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Collection Summary
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Biographical Sketch

Henry Fountain Ashurst, Senator from Arizona, was born in Winnemucca, Nevada, September 13, 1874. In 1875 his parents moved to Arizona, settling near Flagstaff. He attended the public schools of Flagstaff, graduated from the Stockton Business College in California in 1896, and studied law at the University of Michigan. He began his law practice at Williams, Arizona. In 1897 and in 1899 he was a member of the Territorial house of representatives, and served as speaker in 1899. He served in the Territorial senate in 1903, and was district attorney of Coconino County from 1905 to 1908. He moved to Prescott in 1903, continuing his law practice. When Arizona was admitted as a state into the Union, he was elected Democratic Senator in 1912, and re-elected in 1916, 1922, 1928, and 1934. From 1941 to 1943 he was appointed member of the Board of Immigration Appeals in the Department of Justice. He retired in 1943.

Scope and Content

This collection of papers, consisting mainly of official invitations and of letters written to Ashurst during his senatorial career, was given to The Bancroft Library by Donald E. Metzler on Nov. 9, 1964. Single items of correspondence have been placed in an A-Z Miscellany, followed by folders containing multiple items, arranged alphabetically. A group of invitations (2 folders), clippings (1 folder), and miscellaneous personalia completes the collection. A partial list of correspondence follows.

A-Z Miscellany

American Legion
Letter, Sept. 1, 1922, by Hanford MacNider
Brandeis, Louis Dembitz, 1856-1941
Letter, July 14, 1917
Burke, Charles Henry, 1861-1941
Letter, Apr. 18, 1929
Burton, Theodore Elijah, 1851-1929
Letter, Aug. 14, 1918
Commager, Henry Steele, 1902-
Letter, July 5, 1936
Coolidge, Calvin, 1872-1933
Letter, Sept. 23, 1927
Additional Note
Photocopy.

Harding, Warren Gamaliel, 1865-1923
Letter, Feb. 20, 1923
Additional Note
Photocopy.

Heney, Francis Joseph, 1859-1937
Letter, May 31, 1924
Hughes, Charles Evans, 1862-1948
Letter, Aug. 16, 1919
Keenan, Joseph Berry, 1888-1954
Letter, Dec. 14, 1934
McAdoo, William Gibbs, 1863-1941
Letter, Oct. 17, 1913
Martine, James Edgar, 1850-1925
Letter, July 30, 1917
Obregón, Alcaro, Pres. Mexico, 1880-1928
Letter, Aug. 22, 1921
Additional Note
Translation only.

Penrose, Boies, 1860-1921
Letter, Aug. 13, 1921

Society of Tammany
Letter, May 28, 1919, by Thomas F. Smith, Secretary
Additional Note
Program included.

Smith, Thomas F., d. 1923
See Society of Tammany

Sulzer, William, 1863-1941
Letter, Apr. 17, 1917

Walsh, David Ignatius, 1872-1947
Letter, n.d.

Ashurst, Henry Fountain, 1874-
2 letters, 1880-1943

Bryan, William Jennings, 1860-1925
8 letters, 1917-1921

Cummings, Homer Stillé, 1870-1956
4 letters, 1934-1936

Davis, John William, 1873-1955
2 letters, 1924

Fitch, Thomas, 1838-1923
3 letters, 1917-1920

Hoover, Herbert Clark, 1874-1964
2 letters, 1917-1931

Additional Note
1917 letter is photocopy.

Hunt, George Wylie Paule, 1859-1934
6 letters, 1918-1924

Additional Note
Some written as Governor of Arizona.

Johnson, Hiram Warren, 1866-1945
2 letters, 1917

Lane, Franklin Knight, 1864-1921
5 letters, 1914-1918

Additional Note
3 letters undated.

Morgenthau, Henry, 1891-
2 letters, 1934-1936

Roosevelt, Franklin Delano, 1882-1945
4 letters, 1933-1940

Additional Note
3 are photocopies.

Smith, Marcus Aurelius, 1851-1924
3 letters, 1916-1920

Taft, William Howard, 1857-1930
2 letters, 1928
Additional Note
Photocopies.

Wilson, Woodrow, 1856-1924
4 letters, 1912-1918
Additional Note
Photocopies.