred the nomination of Ulysses S. Grant for an unprecedented third term.

Scarcely two months after Platt's election, President Garfield chose William H. Robertson to be Collector of the Port of New York, a post which represented the most lucrative patronage position in the country. Robertson was a member of the anti-Conkling faction of the New York Republican party, and his selection was a rebuff to Conkling by Garfield. At Platt's suggestion, both he and Conkling resigned from the Senate to seek vindication through re-election by the state legislature. Conkling and Platt failed to be renamed; the episode ended Conkling's political career.

After Conkling's demise, the New York state Republican party was leaderless, disoriented, and frequently beaten at the polls. Platt, having changed sides in the factional struggle going on in the party reemerged as a party leader in the mid-1880s. In supporting James G. Blaine for the presidency in 1884 Platt indicated that he was now allied with the forces who had always opposed Conkling.

By 1893 the New York Republican party's fortunes were rising and for the next sixteen years, the party would win every state and national election save one. As Republican boss Platt would lead an organization that controlled the government of New York state. His most significant political accomplishments came between 1894 and 1904. During that period Platt selected each of his party's successful gubernatorial nominees, including Levi Morton, Frank S. Black, Theodore Roosevelt, and Benjamin Odell. He presided over the legislative program, notably the consolidation of Greater New York City, state control of liquor traffic, and the improvement of the Erie Canal. In 1897 he was elected to the United States Senate.

During Theodore Roosevelt's term in Albany Platt's power gradually decreased as the governor insisted on choosing his own appointees and pushing his own programs through the legislature. It was Platt's plan to shelve Roosevelt by nominating him for the vice-presidency in 1900, thereby regaining control of the state party. The plan became a failure when Roosevelt succeeded to the presidency, and his successor as governor, Benjamin Odell, proved equally independent of the aging senator's domination. Though reelected to the Senate in 1904 Platt's real power was gone.

He died in New York City in March 6, 1910.

Scope and Contents

This collection of Thomas Collier Platt papers is by no means complete. Though there is correspondence with family members from as early as 1851, the majority of the papers are from the period 1896-1902, with scattered items dating from the 1870s and 1880s. Correspondence comprises four-fifths of the papers, with bills, testimony, speeches, and biographical material making up the remainder. The papers are arranged in three series as follows:

- I. CORRESPONDENCE
- II. BILLS, TESTIMONY, AND SPEECHES
- III. BIOGRAPHICAL AND MISCELLANEOUS MATERIALS

CORRESPONDENCE is a series rich in materials on the inner workings of the political system of New York State. Comprising seven boxes, the series is arranged as follows:

1-2 Roosevelt-Platt Correspondence. Letters exchanged between Theodore Roosevelt and Thomas Platt between 1896 and 1909 revealing a long and politically intimate relationship. The original incoming letters from Theodore Roosevelt have been placed in the security file and have been replaced by typed or [electrostatic or photostatic] copies.

2 Secretary to the President-Platt Correspondence. Letters exchanged between George B. Cortelyou and William Loeb, Jr., both personal secretaries to Theodore Roosevelt, and Thomas Platt between 1899 and 1909. Letters from Platt to Roosevelt were often answered by these secretaries.

3 Barnes-Platt Correspondence. Letters exchanged between William Barnes, Jr., President of the Albany Journal, and Thomas Platt between 1889 and 1908. Of special interest are letters from Barnes seeking patronage positions for loyal Irish-American Republicans.

3 Family Correspondence. Letters exchanged between Platt and members of his family between 1851 and 1915 arranged alphabetically.

4 Selected Correspondence. Letters exchanged between Platt and seventy important political personages between 1878 and 1908. The letters are arranged alphabetically. Of special interest is correspondence with Levi Morton on the consolidation of Greater New York. The growing split between Benjamin Odell and Platt can be seen in the Odell correspondence.

