

# Guide to the Ebenezer J. Hill Papers

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 279

**CREATOR:** Hill, Ebenezer J., 1845-1917

**TITLE:** Ebenezer J. Hill papers

**DATES:** 1884-1913

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 24.25 linear feet

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The papers consist of correspondence, bills, research materials, and topical files which document the political career of Ebenezer J. Hill, a United States Congressman from Connecticut, 1895-1913 and 1915-1917. Correspondence files contain constituent mail regarding requests for publications, political appointments, favors, and suggested votes on pending legislation. Frequent topics are military pensions, banking issues, currency matters, and U.S. Post Office appointments in Connecticut.

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b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Transferred from Vassar College Library, 1949; gift of Leslie Latham, 2001.

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The materials are open for research.

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## Biographical / Historical

Ebenezer J. Hill was born in Redding, Connecticut on August 4, 1845. He attended Yale College (Class of 1865) and served in the U.S. Army in a civilian capacity in 1863. Hill was a businessman and politician in Norwalk, Connecticut. He was elected to the U.S. Congress and served from 1895-1913 and 1915-1917. He died in 1917.

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## Scope and Contents

The Ebenezer J. Hill Papers consist of correspondence, bills, research materials, and topical files which document the political career of Ebenezer J. Hill, a Connecticut congressman from 1895-1913 and 1915-1917. Span dates for the papers are 1884-1911, with the bulk of material dating from 1895-1911.

The papers are arranged in two series. SERIES I, Correspondence, 1884-1911 contains letters to and from constituents on a variety of topics including: requests for publications, political appointments, and favors. Other frequent topics are: military pensions, banking issues, currency matters, pending legislation, and the subject of U.S. Post Office positions (postmasters) within Hill's congressional district. Prior to 1900, only letters to Hill are available in the papers. After 1900, however, carbon copies of replies often remain with incoming letters.

SERIES II, Topical Files, 1900-1907, consists of correspondence, notes, and other material which document selected areas of interest for Hill and his constituents. Among these topics are: pensions, post office matters, and the eight-hour work day.

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## Arrangement

Arranged in two series and one addition: I. Correspondence, 1884-1911. II. Topical Files, 1900-1907.

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## Collection Contents

### Series I: Correspondence, 1884-1911

This series contains correspondence arranged in chronological order (boxes 1-19) and in alphabetical order (boxes 20-52).

b. 1, f. 1-12	1884-1895 September 30	1884-1895 September 30
b. 2, f. 13-27	1895 October 1-1896 January	1895 October 1-1896 January
b. 3, f. 28-47	1896 January-March	1896 January- March
b. 4, f. 48-60	1896 March-May 23	1896 March- May 23
b. 5, f. 61-74	1896 May 25-October 15	1896 May 25- October 15
b. 6, f. 75-83	1896 October 16-1897 January 30	1896 October 16-1897 January 30
b. 7, f. 84-98	1897 February 1-March 26	1897 February 1- March 26
b. 8, f. 99-112	1897 March 27-May 21	1897 March 27- May 21
b. 9, f. 113-129	1897 May 22-July 27	1897 May 22- July 27
b. 10, f. 130-146	1897 July 28-November 30	1897 July 28- November 30
b. 11, f. 147-162	1897 December 1-1898 February 8	1897 December 1-1898 February 8
b. 12, f. 163-176	1898 February 9-April 21	1898 February 9- April 21
b. 13, f. 177-190	1898 April 22-June 24	1898 April 22- June 24
b. 14, f. 191-205	1898 June 25-1899 January 31	1898 June 25-1899 January 31
b. 15, f. 206-215	1899 February 1-September 19	1899 February 1- September 19
b. 16, f. 216-223	1899 September 20-1900 June 18	1899 September 20-1900 June 18

b. 17, f. 224-236	1900 June 19-November 18	1900 June 19- November 18
b. 18, f. 237-248	1900 November 19-December 18	1900 November 19-December 18
b. 19, f. 249-254	1900 December 19-31	1900 December 19-31
b. 20, f. 255-265	A-N	1901 January
b. 21, f. 266-270	O-Z	1901 January
b. 21, f. 271-275	A-H	1901 February
b. 22, f. 276-282	I-Z	1901 February
b. 22, f. 283-290	A-Z	1901 March
b. 23, f. 291-294	A-Z	1901 April- August
b. 23, f. 295-299	A-Z	1901 September
b. 23, f. 300-303	A-O	1901 October
b. 24, f. 304-306	P-Z	1901 October
b. 24, f. 307-313	A-Z	1901 November
b. 24, f. 314-317	A-E	1901 December
b. 25, f. 318-325	F-Z	1901 December
b. 25, f. 326-330	A-G	1902 January
b. 26, f. 331-337	H-Z	1902 January
b. 26, f. 338-340	A-G	1902 February
b. 27, f. 341-346	H-Z	1902 February
b. 27, f. 347-352	A-L	1902 March
b. 28, f. 353-357	M-Z	1902 March
b. 28, f. 358-364	A-Z	1902 September
b. 28, f. 365-366	A-D	1902 December
b. 29, f. 367-371	E-Z	1902 December
b. 29, f. 372-380	A-Z	1903 April - May
b. 30, f. 381-391	A-S	1903 October- December
b. 31, f. 392	T-Z	1903 October- December

