

# Guide to the James Rockwell Sheffield Papers

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**SUMMARY:** The papers consist of correspondence, scrapbooks, writings, and photographs documenting the political and diplomatic career of James Rockwell Sheffield. The bulk of the material dates from 1893 to 1938 and concerns either the New York Republican party and its influence on National politics or American diplomatic relations with Mexico during the Coolidge administration. Major correspondents include William Boyd Allison, Nicholas Murray Butler, Theodore Roosevelt, Elihu Root, William Howard Taft, and James R. Wadsworth.

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Frederick Sheffield, 1957; and James R. Sheffield, 1990, 2002.

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## Biographical / Historical

James Rockwell Sheffield practiced law in New York City. He was active in Republican politics and served in the New York legislature, on the New York City Board of Fire Commissioners, as president of the National Republican Club, and as a delegate to four Republican national conventions between 1916 and 1936. From 1924 to 1927 Sheffield was United States Ambassador to Mexico.

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## Scope and Contents

The James Rockwell Sheffield Papers consist of correspondence, writings, scrapbooks, photographs, and memorabilia documenting the political and diplomatic career of James R. Sheffield, a New York City lawyer, Republican Party and civic leader, and ambassador to Mexico during the Coolidge administration. The papers, a 1957 gift of Frederick Sheffield to the Yale University Library, span the dates 1768-1969 and include family memorabilia from Saybrook, Connecticut. The bulk of the papers date from 1893 to 1938.

The papers are arranged in three series: I. CORRESPONDENCE, 1768-1969; II. SCRAPBOOKS, 1893-1940; III. PERSONAL PAPERS, 1868-1938.

Series I includes James R. Sheffield's political and diplomatic correspondence as well as correspondence of other family members. Series II contains scrapbooks which document Sheffield's entire political and diplomatic career. Series III, which is the smallest of the series, is composed of biographical material, memorabilia, subject files, and Sheffield's writings.

Series I, CORRESPONDENCE, is divided into four sections: *General*; *Letterpress copybooks*; *Family*; and *Miscellanea*. The first two sections span Sheffield's long career in public life and trace his friendships, political training, and party alliances. They also concern Sheffield's civic and Yale alumni interests and personal family business. There are no letters concerning Sheffield's legal practice or the law firm of Sheffield and Betts. Only a few letters to family members appear in the papers. *General* correspondence is arranged in chronological order and consists of both incoming and outgoing letters, though in the beginning of the section there are only scattered copies of outgoing letters. A list of selected

correspondents is included in this register as an appendix. *Letterpress copybooks* contains bound copies of Sheffield's outgoing letters for the period 1914-1916 and 1920. Each volume contains an index of correspondents.

*General* files begin with letters from Sheffield's political mentor and close personal friend, Senator William Boyd Allison of Iowa. From the early 1890s, when Sheffield began his law practice in New York City, there are notifications of meetings and political literature showing Sheffield's interest in the Republican Party and the Good Government Club movement. The correspondence throughout the 1890s is dominated by political topics including Sheffield's successful campaign for the New York Assembly (1893), constituent mail and advice from Republican leaders such as Elihu Root, on legislation, particularly civil service reform (1894), and letters concerning Sheffield's service on the New York City Board of Fire Commissioners (1895-1897).

While Sheffield served on the Fire Commission, he formed a close association with Theodore Roosevelt, who was then on the Police Commission. Letters from Roosevelt date from his service on the Police Commission through two presidential terms. Sheffield wrote Roosevelt regarding New York appointments, tariff reform, the 1904 reelection campaign, and his own desire for a political appointment.

Beginning with folder 27, there are letters showing Sheffield's 1908 campaign efforts to nominate and elect William Howard Taft as Roosevelt's successor. The files from 1908 to the end of the correspondence contain many exchanges with Taft. Letters in folder 33 explain Sheffield's support for Taft's reelection and his break with Roosevelt in 1912.

Folders 33-35 contain many letters from Supreme Court Justice Edward Douglass White. These same folders document Sheffield's service as president of the National Republican Club. Sheffield supported the nomination of Elihu Root in 1916, and the files attest to his work on Root's behalf. He eventually campaigned for the party nominee Charles Evans Hughes. Correspondence with both Hughes and Root continues into the 1930s. Sheffield's outgoing letters during his term as president of the National Republican Club are contained in five letterpress copybooks (boxes 8-9).