5-6 General Correspondence. Approximately eight hundred and fifty letters from various persons addressed to Platt and Platt's replies. These letters are arranged chronologically and date from 1875 to 1909. In the 1896 correspondence Platt's participation in efforts to prevent the nomination of William McKinley can be seen in the exchanges with James S. Clarkson. The 1898 correspondence contains many letters from state and county leaders as well as individual citizens voicing their impressions of the decision to nominate Theodore Roosevelt for governor. The 1898 correspondence also reveals Platt's efforts to maintain the support of the American Protective Association while also encouraging immigrant participation in the Republican party. See the correspondence with James Coote. In 1899 Platt opposed a bill providing for taxation of public utilities and transportation franchises. But the correspondence reveals that the general public felt otherwise for Platt was inundated with letters favoring the bill. The 1899 correspondence also reveals some of Platt's feeling about civil service reform. The 1902 correspondence contains a good example of Platt's efforts to protect business interests, in this case a railway tunnel for the Pennsylvania Railroad. Correspondence in other years reveals similar efforts for the New York Central Railroad and the Third Avenue Railroad.

7 Patronage Correspondence. Fifteen letters to Senator Platt between February and April, 1881, asking his assistance in obtaining patronage positions.

7 Copies of Letters Sent to Benjamin Harrison. In 1888 Benjamin Harrison was understood to have promised Platt the Secretaryship of the Treasury if he was elected. This correspondence contains copies of approximately seventy-five letters addressed to President-elect Harrison recommending Platt's nomination. These copies were apparently sent to Platt to show him that loyal New York Republicans were supporting him.

BILLS, TESTIMONY AND SPEECHES consists of copies of United States Senate and New York Assembly bills, testimony before congressional and state investigative committees, and the texts of five speeches delivered by Thomas Collier Platt.

BIOGRAPHICAL AND MISCELLANEOUS MATERIAL consists of drafts of an article on Senator Platt, an excerpt from answer of amended complaint, *William Barnes vs. Theodore Roosevelt*, a report of the events surrounding the nomination of Theodore Roosevelt for governor in 1898, and miscellaneous printed material. There are also five volumes of scrapbooks of mounted clippings relating to Platt's life. The scrapbooks contain a marvelous collection of political cartoons depicting Platt, the cadaverous "Easy Boss".

ACCESSION note

In the spring of 1974 Thomas Collier Platt's grandson, Collier Platt, of Laurel Hollow, Long Island, donated a collection of his grand-father's papers to the Yale University Library. These papers had been in his family's possession and had been stored at the Laurel Hollow residence. Manuscripts and Archives subsequently arranged the papers for use in the fall of 1974.

The addition consists of two bound letterpress volumes of outgoing correspondence relating to the business, personal, and political life of Thomas Collier Platt.

Arrangement

Arranged in three series and two additions: I. Correspondence. II. Bills, Testimony, and Speeches. III. Biographical and Miscellaneous Materials.

Collection Contents

Series I: Correspondence, 1851-[1915?]

3' (8 boxes)

Roosevelt-Platt Correspondence (1896-1909)

b. 1, f. 1	Roosevelt, Theodore 5/1	1896
b. 1, f. 2	Roosevelt, Theodore 1/0	1897
b. 1, f. 3	Roosevelt, Theodore 3/2	1898
b. 1, f. 4	Roosevelt, Theodore 25/14	1899 January- May
b. 1, f. 5	Roosevelt, Theodore 20/18	1899 June- December
b. 1, f. 6	Roosevelt, Theodore 33/29	1900
b. 1, f. 7	Roosevelt, Theodore 14/21	1901
b. 1, f. 8	Roosevelt, Theodore 13/18	1902
b. 1, f. 9	Roosevelt, Theodore 6/12	1903 January March
b. 1, f. 10	Roosevelt, Theodore 13/25	1903 April- December
b. 1, f. 11	Roosevelt, Theodore 19/18	1904
b. 2, f. 12	Roosevelt, Theodore 8/19	1905 January- February
b. 2, f. 13	Roosevelt, Theodore 10/23	1905 March- December
b. 2, f. 14	Roosevelt, Theodore 12/14	1906 January- April
b. 2, f. 15	Roosevelt, Theodore 13/18	1906 May- December