b. 31, f. 393-402	A-Z	1904 January
b. 31, f. 403-404	A-B	1904 February
b. 32, f. 405-421	B-O	1904 February- March
b. 33, f. 422-430	P-Z	1904 February- March
b. 33, f. 431-436	A-Ho	1904 April-May
b. 34, f. 437-445	Ho-Z	1904 April-May
b. 34, f. 446-449	A-D	1904 June- August 1
b. 35, f. 450-459	E-Z	1904 June- August 1
b. 35, f. 460-462	A-C	1904 August 1- September
b. 36, f. 463-471	C-Z	1904 August 1- September
b. 36, f. 472-474	A-C	1904 October- December 1
b. 37, f. 475-487	C-Z	1904 October- December 1
b. 38, f. 488-499	A-P	1904 December 1-1905 February 1
b. 39, f. 500-502	P-Z	1904 December 1- 905 February 1
b. 39, f. 503-511	A-M	1905 February- March
b. 40, f. 512-518	M-Z	1905 February- March
b. 40, f. 519-523	A-K	1905 April
b. 41, f. 524-526	L-Z	1905 April
b. 41, f. 527-535	A-Z	1905 May-June
b. 42, f. 536-548	A-Z	1905 July- October
b. 42, f. 549	A-Z	1905 December
b. 42, f. 550-552	A-D	1906 January
b. 43, f. 553-559	E-Z	1906 January

b. 43, f. 560-564	A-M	1906 February
b. 44, f. 565-567	L-Z	1906 February
b. 44, f. 568-576	A-O	1906 May-June
b. 45, f. 577-580	P-Z	1906 May-June
b. 45, f. 581-588	A-P	1906 July- September
b. 46, f. 589-591	Q-W	1906 July- September
b. 46, f. 592-598	A-Z	1906 October
b. 46, f. 599-600	A-C	1907 January
b. 47, f. 601-607	D-Z	1907 January
b. 47, f. 608-613	A-Q	1907 February
b. 48, f. 614-615	R-Z	1907 February
b. 48, f. 616-623	A-Z	1907 March- April
b. 48, f. 624-625	A-C	1907 May-June
b. 49, f. 626-634	D-Z	1907 May-June
b. 49, f. 635-637	A-Z	1907 September
b. 49, f. 638-642	A-L	1907 December
b. 50, f. 643-646	L-Z	1907 December
b. 50, f. 647-652	A-Z	1908 April
b. 50, f. 653-655	A-G	1909 September- December
b. 51, f. 656-660	G-Z	1909 September- December
b. 51, f. 661-664	A-Z	1910 May
b. 51, f. 665-667	A-L	1911 January- July
b. 52, f. 668-671	K-Z	1911 January- July
b. 52, f. 672-677	A-Z	1911 October- December



**Series II: Topical Files, 1900-1907**

This series contains an alphabetical arrangement of topical files.

b. 53, f. 678-680	Bills	1905-1907
b. 53, f. 681	Dairy operations: Connecticut	
b. 53, f. 682	Eight-hour work day	1904
b. 53, f. 683	Pensions	1900-1904
b. 53, f. 684	Peoples' Bank of St. Louis	1905
b. 53, f. 685	Petitions	1901-1904
	Post Offices	
b. 53, f. 686	Danbury	1903-1904
b. 53, f. 687	Fairfield	1901
b. 54, f. 688	New Hartford	1902
b. 54, f. 689-690	Norwalk	1902-1904
b. 54, f. 691	Ridgefield	1902
b. 54, f. 692	Winstead	1902
b. 54, f. 693-694	Woodbury	1901-1904
b. 54, f. 695	Public debt	1903
b. 54, f. 696	Rural free delivery	1902-1904
b. 54, f. 697	Seed distribution requests	1903
b. 54, f. 698	U.S. Consulate: Glachav, Germany	1901
b. 54, f. 699	Ways and Means Committee	1902

## Accession 2002-M-032: Additional Material

Personal congressional records [nine bound volumes of issues of the *Congressional Record* which reference Hill]

b. 1	Fifty-fourth Congress - Fifty-seventh Congress	1895-1903
b. 2	Fifty-eighth Congress - Sixty-second Congress	1903-1913

## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Subjects**

Businessmen  
Postal service -- Connecticut

### **Geographic Names**

Connecticut -- Politics and government  
United States -- Politics and government

### **Occupations**

Legislators  
Politicians

### **Names**

Hill, Ebenezer J., 1845-1917  
Platt, Orville Hitchcock, 1827-1905  
Porter, John Addison, 1856-1900  
Taft, William H. (William Howard), 1857-1930

### **Corporate Bodies**

Republican Party. National Committee  
United States. Congress. House