Numerous letters from Nicholas Murray Butler, Charles Dewey Hilles, and James R. Wadsworth begin in 1919. In 1920 Sheffield attended the Republican convention as a supporter of Butler for president. He also chaired Wadsworth's successful senatorial campaign. Letters from these years comment on convention politics, campaign issues, and the problems facing Republican politicians over the enforcement of the Volstead Act. One letterpress copybook (folder 79) primarily concerns the Wadsworth campaign.

Beginning with folder 47, the primary subject of the correspondence shifts from Republican politics to American relations with Mexico. In 1924 Sheffield was appointed ambassador to Mexico, a position he held through 1927. The correspondence is most extensive for the years 1926-1927 (folders 49-55). As ambassador Sheffield responded to the Calles government's nationalization of American property, and he staunchly defended American property rights. The correspondence demonstrates Sheffield's efforts to explain the situation to Secretary of State Frank Kellogg and President Calvin Coolidge and his frustration with a perceived lack of support from the Coolidge administration. Frequent correspondents at the time include Chandler P. Anderson, H. F. Arthur Schoenfeld, and Yale classmate William Lyon Phelps. Following Sheffield's resignation in 1927, there are exchanges with Robert E. Olds, Alexander W. Weddell, and Sheffield's successor, Dwight Morrow, on the situation in Mexico.

Sheffield held one other diplomatic appointment. In 1930 he served as a special ambassador to Venezuela on the occasion of the dedication of a Henry Clay statue. There are letters concerning travel arrangements and Sheffield's report on the celebration.

The correspondence from 1930 until Sheffield's death in 1938 includes discussions of Republican prospects in the 1932 and 1936 elections. There are also Sheffield's reminiscences of Senator Allison and Elihu Root which he wrote for biographers. On the occasion of Sheffield's 70th birthday in 1934 there are numerous letters of congratulation from colleagues, friends, and politically prominent people of the day, while folder 71 contains a few letters of condolence after Sheffield's death.

The *Family* and *Miscellanea* sections contain correspondence and items relating to Sheffield's family and others. Material relating to Frederick William Hotchkiss, Sheffield's great-grandfather, concerns

Saybrook, Connecticut and the Congregational church he led there in the late 18th and early 19th centuries. Letters to Sheffield's parents, Frederick William and Sarah Kellogg Sheffield, include several from William Boyd Allison. The files for Sheffield's son Frederick Sheffield contain many letters of greeting to James R. Sheffield on his 70th birth-day. Folders 97-99 consist of letters to non-family members. Some of these are addressed to Oliver Jennings and D. B. Delevan as financial agents in Sheffield's 1893 election campaign. Also included are letters of introduction and testimonials written for a 1915 dinner honoring Sheffield.

Series II, SCRAPBOOKS, is composed of fifteen scrapbook volumes, which begin in 1893 and span Sheffield's subsequent political and diplomatic career. The scrapbooks contain newspaper clippings, as well as campaign publicity, printed material, invitations, correspondence, photographs, and other types of memorabilia. They are particularly thorough in their coverage of the 1893 election, civil service reform legislation authored by Sheffield, the New York City Fire Commission during Sheffield's tenure, and Sheffield's tour of duty as ambassador to Mexico. Folder 117 contains an album of photographs from Mexico and Venezuela as well as family pictures.

Series III, PERSONAL PAPERS, contains biographical material, memorabilia, subject files on New York politics, and Sheffield's writings. Folder 118 includes a 79-page memoir by Sheffield which details his service in Mexico and a 44-page autobiographical sketch. Additional biographical material can be found in the memorials included in folder 119 and the obituaries in folder 136. Folders 131-132 contain political memorabilia similar to that found in the scrapbooks. The series also includes typed and printed copies of Sheffield's writings, primarily his speeches, which affirm his reputation as a toastmaster and banquet speaker.