Roosevelt-Platt Correspondence (1896-1909) (continued)

b. 2, f. 16	Roosevelt, Theodore 8/16	1907
b. 2, f. 17	Roosevelt, Theodore 9/13	1908
b. 2, f. 18	Roosevelt, Theodore 0/2	1909
<u>Secretary to the President-Platt Correspondence (1899-1909)</u>		
b. 2, f. 19	Cortelyou, George B. 4/1	1899-1900
b. 2, f. 20	Cortelyou, George B. 6/2	1901
b. 2, f. 21	Cortelyou, George B. 9/1	1902
b. 2, f. 22	Loeb, William, Jr. 10/2	1903
b. 2, f. 23	Loeb, William, Jr. 15/4	1904
b. 2, f. 24	Loeb, William, Jr. 17/1	1905
b. 2, f. 25	Loeb, William, Jr. 7/5	1906
b. 2, f. 26	Loeb, William, Jr. 4/0	1907
b. 2, f. 27	Loeb, William, Jr. 5/1	1908
b. 2, f. 28	Loeb, William, Jr. 2/0	1909
<u>Barnes-Platt Correspondence (1889-1908)</u>		
b. 3, f. 29	Barnes, William, Jr. 1/0	1889
b. 3, f. 30	Barnes, William, Jr.	1890
b. 3, f. 31	Barnes, William, Jr. 14/0	1891
b. 3, f. 32	Barnes, William, Jr. 8/0	1892

Barnes-Platt Correspondence (1889-1908) (continued)

b. 3, f. 33	Barnes, William, Jr. 2/0	1893
b. 3, f. 34	Barnes, William, Jr. 27/0	1894
b. 3, f. 35	Barnes, William, Jr. 26/0	1895
b. 3, f. 36	Barnes, William, Jr. 6/4	1898
b. 3, f. 37	Barnes, William, Jr. 12/7	1899
b. 3, f. 38	Barnes, William, Jr. 12/9	1900
b. 3, f. 39	Barnes, William, Jr. 12/17	1901
b. 3, f. 40	Barnes, William, Jr. 1/0	1902
b. 3, f. 41	Barnes, William, Jr. 2/4	1903
b. 3, f. 42	Barnes, William, Jr. 4/4	1904
b. 3, f. 43	Barnes, William, Jr. 5/5	1905
b. 3, f. 44	Barnes, William, Jr. 2/2	1908
b. 3, f. 45	Barnes, William, Jr. 21/1	undated
<u>Family Correspondence (1851-1915)</u>		
b. 3, f. 46	Platt, Caroline L. (Mrs. Frank H.)	1901
b. 3, f. 47	Platt, Ellen (Mrs. Thomas C.)	1899
b. 3, f. 48-49	Platt, Frank H.	1899-1906, 1915 March
b. 3, f. 50	Platt, Frederick E.	1901
b. 3, f. 51	Platt, Henry B.	1901
b. 3, f. 52	Platt, William	1851

Family Correspondence (1851-1915) (continued)

b. 3, f. 52	Platt, Emily	1851
b. 3, f. 52	re: Platt, William H.	1883
<u>Selected Correspondence (1878-1908)</u>		
b. 4, f. 53	Alexander, DeAlva S. (Representative) 1/0	1905
b. 4, f. 54	Alger, Russell A. (Senator) 7/4	1896-1904
b. 4, f. 55	Anthony, Susan B. (Suffragette) 1/0	1899
b. 4, f. 56	Arthur, Chester A. (President) 3/0	1880-1881
b. 4, f. 57	Black, Frank S. (Governor of New York) 8/3	1896-1902
b. 4, f. 58	Blaine, James G. (Secretary of State) 3/0	1881-1889
b. 4, f. 59	Bliss, Cornelius N. (Secretary of the Interior) 2/1	1897-1898, 1901
b. 4, f. 60	Bull, A. (Assistant Secretary of the Interior) 1/0	1881
b. 4, f. 61	Butler, Nicholas Murray (President of Columbia University) 1/0	1900
b. 4, f. 62	Camp, John H. (Representative) 3/0	1881
b. 4, f. 63	Cassett, Alexander J. (President of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company) 15/15	1902-1903
b. 4, f. 64	Choate, Joseph H. (Ambassador to Great Britain) 1/0	1901
b. 4, f. 65	Colfax, Schuyler (Vice-President) 1/0	1884
b. 4, f. 66	Conkling, Roscoe (Senator) 15/0	1880-1883
b. 4, f. 67	Cornell, Alonzo B. (Governor of New York) 6/0	1880-1881, 1883

