



Clyde Williams Papers (C4800)

Collection Number: C4800

Collection Title: Clyde Williams Papers

Dates: 1894-1950

Creator: Williams, Clyde, 1873-1954

Abstract: These records consist of speeches, news clippings, genealogy records, and handwritten notes from Clyde Williams who was a lawyer from Jefferson City and a Democratic U.S. Representative in the late 1920s to the early 1940s.

Collection Size: 0.8 cubic feet, 198 MB of digital files
(11 folders)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

Restrictions on Access: Collection is open for research but may be stored offsite. This collection is available at [The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Columbia](#). If you would like more information, please contact us at columbia@shsmo.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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Historical Note:

Clyde Williams was a U.S. Representative from the state of Missouri from late 1920s to the early 1940s. He was born in Grubville, Jefferson County, Missouri on October 13, 1873. He attended De Soto High School and the State Normal School in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. After graduating, he attended the University of Missouri where he graduated from law school in 1901. He started practicing law in De Soto, Missouri, that same year and went on to be the prosecuting attorney for Jefferson County from 1902 until 1908. He was first elected in 1926 from the 13th District and re-elected in 1930 and 1932. From 1934 to 1942 he served in Missouri's 8th District. He was a representative until 1943 when he was unsuccessful in getting re-elected.

He was a U.S. Representative during the Great Depression and World War II. He continued his law practice in Washington D.C., working for the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. He served as the president of the Jefferson Trust Co. in Hillsboro, Missouri, and president of the Bank of Hillsboro. He died in St. Louis, Missouri, on November 12, 1954, and is buried in the Hillsboro, Cemetery.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following 2 series.

Papers
Born Digital Files

Scope and Content Note:**Papers**

Papers consist of speeches from Clyde William's career as a lawyer and U.S. representative. The speeches primarily deal with campaigns, dedications, service club speeches, patriotism and democracy, farmers and conservation, the Great Depression, and matters before Congress. Also included are newspaper clippings of Williams' career, genealogy information on the Williams family, and one daily reminder book from 1928 which Williams used to write down his thoughts and musings about government and life. One folder includes the deposition of Zona Jones in 1930 and financial records from 1926 .

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This series includes one political scrapbook dated 1928-1932, that includes invitations, programs, calling cards, photographs, and newspaper clippings.

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