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Accession # \*82 M 39

Location Annex 4-c-2/3 (L)

Title TIMOTHY SHALER WILLIAMS. Papers

Approximate inclusive dates 1876-1930

Date of receipt May 1932 and Jan. 24, 1937 Received from Estate of Timothy S. Williams

Volume on arrival

Number of boxes (after reboxing) 5 AB, 3 FB, 25 volumes

Condition Good

Restrictions None

Description Timothy S. Williams (1862-1930) was a New York journalist, political figure, and railroad official. After graduating from Cornell University in 1884, Williams worked for a New York City newspaper. In 1889, he was appointed private secretary to Governor David B. Hill (1834-1910) and was retained when Roswell P. Flower (1835-1899) succeeded Hill. In 1895, after exploring a return to newspaper work, Williams joined the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Co. and served as President of the company from 1911 until his retirement. Williams was an amateur historian interested in Cotton Mather, witchcraft in New England, Long Island, and Tangier Smith. Manton Marble (1834-1917), also a newspaperman, was active in the Democratic Party when Williams was.

The most extensive part of the Williams Papers is the correspondence. There are 17 volumes of letters (indexed) written while Williams was secretary to Governors Hill and Flower. An additional 8 volumes of copy books (some with indices) and one box contain letters concerning all aspects of Williams' life--personal, political, and business. Additional political and government materials include drafts of Democratic Party platforms, 1891-1894; speeches; legislative bills and research; a few items concerning N.Y. State executive departments, 1889-1893; and correspondence, speeches, and biographical papers of Hill, Flower, and Marble. The business records are found among the letters, in two folders concerning ownership and control of newspapers (1895), and in two folders of transit materials most of which relate to the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company, 1883-1899. The personal papers include school records, Cornell alumni items, clippings, ephemera, scrapbooks, and Williams' notes on Cotton Mather, New England witchcraft, Tangier Smith, and Long Island. There are memorials and letters of condolence received by Mrs. Williams upon her husband's death.

Special Formats  Photographs  Maps  Audio Tapes  Films  Graphics  
 Artifacts  Machine-readable records  
 Other (list) \_\_\_\_\_

Temporary catalog card added entries Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company; Cornell University; Democratic Party; Roswell P. Flower; David B. Hill; Manton Marble; Cotton Mather; New York (City)--Brooklyn; New York (City)--Transit systems; New York (State)--Governors; New York (State)--Long Island; New York (State)--Politics and Government; Newspapers; Tangier Smith; Witchcraft--New England

Accessioned by *[Signature]*

Date August 5, 1952

TIMOTHY SHALER WILLIAMS

Letter Copy Books:

- Personal, 1889-1919 (8 blue volumes)
- N.Y. Governors, 1889-1894 (17 red volumes)

Boxes:

- 1 Correspondence, 1886-1929
- 2 David B. Hill, 1891-1926  
Roswell P. Flower, 1877-1916  
Manton Marble, 1890-1921
- 3 Government and Politics
- 4 Business--Transit, 1883-1899, and Newspapers, 1895  
Grammar and High School, 1876-1880  
Cornell University, 1883-1929  
Letters of condolence to Mrs. Williams, 1930  
Clippings, 1892-1896  
Printed Ephemera, 1901-1929
- 5 Historical notes on Cotton Mather and New England witchcraft
- 6 Historical Notes on Long Island and Tangier Smith
- 7 Scrapbooks, 1889-1907
- 8 Scrapbooks, 1885-1929

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Container list

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5. Business--Transit: negotiations, etc.  
Newspaper clippings  
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11. Scrapbooks:  
Transit clippings (2)  
Speeches of T.S. Williams