

ALBERT JEREMIAH BEVERIDGE LETTERS, 1907-1908

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Albert Jeremiah Beveridge (1862-1927), the son of Thomas H. and Frances (Parkinson) Beveridge, was born in Highland County, Ohio. In 1885, he graduated from Asbury College, now DePauw University, in Greencastle, Indiana. Upon his admittance to the bar in 1887, he began a 12 year career as a lawyer in Indianapolis. Beveridge was twice married. In 1887, he married Katharine Langsdale (d. 1900) of Greenwood. Seven years after his first wife's death, he married Catherine Eddy of Chicago.

While practicing law, Beveridge became know as an orator and Republican campaign speaker. In 1889, at the age of 36, he was elected to the United States Senate, becoming one of the youngest senators to ever serve. He was re-elected in 1905, but failed to secure a third term. His senatorial career was marked by fierce independence and party revolt. Beveridge was one of the original Progressive Republicans, who supported many of the policies of President Theodore Roosevelt. When Roosevelt formed the Progressive ("Bull Moose") Party in 1912, Beveridge joined him. That same year, Beveridge was nominated as the Progressive Party candidate for Indiana governor. In 1916, he rejoined the Republican Party. Beveridge lost a nomination for a Senate seat in 1922, and retired from political life.

Beveridge was perhaps more distinguished as a historical writer than as a politician. He was the author of numerous books, including *The Russian Advance* (1903), *Americans of Tomorrow and Today* (1908), *What is Back of the War* (1915), and *The State and The Nation* (1924). He is best remembered for his four volume biography of Chief Justice John Marshall, which was widely praised by scholars and critics. At the time of his death, Beveridge was near completion of the first two volumes of a similar work on Abraham Lincoln.

William Eastin English (1850-1926) was the son of Indiana politician William Hayden English. William E. was born in "Englishton Park" near Lexington, Indiana (Scott Co.). He moved to Indianapolis in 1865 with his family, where he attended public and private schools. English received a law degree from Northwestern Christian University (present-day Butler University) in 1873. He was admitted to the bar the same year and practiced law in Indianapolis until 1882. In 1880, his father built English's Opera House in Indianapolis, which William E. managed for a period of time. In 1930, the opera house's name was changed to The English Theatre.

English served as a Democratic state representative (1880-1884), and was a delegate to the Democratic National Conventions of 1892 and 1896. In 1900, English joined the Republican Party. He served as captain and aide-de-camp to General Joseph Wheeler during the Spanish-American War. English was a delegate to the Republican National Convention of 1912, and was a Republican state senator from 1916 until his death in 1926.

English married Anna Josephine Desmond Fox (d. 1885) in 1880. After her death, he married Helen Orr Phaff in 1898; they had one child.

(For more information, see card catalog under: English, William Eastin and English, William Hayden. See also: SC 550, William E. English Will & Testament; M 98, William H. English Collection; SC 1086, English Collection; SC 2096, "Boarding the Boat"; BV 2571-72, William H. English Autograph Books; BV 2574, William H. English "Mementos"; M 451, English Theatre Records.)

Charles Calmer Hart (1878-1956) was born in Bryant, Indiana (Jay Co.). He became a reporter for *The San Francisco Call* in 1897, and later served as editor of *The Geneva Herald* in Geneva, Indiana (Adams Co.). Hart left the *Herald* to take a position as city editor of *The Muncie Star* (Delaware Co.). He worked as a reporter for *The Indianapolis Star* (1906-1907) before moving to Spokane, Washington, to work as city editor for *The Spokesman-Review* (1907-1910). Hart worked as Washington [D.C.?] correspondent for several newspapers for 15 years. He authored *Say Bloodshed and Tyranny in Korea Continue*.

In 1925, President Calvin Coolidge appointed him minister to Albania. He became minister to Persia under President Herbert Hoover four years later, a position he held until 1933.

Hart's first wife was Bertha Hall; they had one daughter. He later married Ruth Lymond of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and had one daughter and a son, John Lymond.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of three letters (1907-1908) from Albert J. Beveridge. The first is a letter of introduction for Charles C. Hart to Levi P. Ankeny, a senator from Washington. The other two letters are written to William E. English congratulating him on his nomination as state senator. The letters are arranged chronologically.

CATALOGUING INFORMATION

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