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## SELECT LIST OF CORRESPONDENTS TO JAMES ROCKWELL SHEFFIELD

Abbott, Lawrence Fraser 1859-1933  
Adee, George Townsend 1874-  
Adler, Julius. Och 1896-1935  
Aiken, Alfred Lawrence 1870-1946  
Aldridge, George W.  
Alexander, Helen Manice  
Alexander, James W. 1839-1915  
Allison, William Boyd 1829-1908  
Anderson, Chandler Parson 1866-1936  
Angell, James Rowland 1869-1949  
Auchincloss, Hugh Dudley 1858-1913  
Austin, George C.  
Baker, Newton Diehl 1871-1937  
Baldwin, Elbert Francis 1857-1927  
Bannard, Otto Tremont 1854-1929  
Barnes, William (Jr.) 1860-1930  
Barton, George De Forest  
Basham, Harvey A  
Bates, Lindell Theodore, 1890-1937  
Baylor, Theodore T  
Betts, Frederic Henry 1843-1905  
Betts, Samuel Rossiter 1786-1868  
Bingham, Hiram 1875-1956  
Bliss, Conrelius Newton 1833-1911  
Bonner, Hugh -1908  
Boswell, Helen Varick  
Bradford, Standish  
Bridgman, Oliver B.  
Bristow, W. B.  
Brock, John W., Jr.

Brownell, Herbert [Jr.] 1904-  
Buell, Raymond Leslie 1896-1946  
Bulkley, Sarah Tod  
Bullard, Robert Lee 1861-  
Burleigh, George William 1870-1940  
Butler, Nicholas Murray 1862-1947  
Butler, William Morgan 1861-1937  
Cady, J. Cleveland -1919  
Calder, Frederick M.  
Calhoun, Henry Warner 1862-1906  
Camp, Walter Chauncey 1859-1925  
Campbell, Alexander V.  
Carpenter, Fred Warner 1873-  
Carter, Ernest  
Carter, George Robert 1866-1933  
Caruna, George J.  
Castle, William R., Jr.  
Chittenden, Alice Hill  
Choate, Joseph Hodges 1832-1917  
Clark, John Kirkland  
Clarke, John Proctor 1856-1932  
Coffin, Henry Sloane 1877-1954  
Collis, Charles H.T. 1838-1902  
Conkling, Alfred Ronalds 1850-1917  
Constantine, Arthur  
Conway, George R. G.  
Coolidge, Calvin, Pres. U.S. 1872-1933  
Coolidge, Grace Anna (Goodhue) 1879-1957  
Coolidge, Louis Arthur 1861-1925  
Cortelyou, George Bruce 1862-1940  
Couple, Leo O  
Cowles, William Hutchinson 1866-1946  
Crane, Frederick Evan 1889-1947  
Cravath, Paul Drennan 1861-1940  
Crocker, William Henry 1861-1937  
Croker, Edward F  
Cromwell, George 1860-1943  
Cross, Wilbur Lucius 1862-1948  
Crowder, Enoch Herbert 1859-1932  
Crozier, William 1855-1942  
Curtiss, Julian Wheeler 8-1944  
Cuyler, Thomas DeWitt 4-1922  
Daniels, Josephus 1862-1948  
Darlington, Henry  
Daugherty, Harry Micajah 1860-1941  
Davidson, William C  
Davis, John William 1873-1955  
Davis, Manton 1876-  
Davison, Charles Stewart 1855-1942  
Davison, Henry Pomeroy 1867-1922  
Dawes, Charles Gates 1865-1951  
Day, Benjamin Mulford 1886-  
Day, George Parmly 1876-1959  
Depew, Chauncey Mitchell 1834-1928  
Doan, John D  
Dwight, Timothy 1828-1916

