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Register of Papers

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PAUL OSCAR HUSTING

(1866 - 1917)

The papers of Paul O. Husting, U. S. Senator from Wisconsin from 1915 to 1917, are in the possession of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, 816 State Street, Madison.

Linear feet of shelf space occupied: 13
(25 manuscript boxes; 24 volumes of letterbooks)

Approximate number of items: 400-450 sheets per
manuscript box

The bulk of papers filed in the boxes consists of correspondence arranged chronologically.

The collection is not indexed. A description can be found in Alice E. Smith, ed., Guide to Manuscripts of the Wisconsin Historical Society (1944), 97-98. (See Page 3 of this register.)

The Husting papers are open to use by any properly equipped research student. The collection was acquired by the Society many years ago before literary property rights were discussed. Thus, the literary rights were not specifically deeded to the public by the donors of the papers.

See letter of 1/31/56 from Wisc. State Historical Society under
Husting, Paul O.

Biographical Note

- 1866, Apr. 25 Born, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin
 Unmarried
- 1895 Student, Univ. of Wisconsin, College of Law
- 1895 Admitted to Wisconsin bar and practiced in
 Mayville
 President, E. Swartz Printing Co.
- 1902-06 District Attorney, Dodge County, Wisconsin
- 1906, 1910 Member, Wisconsin Senate
- 1915-17 Member, U. S. Senate from Wisconsin. (Elected
 for term 1915-21). Democrat. Active in
 passage of income tax, workman's compensation,
 Corrupt Practices Act
- 1917, Oct. 21 Died

See Who Was Who in America, 1897-1942, vol. I, Marquis

Description of Series

The following description of the Husting collection is taken from Guide to the Manuscripts of the Wisconsin Historical Society, edited by Alice E. Smith, published in 1944, pp. 97-98.

"325. HUSTING, PAUL O. (1866-1917). PAPERS, 1909-18. 25 boxes and 27 volumes.

Papers of a Wisconsin liberal Democratic legislator and United States Senator. The material on Husting's senatorial career includes correspondence on the primary and general election campaigns of 1914, and post-election correspondence with Joseph E. Davies, Albert S. Burleson, and others concerning patronage, including 7 boxes of letters in regard to Wisconsin postoffice appointments, besides quantities from miscellaneous job seekers.

Of much importance is the material relating to German language newspapers and the attitude of German-American citizens in Wisconsin toward the Wilson administration. Other subjects of less emphasis are the campaign of 1916, neutrality legislation and foreign policy, preparedness, Democratic state politics in general, and prohibition, including a letter (October, 1917) on the subject from William T. Evjue. Several letters from members of the Wisconsin Loyalty Legion late in 1917 comment on working-class morale and attitude toward the war. Other items include correspondence, data, and drafts of bills, 1909-13, concerning the conservation movement in Wisconsin--forest reserve lands, navigable waters, riparian rights, and the control of water power--together with 2 boxes of reports of hearings, 1909-10, conducted by the Wisconsin legislative committee on water power, forestry, and drainage.

A complete set of letter books, 1914-17, relates generally, exclusive of conservation, to the same subjects as the correspondence, and contains letters explaining the senator's position on various issues. Several scrapbooks of newspaper clippings concerning visits of Senator James A. Reed and President Wilson to Milwaukee in 1917, and Husting's position on certain legislation complete the collection. Three letters from the collection, dealing with the First World War, are published in the Wisconsin Magazine of History, 1:388-416 (June, 1918)."