Selected Correspondence (1878-1908) (continued)

b. 4, f. 68	Cortelyou, George B. (Chairman, Republican National Committee) 1/0 See also: box 2, folder 19	1904
b. 4, f. 69	Crane, Winthrop M. (Governor of Massachusetts) 1/0	1902
b. 4, f. 70	Crowinshield, Arrent S. (Admiral, United States Navy) 1/0	1901
b. 4, f. 71	Depew, Chauncey M. (Senator) 1/1	1899-1900
b. 4, f. 72	Dwight, John W. (Representative) 2/0	1880
b. 4, f. 73	Fassett, Jacob Sloat (Representative) 6/3	1896-1900
b. 4, f. 74	Fish, Hamilton (Politician) 1/0	1901
b. 4, f. 75	Francis, Charles S. (Ambassador to Greece) 14/6	1900-1902, 1906
b. 4, f. 76	Frye, William P. (Senator) 1/0	1893
b. 4, f. 77	Gillet, Charles (Representative) 1/1	1900
b. 4, f. 78	Gould, Jay (Financier) 1/0	1882
b. 4, f. 79	Grant, Frederick Dent (General, United States Army) 3/1	1898, 1901
b. 4, f. 80	Grant, Ida Honoré (Mrs. Frederick Dent) 3/1	1900-1901
b. 4, f. 81	Grant, Julia Dent (Mrs. Ulysses S.) 1/0	1901
b. 4, f. 82	Hadley, Arthur T. (President of Yale University) 1/0	1883
b. 4, f. 83	Hale, Eugene (Senator) 1/0	1901
b. 4, f. 84	Hanna, Marcus A. (Senator) 85	1897-1900

Selected Correspondence (1878-1908) (continued)

b. 4, f. 85	Harrison, Benjamin (President) 6/0	1888-1891
b. 4, f. 86	Hay, John (Secretary of State) 8/0	1897-1904
b. 4, f. 87	Hill, David B. (Governor of New York) 1/0	1885
b. 4, f. 88	Hobart, Garrett A. (Vice-President) 1/0	1899
b. 4, f. 89	Iddings, Lewis M. (Ambassador to Italy) 2/1	1900
b. 4, f. 90	Keifer, Joseph W. (Representative) 2/0	1881
b. 4, f. 91	Lamont, Daniel S. (Secretary of War) 1/0	undated
b. 4, f. 92	Lodge, Henry C. (Senator) 2/0	1898
b. 4, f. 93	Long, John D. (Secretary of the Navy) 1/1	1898
b. 4, f. 94	Long, John G. (Consul to Egypt) 1/1	1900
b. 4, f. 95	Low, Seth (Mayor of New York City, President of Columbia University) 2/0	1901, 1905
b. 4, f. 96	McComas, Louis E. (Senator) 1/1	1903
b. 4, f. 97	McKinley, William (President) 2/6	1896-1901
b. 4, f. 98	Morgan, J. P. (Financier) 1/0	undated
b. 4, f. 99	Morton, Levi P. (Vice-President) 14/2	1894-1900
b. 4, f. 100	Nixon, S. Fred (Speaker of the New York Assembly) 9/9	1899-1903
b. 4, f. 101	Odell, Benjamin B., Jr. (Governor of New York) 9/17	1898-1903

Selected Correspondence (1878-1908) (continued)