Dye, Alexander V.  
Eagle, J. Frederick  
Eliot, George Edwin 1864-1943  
Fassett, J. Sloan  
Fearson, George Randolph 1883-  
Fess, Simeon Davidson 1861-1936  
Finch, Edward Riley 1873-  
Fish, Hamilton Jr. 1849-1936  
Fisher, Irving 1867-1947  
Fisher, Henry Johnson 1873-  
Fiske, Bradley A 1854-1942  
Fitch, Ashbel P. 1848-1904  
Fleming, Matthew C. 1864-1946  
Fletcher, Henry Prather 1873-1959  
Flynn, Edward Joseph 1892-  
Foley, James A. 1882-1946  
Foote, Arthur E. 1853-1937  
Forster, Rudolph  
Fuchs, Emil E. 1866-1929  
Furness, L  
Galbraith, Archibald V.  
Gerard, James Watson 1867-  
Gilbert, Cass Jr. 1858-1934  
Gildersleeve, Virginia Crockeron 1877-  
Goodale, John  
Goddard, Henry Warren 1876-  
Goodman, Elias  
Grant, DeForest 1869-  
Griscom, Lloyd C.  
Guthrie, William Dameron 1859-1935  
Hackley, George R.  
Hadley, Arthur Twining 1856-1930  
Hadley, Helen Harrison (Morris) 1864-1939  
Hagedorn, Hermann 1882-  
Hall, Samuel S., Jr.  
Hammond, John Henry 1871-1949  
Harbord, James Guthrie 1866-  
Hart, Joseph G.  
Hawkes, McDougall 1862-1929  
Hayes, Will H 1879-1954  
Hedges, Job Elmer 1862-1925  
Herrick, Myron Timothy 1854-1929  
Hess, Charles A.  
Hewitt, Abram Stevens 1822-1903  
Hibbard, Frederick, P.  
Hibben, John Grier 1861-1933  
Higgins, Frank Wayland 1856-1907  
Hill, Albert S  
Hill, David Jayne 1850-1932  
Hill, George Edwin 1864-1916  
Hilles, Charles Dewey 1867-1949  
Hinman, George W., Jr.  
Hitchcock, Frank Harris 1869-1935  
Hogan, James M.  
Hoover, Herbert Clark, Pres. U.S. 1874-  
Houghton; Henry Martyn 1856-1910



House, Edward Mandall 1858-1938  
Hoyt, Henry Martyn 1856-1910  
Hoyt, John Sherman 1869-  
Hughes, Charles Evans 1862-1948  
Hughes, Charles Evans, Jr. 1853-1911  
Hull, Cordell 1871-1955  
Hurd, DeWitt C.  
Hurley, Patrick Jay 1883-  
James, Walter B. 1858-1927  
Jennings, Oliver Gould 1865-1936  
Jennings, Polly Brewster  
Jennings, William Travers 1859-1934  
Jerome, William Travers 1859-1934  
Johnston, Henry Alan  
Kean, Hamilton Fish 1862-1941  
Kean, John 1852-1914  
Kean, Julian H  
Kellogg, Frank Billings 1856-1937  
Kenlon, John 1859-1940  
Ketcham, Henry B  
King, Norman 1880-  
Kirk, Alexander  
Knox, Philander Chase 1853-1921  
Keonig, Samuel S. 1872-  
LaGuardia, Fiorello Henry 1882-1947  
Lamm, Lewis  
Lamont, Thomas William 1870-1948  
Lane, Arthur Bliss 1894-1956  
Laughlin, John  
Leonard, Warren A  
Lewis, Edwin A  
Lewis, Richard J.  
Lippmann, Walter 1889-  
Lloyd, D. Frank  
Lodge, Henry Cabot 1850-1924  
Longworth, Nicholas 1869-1931  
Lord, Benjamin  
Low, Seth 1850-1916  
Lowdenk Frank Omen 1861-1943  
Maas, Charles O  
Mackay, Clarence Hungerford 1874-1938  
McKee, Joseph V 1889-  
McClelland, Charles P. 1854-1944  
McCook, Anson George 1835-1917  
McCook, Philip James 1873  
MacVeagh, Charlton  
Mallory, W. Neely  
Mansfield, Burton 1856-1932  
Manton, Martin Thomas 1880-  
Marks, Marcus M. 1858-1924  
Marling, Alfred Erskine 1858-1935  
Marling, Charles  
Mason, Alexander T.  
Massey, Vincent 1887-  
Mayer, Julius M. 1865-1925  
Mellon, Andrew William 1855-1937

