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personal name

DeVries, Marion (b. 1865)

McKinley, William, Pres. United States, 1896-1901

Burroughs, William H.

corporate name

Lindenhurst Estates Company (New York, N.Y.)

United States Court of Customs Appeals

subject

Politicians - California - San Joaquin County

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Politicians - Social life and customs

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San Joaquin County (Calif.) - Politics and government

Biography

Marion DeVries (b.1865), attorney, member of the U.S. House of Representatives and subsequently Justice of the U.S. Court of Customs Appeals, was born and raised in San Joaquin County, where his father, William H., farmed 700 acres in the Lodi area. DeVries received a B.A. (1885) from local San Joaquin Valley College, the first institution of higher learning in the San Joaquin Valley, and studied law at the University of Michigan (1886-1887), where he was class valedictorian. Returning to Stockton, DeVries entered into law partnerships, first with attorney John B. Hall (1887-1889), then with W.B. Nutter (1889-). In 1896 he was elected as a Democrat to the U.S. House of Representatives, where he served two terms (1897-1900). To remove the popular Democrat from his seat in what was normally a Republican stronghold, William McKinley appointed DeVries to the U.S. Court of Customs Appeals and he remained in this post until retirement (c1930). Evidence in the collection suggests that DeVries subsequently became a Republican. During these years DeVries lived in Washington D.C., where he continued private law practice in partnership with George Roscoe Davis. DeVries also operated his family ranch in San Joaquin County until his death. The DeVries Papers contain business papers of New York real estate developer, William H. Burroughs. Evidence in these papers indicates that Burroughs was president of the Lindenhurst Estates Co. near Babylon, Long Island (1912-1923). Burroughs' relationship to Marion DeVries is unclear.

Scope and Content

The Marion DeVries Papers consist of business papers, correspondence and memorabilia of Judge Marion DeVries. Although dates of documents in the collection range from 1760 to 1930, most of the business papers and correspondence date between 1899 and 1928 and relate to DeVries career as a Judge. The DeVries memorabilia consists almost entirely of invitations sent to Congressman or Judge DeVries (1898-1902). The DeVries papers also contains correspondence and business papers pertaining to William H. Burroughs' Lindenhurst Estates Co. on Long Island (1912-1923).

BOX 1: MARION DEVRIES PAPERS

1.1: DEVRIES FAMILY DEEDS

a-John Hood land, Baltimore County MD (1760)

b-Gaib DeVries land, Carroll County MD (1843)

c-Henry DeVries land, Anne Arundel County MD (1850)

d-Henry DeVries land, Carroll County MD (1850)

1.2: WILL OF OWEN ELDER, CARROLL COUNTY MD (1857) [father-in-law of Executor, Henry DeVries; states that Elder's land shall be sold to DeVries]

1.3: "HOW TO KNOW THE NATIONAL CITY" [incl. Map] (1894) [probably used by Congressman Marion DeVries]

1.4: MISC. POLITICAL CORRESP. (1899-1927)

a-Alice M. Birney et al. to Mrs. Marion DeVries, 11-13-99 [request for support for removal of Utah Congressman for bigamy]