b. 4, f. 102	Olcott, John Van Vechten (Representative) 1/1	1905
b. 4, f. 103	Payne, Sereno E. (Representative) 1/1	1898
b. 4, f. 104	Porter, Horace (Ambassador to France) 1/0	1901
b. 4, f. 105	Quay, Matthew (Senator) 2/1	1895, 1900
b. 4, f. 106	Quigg, Lemuel E. (Representative) 5/4	1899-1905
b. 4, f. 107	Ray, George W. (Congressman) 1/1	1899
b. 4, f. 108	Reed, Thomas B. (Representative) 4/0	1896
b. 4, f. 109	Reid, Whitelaw (Ambassador to Great Britain, Journalist) 5/0	1878, 1881
b. 4, f. 110	Riggs, Edward G. (Editor of the <i>New York Sun</i>) 9/9	1902
b. 4, f. 111	Root, Elihu (Secretary of War) 5/2	1898-1905
b. 4, f. 112	Shaw, Albert D. (Consul to Manchester, England) 3/0	1881
b. 4, f. 113	Stanford, Jane L. (Mrs. Leland) 1/0	1901
b. 4, f. 114	Taft, William Howard (President) 1/0	1908
b. 4, f. 115	Vanderbilt, Cornelius (Capitalist) 1/0	1900
b. 4, f. 116	Van Voorhis, John (Representative) 117	1902
b. 4, f. 117	Wanamaker, John (Postmaster General, Merchant) 1/0	1894
b. 4, f. 118	Wellington, George W. (Senator) 2/1	1899

Selected Correspondence (1878-1908) (continued)

b. 4, f. 119	White, Henry (Chargé d’Affaires, London) 1/0	1901
b. 4, f. 120	Williams, Oscar F. (Consul General, Singapore) 1/0	1902
b. 4, f. 121	Wolcott, Edward. O. (Senator) 1/2	1899, 1901
b. 4, f. 122	Woodruff, Timothy L. (Lieutenant-Governor of New York) 1/2	1902
b. 4, f. 123	Worman, James H. (Consul to Munich, Germany) 1/0	1901
<u>General Correspondence (1875-1909)</u>		
b. 5, f. 124-138	1875–1876, 1880–1882, 1889, 1883–1885, 1888, 188–, 1894–1898 September 15	1875–1876, 1880–1882, 1889, 1883–1885, 1888, 188–, 1894–1898 September 15
b. 5, f. 139-144	1899 September 16–30, 1898 October–1899	1899 September 16–30, 1898 October–1899
b. 6, f. 145-157	1900–1906, 1908–1909, undated	1900–1906, 1908–1909, undated
<u>Patronage Correspondence (1881)</u>		
b. 7, f. 158	Correspondence concerning patronage positions	1881 February- April
<u>Copies of Letters Sent to Benjamin Harrison (1881-1889)</u>		
b. 7, f. 159	Letters of congratulation to Benjamin Harrison recommending Platt for Secretary of the Treasury	1888
b. 7, f. 160	Letters of congratulation to Benjamin Harrison recommending Platt for Secretary of the Treasury	1889 January
b. 7, f. 161	Letters of congratulation to Benjamin Harrison recommending Platt for Secretary of the Treasury	1889 February
b. 7, f. 162	Letters of congratulation to Benjamin Harrison recommending Platt for Secretary of the Treasury	undated
b. 7, f. 163	Index to names of those who wrote Harrison recommending Platt for Secretary of the Treasury	undated

Series II: Bills, Testimony and Speeches

b. 8, f. 164	United States Senate Bill 5006-promotion and restoration to status of Naval and Marine Corps officers lost through the war with Spain	1898
b. 8, f. 165	New York Senate bills relating to the "removal of dead animals, night soil and offal"	1900
b. 8, f. 166	New York Assembly bill establishing a special committee to investigate "the proper boundaries of the State Park"	undated
b. 8, f. 167	"An act to create and establish a uniform system for cities throughout the state [of New York]" English	1901
b. 8, f. 168	Proposed amendment to the New York State Tax Law of 1899	
b. 8, f. 169	Statement by G. T. Rogers at the hearings on the Ford Franchise Tax Bill	1899
b. 8, f. 170	Proceedings of the New York Legislative Insurance Investigating Committee	1900
b. 8, f. 171	Testimony before the Committee on Printing relating to the completion and publication of "The Messages and Papers of the Presidents"	1900
b. 8, f. 172	"Public Documents of the Early Congresses," by A. W. Greely English	1897
b. 8, f. 173	Five speeches of Thomas C. Platt	1904 December 21, undated
b. 8, f. 174	"Dedication of the Soldier's Monument at Owego, New York, July 4, 1891." Address given by Thomas C. Platt English	
b. 8, f. 175	Message from the President of the United States on a treaty with Cuba concerning the extradition of fugitives from justice	1904