Meyer, Eugene  
Meyer, Otto A  
Milbank, Albert G. 1873-1949  
Miller, Chase Jr.  
Miller, Nathan L. 1868-1953  
Mills, Ogden Livingston 1884-1937  
Monroe, Rolland G.  
Moore, Elizabeth Putnam  
More, Taylor  
Morris, Robert Clark 1869-1938  
Morrow, Dwight Whitney 1873-1931  
Morrow, Elizabeth C. 1873-1935  
Morton, Paul 1857-1911  
Nally, Edward Julian 1859-  
Nason, Daniel  
Newberry, Truman Handy 1864-1945  
North, Simon Newton Dexter 1849-1924  
Norton, Henry Kittredge  
Norton, Nathaniel  
O'Brien, Morgan J. 1852-1937  
Odell, Benjamin Barker 1854-1926  
Olcott, J. VanVechten 1856-1940  
Olds, Robert Edwin 1875-1938  
Ovington, Specner O.M.  
Parsons, Herbert 1869-1925  
Patridge, Frank H.  
Paulding, Charles C. 1868-1938  
Penney, Thomas 1859-1933  
Pepper, George Wharton 1867-  
Perkins, George Wallbridge 1862-1920  
Pershing, John Joseph 1860-1948  
Phelps, John J. 1861-1948.  
Phelps, William Lyon 1865-1943  
Pinchot, Gifford 1865-1946  
Polk, Frank Lyon 1871-1943  
Pomeroy, Daniel Kleazer 1868-1946  
Porter, Henry Hobert 1865-1947  
Porter, John Addison 1856-1900  
Porter, Joseph E.  
Pratt, Ruth Sears (Baker) 1877-  
Pritchard, Albert R.  
Proctor, Thomas Redfield 1844-1920  
Prosser, Seward 1871-1942  
Quinby, Henry Cole 1872-1922  
Recht, Charles 1870-  
Reid, Helen Rogers 1882-  
Reid, Whitelaw 1837-1912  
Richards, Dickinson W.  
Richards, William Roger 1853-1910  
Robinson, Corrine Roosevelt 1861-1933  
Robinson, Theodore Douglas 1883-  
Roosevelt, Edith Kermit 1861-1948  
Roosevelt, Eleanor 1884-1962  
Roosevelt, Franklin Delano 1882-1945  
Roosevelt, Theodore 1858-1919  
Roosevelt, Theodore Jr. 1887-1944

Root, Elihu 1845-1937  
Rowe, Leo Stanton 1871-1946  
Rush, Thomas E  
Russell, Charles Howland 1851-1921  
Sampson Flex D.  
Sands, Benjamin Aymar 1853-1917  
Satterlee, Herbert Livingston 1863-1947  
Schiff, Mortimer L. 1877-1931  
Schoenfeld, Hans Frederick Arthur 1889-1952  
Schwab, Gustva Henry 1851-1912  
Schwab, John Christopher 1865-1916  
Schwarz, F. A. O.  
Scott, John Winfield  
Shaw, James G.  
Sheffield, Laura  
Sheldon, George Rumsey  
Shepherd, James G. 1838-1926  
Sherman, James Schoolcraft 1855-1912  
Sherman, M.S.  
Sherman, Philemon Tecumsa 1867-  
Shipman, Arthur L.  
Simpson, Kenneth Farrand 1895-1941  
Slater, Samuel S.  
Sloan, Samuel  
Sloane, William Mulligan 1850-1928  
Smith, Alfred Emanuel 1873-1944  
Smith, Howard C.  
Snell, Bertrand H. 1870-1958  
Stern, Louis  
Stimson, Henry Lewis 1867-1950  
Stoddard, Henry Luther 1861-  
Stokes, Anson Phelps 1874-1958  
Stortesbury, Louis W.  
Strong, Charles Howard 1865-  
Strong, William Lafayette 1827-1900  
Sturgis, Thomas  
Sturgis, Helen R.  
Suares-Mujica, Eduardo 1859-  
Swan, Thomas Walter 1877-  
Swayne, Wager 1837-1902  
Swope, Gerard  
Taft, Henry W. 1859-1945  
Taft, William Howard, Pres.U.S. 1857-1930  
Tanner, Frederick C.  
Thacher, Thomas Day 1881-1950  
Thompson, William Boyce 1869-1930  
Tolman, William Howe  
Townsend, R. D.  
Trevor, Clifford  
Trevor, Emily N.  
Trudeau, Edward Livingston 1848-1915  
Underwood, Eugene Bertrand 1873-  
Van Cott, Conrelius  
Vanderbilt, Conrelius 1873-1942  
Vanderlip, Frank Arthur 1864-1937  
Vernon, Walter Newhall 1878-

