



Guide to the David John Lewis Papers, 1894-1949 and undated

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Summary

Collection Title:

David John Lewis papers, 1894-1949 and undated

Creator:

Lewis, David John

Abstract:

Lawyer, member of U.S. Tariff Commission, and U.S. Representative from Maryland. Letters, political and professional papers, scrapbooks, and newspaper clippings reflecting Lewis' interest in free trade and his effort to unseat Senator Millard Tydings of Maryland in 1938.

Extent:

4.4 Linear Feet
3,294 Items

Physical Location:

For current information on the location of these materials, please consult the Library's online catalog.

Language:

English

Language:

Material in English

Collection ID:

RL.00810

Permalink:

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Background

Scope and Content

Papers of David John Lewis (1869-1952), lawyer and U.S. representative from Maryland, 1910-1916 and 1930-1939; member of the U.S. Tariff Commission, 1916-1925; and member of the National Mediation Board, 1939-1943. Included are recommendations for Lewis' appointment to the tariff commission as the choice of free trade interests, 1916; and letters, 1917-1925, relating to the collection of data on costs of production and productive capability in the United States. A later series of tariff letters, 1929-1930, include some from William Thomas Rawleigh, spice and extract manufacturer and free trader; other letters concern the Hawley-Smoot tariff of 1929 and deal with proposed rates for many types of products. Papers relating to the tariff, 1910-1950, largely reflect the period when Lewis was special consultant to the Rawleigh Tariff Bureau, 1925-1930, including notes, reports, statistics, Congressional prints, voting records of Congressmen, and memoranda. They concern proposed rates for many types of goods and contain information about the productive capacity of American industry and the cost of production. Scattered throughout the collection are miscellaneous letters concerning politics and Lewis's political career. Letters from the 1940s concern international relations and the Senate's treaty powers. There are also letters, legal documents, and other papers relating to a lawsuit against the Cumberland, Maryland, water department, 1925-1948. Some World War II letters from Lewis' Welsh relatives describe the hardships of life in Great Britain. After 1943 there are letters relating to spiritualism, especially concerning the work of such organizations as the Society for Psychical Research in London, the American Society for Psychical Research, New York; and the Duke University Parapsychology Laboratory. Printed materials accompanying the collection include Congressional reports, hearings, speeches, newspaper clippings, press releases, publications of the Rawleigh Tariff Bureau, and election campaign material. Scrapbooks, 12 vols., contain letters from prominent individuals, clippings concerning Lewis' career and his unsuccessful campaign for the U.S. Senate in 1938.

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Administrative Information

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Acquisition Information

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Processing Information

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Names and Subjects

- Tariffs -- United States -- History
- Maryland -- Politics and government -- 1865-1950
- Legislators -- Virginia -- Correspondence
- Free trade
- Tydings, Millard E. (Millard Evelyn), 1890-1961
- Lewis, John David
- Rawleigh Tariff Bureau

Collection Inventory

Correspondence Series, 1905-1949 and undated

Physical Description: 2 boxes

1905-1929	Box 1
1930-1949 and undated	Box 2

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Political and Professional Papers Series, 1894-1945 and undated

Physical Description: 15 boxes

Tariff papers and rates

Cotton	Box 3
Rayon	Box 3
Silk	Box 3
Wool	Box 3
Scientific and medical instruments	Box 4
Sundries	Box 4
Buttons	Box 4
Clothing	Box 4
Five and ten cent articles	Box 4
Bricks	Box 5
Chemicals	Box 5
Marble iron	Box 5
Granite	Box 5
Explosives	Box 5

Boots and shoes	Box 5
Leather gloves	Box 5
Cattle	Box 6
Agricultural products	Box 6
Farm machinery	Box 6
Linseed oil	Box 6
Furniture	Box 6
Lumber	Box 6
Cement	Box 7
Glass	Box 7
Pottery	Box 7
Books	Box 8
Watches	Box 8
Razors	Box 8
Toys and dolls	Box 8
Ropes and cordage	Box 8
Carpets and rugs	Box 8
Sugar	Box 9
General	Box 10-11
Miscellany	Box 11
Printed Material	Box 11
Legislative Papers	Box 12
Walter Case Papers	
Correspondence	Box 13

Financial Papers	Box 13
Printed Materials	Box 13
Legal Papers	Box 14
Financial Papers	Box 15

Speeches, 1894-1945 and undated

Box 16-17

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Photographs Series

Physical Description: 1 box

Photographs	Box 18
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Printed Material Series, 1906-1940s and undated

Physical Description: 5 boxes

Miscellany	Box 18
Clippings, 1906-1933	Box 19
Clippings, 1934-1940s and undated	Box 20
Other Printed Material	Box 21-22

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Volumes

Physical Description: 3 boxes

Volumes	Box 23-24
Volumes, scrapbooks	Box 25

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