Series III: Biographical and Miscellaneous Material

b. 8, f. 176	Manuscript - "Which is the true Platt?"	Circa 1909
b. 8, f. 177	Photograph of Roscoe Conkling	
b. 8, f. 178	Excerpt from answer of emended complaint: <i>William Barnes, Plaintiff-Appellant, against Theodore Roosevelt, Defendant, Respondent</i>	[1915]
b. 8, f. 179	Newspaper articles	
b. 8, f. 180	Lists of New York Assembly Republican District leaders	
b. 8, f. 181	Typescript relating events surrounding nomination of Roosevelt for Governor in 1898 (2 copies)	Circa 1902 May
b. 8, f. 182	"The Oracle." Issued by the Adelphi Society of Williston Seminary English	1877 April
b. 8, f. 183	Miscellaneous	
b. 9	Scrapbook of mounted newspaper clippings relating to Senator Thomas C. Platt (1891-1910), Vol. 1	
b. 10	Scrapbook of mounted newspaper clippings relating to Senator Thomas C. Platt (1891-1910), Vol. 2	
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Accession 2018-M-0011: Additional Material, 1883–1898

b. 1, f. 1-2	Personal letter books	1883–1898
	Two bound letterpress volumes of outgoing correspondence relating to the business, personal, and political life of Thomas Collier Platt (1833-1910). Includes typescript and handwritten letters, and an alphabetical numbered index of recipients in the front of each book.	

Accession 2020-M-0003: Additional Material, 1890–1910

One letter book, 1890 March 20-1893 March 11, along with gatherings of letters, 1906-1910. The letter gatherings also include newspaper clippings documenting events related to Platt.

Materials are arranged in the original groupings established by Platt or his recordkeeper. The order among the groupings is approximately chronological.

b. 1, f. 1	Personal letters	1890 March 20-1893 March 22
b. 1, f. 2	Letters	1906–1910
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1865-1950
United States -- Politics and government

Occupations

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Names

Alger, R. A. (Russell Alexander), 1836-1907
Anthony, Susan B. (Susan Brownell), 1820-1906
Arthur, Chester Alan, 1829-1886
Barnes, William, 1866-1930
Black, Frank Swett, 1853-1913
Blaine, James Gillespie, 1830-1893
Bliss, Cornelius Newton, 1833-1911
Cassett, Alexander J.
Colfax, Schuyler, 1823-1885
Conkling, Roscoe, 1829-1888
Cornell, Alonzo Barton, 1823-1904
Cortelyou, George B. (George Bruce), 1862-1940
Fassett, J. Sloat (Jacob Sloat), 1853-1924
Francis, Charles S. (Charles Spencer), 1853-1911
Gould, Jay, 1836-1892
Grant, Frederick Dent, 1850-1912
Hanna, Marcus Alonzo, 1837-1904
Harrison, Benjamin, 1833-1901
Hay, John, 1838-1905
Hobart, Garret A. (Garret Augustus), 1844-1899
Iddings, Lewis Morris, 1850-1921
Lodge, Henry Cabot, 1850-1924
Loeb, William, 1866-1937
McKinley, William, 1843-1901
Morgan, J. Pierpont (John Pierpont), 1837-1913
Morton, Levi P. (Levi Parsons), 1824-1920
Odell, Benjamin B. (Benjamin Barker), 1854-1926
Platt, Thomas Collier, 1833-1910
Quigg, Lemuel Ely, 1863-1919

Reed, Thomas B. (Thomas Brackett), 1839-1902
Reid, Whitelaw, 1837-1912
Riggs, Edward Gridley, 1856-1924
Roosevelt, Theodore, 1858-1919
Root, Elihu, 1845-1937
Taft, William H. (William Howard), 1857-1930
Vanderbilt, Cornelius, 1843-1899
Wanamaker, John, 1838-1922
Wellington, George L. (George Louis),
1852-1927
Wolcott, Edward Oliver, 1848-1905

Corporate Bodies

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New York Central Railroad Company
Pennsylvania Railroad
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United States. Congress. Senate