Wadsworth, James Wolcott 1877-1952  
Wagner, Robert Ferdinand 1877-1953  
Walcott, Frederic Collin 1869-1949  
Ward, George Cabot  
Warner, B.H.  
Warram, Noble  
Watson, Clarence Wayland 1864-1940  
Weddell, Alexander Wilbourne 1876-1948  
Weeks, John Wingate 1860-1926  
Welch, Lewis Sheldon 1867-1940  
Wheeler, Everett  
White, Edwin Douglass 1845-  
White, William Pierrepont  
Whitehouse, Sheldon 1883-  
Whitman, Charles Seymour 1868-  
Wickersham, George Woodward  
Wiley, Louis 1869-1935  
Williams, William 1862-1947  
Williston, R. L.  
Wilson, Hugh Robert 1885-  
Winston, Frederick J.  
Wood, Leonard 1860-1927  
Woodward, George  
Work, Hubert 1860-1942  
Wright, Harry  
Young, Owen D. 1874-1962

LETTERS FROM JAMES ROCKWELL SHEFFIELD TO:

Adee, George T. 1924 Sep 18  
Aldridge, George W. 1921 Sep 21  
Anderson, Chandler P. 1926 Mar 30; Apr 7, 26; May 14; Jun 1, 5; Nov 29 1927 Feb 11; Mar 7, 31; Apr 1, 22;  
May 3, 18 1928 Nov 1 1934 Aug 15  
Anderson, Henry W. 1926 Apr 7, 28  
Angell, James R. 1934 Aug 13  
Austin, George C. 1921 Jan 4  
Bainbridge, William Seuman 1934 Jun 20  
Baker, Newton D. 1935 Jun 25  
Bannard, Otto Tremont 1921 Jan 19  
Bartlett, Philip G. 1922 Oct 21  
Bonyng, Robert W. 1918 Oct 29  
Borie, A.E. 1918 Feb 4  
Brazier, John. H. 1893 Nov 9  
Brownell, Herbert, Jr. 1934 Aug 13  
Buckner, Mortimer N. 1924 Sep 18  
Burleigh, George W. 1930 Apr 24  
Burlingham, Charles C. 1928 Feb 7  
Butler, Nicholas Murray 1912 Oct 22 1918 Jan 29 1919 May 8; Dec 8 1921 Mar 8 1924 Feb 18 1925 Nov  
17 1927 Feb 11, 25; Mar 14 1930 Jan 6 1931 Nov 27 1932 Nov 30 1934 Aug 13 1935 Apr 1, 5, 15 1936 Apr  
19; May 12 1937 Apr 28; Oct 7  
Caffey, Francis G. 1923, Nov 28  
Carter, George R. 1916 Apr 11  
Castle, William R., Jr. 1931 Apr 1  
Clark, John Kirkland 1928 Sep 20  
Clarke, John Proctor 1923 Mar 27  
Coffin, Henry S. 1918 Feb 6; May 7 1919 Mar 4  
Coolidge, Calvin 1923 Aug 3 1927 Jul 19; Dec 27  
Cooper, Vernon 1927 Jan 18

