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**CREATOR:** Hooker, Richard, 1878-

**TITLE:** Richard Hooker papers

**DATES:** 1907-1964

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 0.25 linear feet (1 box)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Correspondence with political figures, particularly documenting Hooker's role as adviser and friend to several presidents.

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Originally given by Richard Hooker with the Samuel Bowles Papers as the Bowles-Hooker Collection, in 1963-1964; separated into the Hooker Papers and the Bowles Papers in 1979.

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## Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Biographical / Historical

Richard Hooker, journalist, was born in Augusta, Georgia, on 20 February 1878, the son of Thomas and Sarah Augustus (Bowles) Hooker. He received his B.A. from Yale in 1899, after which he spent a year studying in Europe. Soon after his return he joined the staff of the *Springfield Republican*, the newspaper founded by his great-grandfather, Samuel Bowles I, in 1824. He was Washington correspondent from 1904 to 1911, literary editor from 1911 to 1915, and editor-in-chief from 1915 to 1922. He resigned from the editorship because of poor health in 1922 and became president of the Republican Company, which position he retained until 1932. He directed the Associated Press between 1927 and 1934.

During his newspaper career, Hooker was associated with several United States presidents. Taft offered to make him White House press secretary, and Wilson chose him for assistant secretary of the treasury, but he declined both appointments.

Hooker married Winifred Eells Newberry on 31 December 1910. They had four children: Richard, Sarah Paige, Mary Newberry, and Arthur Bowles. Richard Hooker died on 25 November 1967.

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## Scope and Contents

The Richard Hooker Papers consist of slightly less than a hundred letters exchanged with various men of greater and lesser importance in twentieth-century American politics. The major historical interest of this correspondence is that it documents Hooker's relationship with several presidents as adviser and friend. Among the subjects are these: Harding's position on the League of Nations (Winthrop Murray Crane, 19 July 1920), Hoover's candidacy for the presidency (Hooker to Hoover, 24 July 1928), Wilson's aspirations for the U.S. Navy (Hooker to Wilson, 5 February 1916), the political activities of Frank B. Brandegee (Hooker to Taft, 21 October 1919), the Electoral College (George W. Norris, 6 June 1944; Hooker and Mark Sullivan, 14 June-12 July 1944), second-class postal rates (Hooker and Wilson, 1 May-1 June 1918, undated), and the Cambridge subway bill (Calvin Coolidge, 16 December 1919 and 31 December 1924).

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## Arrangement

the papers are arranged alphabetically by correspondent.

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b. 1, f. 1	Baker, Ray Stannard	1937 January 24
b. 1, f. 1	Baruch, Bernard M.	1940 October 3
b. 1, f. 1	Bowles, Samuel [III]	1907 December 20
b. 1, f. 1	Churchill, Winston	1964 November 30
b. 1, f. 2	Colby, Bainbridge	1920 August 9
b. 1, f. 2	Cook, Waldo S.	Circa 1926 July
b. 1, f. 2	Coolidge, Calvin	1919, 1924
b. 1, f. 3	Crane, Winthrop Murray, (1853-1920)	1920 May-August
b. 1, f. 3	Crane, Winthrop Murray (1881-)	1944 March 14
b. 1, f. 3	Daniels, Josephus	1945 March 13
b. 1, f. 4	Hadley, Arthur T.	1920 October 29
b. 1, f. 4	Herrick, Myron T.	1927 June 20
b. 1, f. 4	Herter, Christian A.	1920 September 15
b. 1, f. 5	Hoover, Herbert C.	1920-1958, undated
b. 1, f. 6	Hughes, Charles E.	1927, 1936
b. 1, f. 6	Hull, Cordell	1944 May 5
b. 1, f. 6	Link, Arthur S.	1961 November 28
b. 1, f. 7	Norris, George W.	1944 June 6
b. 1, f. 7	Roosevelt, Franklin	1941 February 12
b. 1, f. 7	Seymour, Charles	1942 June 11
b. 1, f. 8	Sullivan, Mark	1944 June
b. 1, f. 8	Taft, Charles P.	1963 May 13
b. 1, f. 9	Taft, William Howard	1919-1924
b. 1, f. 10	Underwood, Oscar W.	1921 October 19
b. 1, f. 10	Wilson, Edith Bolling Galt	1924-1961
b. 1, f. 11	Wilson, Woodrow	1916-1918

## **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.

### **Subjects**

Journalism  
Journalism -- Political aspects  
Journalists

### **Geographic Names**

New England  
United States -- Politics and government

### **Names**

Baker, Ray Stannard, 1870-1946  
Baruch, Bernard M. (Bernard Mannes),  
1870-1965  
Bowles, Samuel, 1826-1878  
Churchill, Winston, 1874-1965  
Colby, Bainbridge, 1869-1950  
Coolidge, Calvin, 1872-1933  
Daniels, Josephus, 1862-1948  
Hooker, Richard, 1878-  
Hoover, Herbert, 1874-1964  
Hughes, Charles Evans, 1862-1948  
Hull, Cordell, 1871-1955  
Roosevelt, Franklin D. (Franklin Delano),  
1882-1945  
Taft, William H. (William Howard), 1857-1930  
Wilson, Edith Bolling Galt, 1872-1961  
Wilson, Woodrow, 1856-1924