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Contents
The main body of the collection is approximately 100 typed manuscripts of speeches written by Wood, circa 1904-1931. There are photographs of Wood, and ephemera, for the period 1900-1939. The collection also contains 50 typewritten manuscripts of Wood's speeches, primarily on education subjects (ca. 1919-1927); correspondence, 1927-1930, relating to banking and the Bank of Italy merger of 1927; photographs and ephemera.

A scrapbook of newspaper clippings relating to California education controversies of 1922-1926, when Wood opposed Governor Richardson's cutbacks, is cataloged separately in the book collection.

**Biography**

William Christopher Wood was born December 10, 1880 on his father's ranch in Solano County, California. He was educated in local public schools, Stanford University, and the University of California, Berkeley. He began his career in education as a teacher in Fairfield, Solano County in 1901, and later moved to Alameda where he was a school principal and Superintendent of Schools. He advance to the state level, becoming California State Commissioner for secondary schools in 1914 and State Superintendent of Public Instruction in 1919. He became State Superintendent of Banks in 1927, and joined Bank of America in 1931. Wood, best known as an educator and influential public speaker, died in Piedmont, California, May 15, 1939.

Goode, Roy

**Other Correspondents**

Abbott, Pansy Jewett
Adams, Charles Albert
Addicott, James Edwin
Alameda Teachers Association
Albee, George B.
Anthony, E. R.
Avey, William A.
Bachrodt, Walter L.
Baker, W. O.
Barnum (Mrs.) O. Shepard (Mary E.)
Beek, Joseph Allan
Bout[?], John
Cantley, S. L.
Cave, Elmer L.
Chaffey, Jack B.
Clarke, E. P.
Clement, Evelyn Atkinson
Condon, Randall J.
Cooper, Alice C.
Cubberly, Elwood P. (Prof.)
Elliott, Edward C. (Edward Charles), 1874-1960
Ewing, M. M.
Finn, Thomas F.
Francis, John H.
Hart, Tom
Haynes, John Randolph
Johnson, Hiram, 1866-1945
Keppel, Mark
Kersey, Vierling, 1890-
Ketcham, Marion H.
Kienholz, William Sims
Kofoid, Charles A. (Charles Atwood), 1865-1947
Laugenour, Lillie L.
Madsen, Martin C.
Martin, David E.
Matthews, A. J.
McLean, Fannie W.
Moore, Fred T.
Moorhead, Glady Evelyn
Oliver, (Mr.)
O'Neill, Kate N.
Pinchot, Gifford, 1865-1946
Pitman, Paul M.
Platts, J. M.
Proctor, William Martin, 1875-
Rainey, Edward
Rea, Carrie
Reed, Charles Wesley
Riley, Ray L.
Rolph, James, Jr., 1869-
Search, Preston Willis, 1853-
Sherman, Wm. A.
Smith, C. O. (Unsigned)
Smith, Leon O.
Snyder, W. H.
Sproul, Robert Gordon, 1891-1975
Stangland, Edna M.
Steinhart, Amy D.
Stern, Charles F.
Stolz, Herbert Rowell, 1886-
Swope, Caroline
Tigert, Jno. J.
Wailes, C. E.
Waterhouse, Alfred James, 1855-1928
William, Glenn D.
Wood, William C.

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**Photographs**

Photographs transferred to the picture file.

| Box 339 | Speeches #1-50 (arranged by author=s number) |
| Box 340 | Speeches #51-93 |
| Box 341 | Letters, political and banking speeches, and ephemera |
| Box 365 | Correspondence as received in two binders: incoming letters are alphabetically by correspondent's name, file adjacent to related outgoing correspondence. Miscellaneous material. |
| Box 366 | Banking papers and speeches #94-110 |
| Box 367 | Speeches #111-142 |