Coudert, Frderick R. 1938 Aug 22  
Cowles, William H. 1938 Jan 3  
Coxe, Alfred C. 1924 Jan 23  
Crane, Frederick E. 1934 Feb 2  
Cravath, Paul D. 1929 Apr 17  
Curran, John E. 1923 Jan 11  
Curtiss, Julian W. 1924 Sep 18  
Damrosch, Margaret J. (Blaine) 1924: Jan 28; Mar 21  
Davis, John W. 1934 Aug 13 1931 Sep 28 1937 Dec 3  
Day, Ralph A. 1915 Dec 21 1923 Dec 14  
Decker, William H. 1893 Nov 9  
Depew, Chauncey Mitchell 1909 Oct 2  
Dixon, John W. 1924 Sep 18  
Dye, Alexander V. 1928 Dec 20  
Fletcher, Henry P. 1934 Aug 13  
Ford, Franklin 1928 Oct 5  
Grant, Madison 1930 Jun 6  
Gildersleeve, Virginia G. 1930 Nov 29 1933 Sep 29 1937 Oct 15; Nov 1  
Guthrie, William D. 1934 May 28  
Hagedorn, Hermann 1930 Nov 8  
Harbord, James G. 1928 Nov 5 1930 Apr 21 1934 May 23 1937 Jun 10  
Hibbard, Frederick P. 1927 Oct 24  
Hilles, Charles D. 1917 Jun 26 1918 Oct 29 1919 Jan 3 1920 Feb 25 1921 Jan 20; Jul 13, 22 1922 Jul 20;  
May 2 1926 Jun 15 1932 May 23 1934 Apr 4 1936 Jan 3, 10; Mar 20  
Hinman, George W. 1929 Jul 23 1932 Mar 15  
Hitchcock, Mrs. Ripley 1928 Jan 17  
Hodges, George W. 1923 Nov 19  
Hoover, Herbert 1929 Jan 7  
Houghton, Alanson B. 1928 Dec 20  
Hoyt, Henry Martyn 1906 Oct 24  
Hughes, Charles Evans 1924 Aug 15 1930 Feb 13 1934 Aug 14 1937 Oct 4  
Hull, Cordell 1935 Sep 18  
Jennings, Annie B. 1934 Dec 13  
Jennings, Oliver G. 1929 Dec 30 1936 Jun 15  
Kellog, Frank B. 1926 Jul 1 1928 Jul 18; Dec 28 1934 Jan 10; Aug 13  
Kellog, Frederic R. 1929 Oct 10  
Knox, Philander Chase 1908 Dec 19  
Koenig, Samuel S. 1924 Feb 9 1933 Sep 26  
Lamont, Thomas W. 1931 Nov 6 1934 Aug 13 1935 Oct 28  
Lane, Arthur Bliss 1928 Apr 28; May 31; Nov 27 1934 Aug 15  
Lawrence, William E. 1921 Dec 15 1934 Aug 15  
Lippmann, Walter 1931 Sep 23  
Lowden, Franke O. 1935 Jun 10  
Mack, Walter s. 1933 Feb 9  
Macy, W. Kingland 1934 Sep 21  
MacKay, Clarence H. 1938 Apr 19  
Marconi, G. 1928 Feb 4  
Mason, Julian S. 1927 Oct 21  
Mellen, Chase, Jr. 1934 Dec 11, 20, 24 1933 Dec 18  
Menken, S. Stanwood 1932 Feb 8  
Mitchell, John Murray 1895 Apr 27  
Moore, Thomas M. 1917 Jan 2  
Morrow, Dwight W. 1920 Apr 29 1923 Aug 9; Nov 27; Dec 7 1927 Oct 3; Nov 17 1928 Apr 16 1929 Aug  
1 1931 Mar 19; May 20  
Meyer, Eugene 1936 May 27  
Murphy, James J. 1893 Nov 2

Nettleton, George H. 1934 Aug  
Newberry, Truman Handy 1908 Nov 17  
O'Brien, Morgan Joseph 1924 Oct 3 1935 May 8  
Olds, Robert E. 1927 Oct 24 Nov 15; Dec 21, 22, 27  
Perkins, George W. 1911 Aug 7, 26; Oct 27 1912 Mar 16  
Phelps, William L 1925 Oct 3; Nov 12 1934 Aug 16  
Pierce, Palmer S. 1927 Nov 2  
Pinchot, Amos Richards Eno 1910 Aug 19  
Pinchot, Gifford 1910 Jan 8  
Polk, Frank L. 1934 Aug 14  
Pomeroy, Daniel E. 1922 May 9  
Porter, H. Hobart 1929 Feb 5  
Pritchett, Henry S. 1928 Dec 26  
Reid, Ogden 1936 Apr 27  
Reusswig, Fred E. 1916 Jun 13  
Roosevelt, Edith Kermit (Carow) 1905?  
Root, Elihu 1927 Oct 31 1928 Mar 9 1929 Jul 29; Aug 16 1930 Jan 13, 16, 1931 Feb 11 1933 Feb 15; May 24;  
Jun 23 1934 Feb 15; Jul 3; Aug 13 1935 Sep 25; Oct 31; Dec 17 1936 May 17; Dec 30  
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Rothstein, David King 1936 Nov 25  
Rundell, Mrs. Will A. 1927 Feb 3  
Sargent, John G. 1929 Jun 28  
Sarnoff, David 1934 Aug 14  
Saunders, William F. 1928 Jul 11  
Schoenfeld, H. F. Arthur 1927 Feb 1, 7, 15, 21; Mar 1, 7 1929 Apr 4 1931 Jan 2 1934 Aug 15 1938 Aug 22  
Sebaste, Archbishop of (Caruana, George) 1926 Nov 29  
Sheffield, Sarah Kellogg 1901 Sep 8 1912 Jun 22; Jul 13, 20; Aug 3 1915 Feb 13  
Simpson, Kenneth F. 1935 Oct 16  
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18; Nov 10 1923 May 1; Jul 21; Sep 19  
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