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ROBERT LANSING

(1864 - 1928)

The papers of Robert Lansing, lawyer, State Department Counsellor, Secretary of State, member of American Peace Commission at Versailles for World War I, were deposited in the Library of Congress by Mrs. Robert Lansing and later made a gift. Restrictions were at that time placed on the diaries which have later been removed.

Measure of size:

Approximate number of items: 82 volumes

In addition to this collection, the official papers of Mr. Lansing are in the National Archives.

The collection is open to research under restrictions of the Library of Congress.

Inquiry about literary rights should be addressed to Mr. Lansing's nephews, John Foster Dulles or Allen Dulles.

Biographical Note

1864, Oct. 17 Born, Watertown, New York
 1886 B.A., Amherst
 1889 Admitted to bar
 1890, Jan. 15 Married Eleanor Foster
 1889-1907 Member firm, Lansing and Lansing
 1892-93 Associate counsel for U. S. in Behring Sea Arbitration
 1896-97 Counsel for U. S., Behring Sea Claims Commission
 1903 Solicitor and counsel for U.S. before Alaskan Boundary Tribunal
 1909-10 Counsel, North Atlantic Coast Fisheries Arbitration at The Hague
 1912-14 Agent of U.S., American and British Claims Arbitration
 1915-20 Secretary of State in cabinet of Woodrow Wilson
 1918-19 Member, American Commission to Negotiate Peace
 1920- Member firm, Lansing and Woolsey
 1923-25 Counsel for Chile in Tacna-Arica Arbitration
 1928, Oct. 30 Died

Author of:

Government, Its Origin, Growth and Form in the U. S. (with Gary M. Jones). 1902.
The Peace Negotiations. 1921.
The Big Four and Others of the Peace Conference. 1921.
Notes on Sovereignty. 1921.

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

Description of Series

The Lansing papers in the Library of Congress have not been indexed, but have been spot-checked. The Library has an extensive list of subjects included.

The collection consists of:

62 volumes of correspondence and other papers

7 desk books

13 volumes of diaries, unexamined until 1949 on account of restrictions

The papers concern chiefly Mr. Lansing's services as Counsellor for the State Department, March 20, 1914 to June 23, 1915, and as Secretary of State, June 23, 1915 to February 13, 1920, with some material beyond that date and up to the time of his death in 1928.