b-MdV to Wm. Burgess, Syracuse NY, 8-1-08

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- c-MdV to R.C. Scomp, Thornton CA, 5-13-12
 - d-MdV to Albert M. Stiljes, Oakland CA, 11-15-12
 - e-W. Tumelty, Pres. Woodrow Wilson's scty. to MdV, 1-12-14
 - f-Sen. Claude A. Swanson, VA to MdV, 1-14-14
 - g-Rep. O.W. Underwood to MdV, 1-27-14
 - h-J.C. McReynolds, US Attorney General to MdV, 2-5-14 [2 pp.]
 - i-Rep. O.W. Underwood to MdV, 2-13-14
 - j-E.S. Pillsbury, atty. to MdV, 3-12-14
 - k-Rep. Champ Clark to MdV, 3-19-14 [2 pp.]
 - l-E.S. Pillsbury, atty to MdV, 3-27-14
 - m-W. Tumelty, Pres. Woodrow Wilson's scty to MdV, 5-15-14
 - n-ESP to MdV, 5-15-14
 - o-Garret W. McEnerney, atty to MdV, 5-16-14
 - p-Sen. William E. Borah to MdV, 5-29-14
 - q-Sen. Reed Smoot to MdV, 6-3-14
 - r-Ruskin McArdle to MdV, 10-23-14
 - s-Geo. F. De Venny, scty to MdV, to Mrs. Ella M. Gross, Baltimore MD, 4-13-27
 - 1.5: MARION DEVRIES BUSINESS PAPERS (1899-1925)
 - a-D.B. Hamilton to MdV, 12-15-99
 - b-Cement Age subscription notices, 1909 [two postcards]
 - c-L. Barth, China & Glass, NYC to MdV, 8-12-12
 - d-Do., 9-4-12
 - e-Do., 10-11-12
 - f-Ben Colborn, Oakland CA, 8-23-16
 - g-Haden Smith, Woodland CA to MdV, 9-18-16
 - h-H. Byers, San Francisco CA note to MdV?, n.d. [pencil on Central Hotel stationery, 1915]
 - i-David S. Rosenbaum, Stockton CA to MdV, 4-15-14
 - j-Robt. H. Wright, Stockton CA to MdV, 9-11-15
 - k-Promissory note from MdV to Eliza J. DeVries, 4-30-24
 - l-MdV check for \$4,000 to Eliza J. DeVries, 5-1-25
 - 1.6: DEVRIES FAMILY CORRESP. (1910; 1924-1925)
 - a-W.G. DeVries, Lodi to L.E. Russell, 11-7-10
 - b-"Aunt Eliza," Baltimore to "My Dear Nephew," 3-17-24
 - c-Eliza J. DeVries, Baltimore MD to Wm. A. Sellman, 5-26-25 [2 pp.]
 - 1.7: MARION DEVRIES BUSINESS RECEIPTS (1898-1928) [4 items]
 - 1.8: MISC. BANK STMTS. INCL. LODI RANCH CHECK REGISTER (1928)
 - 1.9: MISCELLANY
 - a-Sen. Reed Smoot, UT. "Cotton Tariff Speech," 1909
 - b-Ira J. Condit. "The Loquat," 1915
 - c-"Map of property at Wantagh [NY]...purchased by A.H. Balcom and D.S. Denton," n.d.
 - d-MdV certificate of appt. as Asst. Sgt. At Arms to Republican Natl. Convention, 1920
 - e-Estate of Eliza J. DeVries fire insurance policies, 1928-1929
 - 1.10: MARION DEVRIES MEMORABILIA: Invitations to White House functions, 1898-1902 [7 items; incl. seating chart]
 - 1.11: MARION DEVRIES MEMORABILIA: Other Political Invitations, 1898-1900 [7 items; incl. receptions for Gov. of Texas, Hawaii & Penna. & Senators from NY; 3 passes to House of Representatives]
 - 1.12: MARION DEVRIES MEMORABILIA: Invitations to Non-political Ceremonies [8 items; incl. Trans-Mississippi Exposition & NY Electrical Society (1898); Minnesota Natl. Park & Forestry Assn. & Natl. Export Exposition (1899)]
 - 1.13: MARION DEVRIES MEMORABILIA: Invitations to College Ceremonies [5 items; incl. Dominican College, San Rafael CA (1896); Georgetown Law School graduation (1898); inauguration of Benj. Ide Wheeler, Pres. of University of California (1899)]
 - 1.14: MARION DEVRIES MEMORABILIA: Invitations to Club Functions [7 items; incl. Iroquois Club, San Francisco (1898); Gridiron Club, Washington DC (1900)]
 - 1.15: MARION DEVRIES MEMORABILIA: Invitations to Weddings, Funerals, etc. [25 items; incl. Thank you note from Mrs. McKinley following husband's death]
 - 1.16: WILLIAM H. BURROUGHS, NYC---BUSINESS CORRESP., 1910-1915 [30 items]
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- 1.17: WILLIAM H. BURROUGHS, NYC---BUSINESS CORRESP., 1916 [16 items]
- 1.18: WILLIAM H. BURROUGHS, NYC---BUSINESS CORRESP., 1917-1923 [34 items]
- 1.19: WILLIAM H. BURROUGHS, NYC---BUSINESS PAPERS, 1910-1922 [12 items; Articles of Incorporation of City & Urban Railway Co., NYC, 1910]
- 1.20: ABANDONED RAILWAY AT LINDENHURST, L.I. (1915) [3 snapshots]