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**COL. EDWIN POPE THAYER
PHOTOGRAPHS, 1920–1927**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Colonel Edwin Pope Thayer (15 December 1864–1 February 1943) was born in Greenfield, Indiana. He attended DePauw University, graduating in 1886. He then served in the Spanish-American War (1898) as a regimental commander with Indiana's 158th Volunteers and another twelve years as a colonel in the Indiana National Guard. He was an assistant to the sergeant-at-arms for the national G.O.P. from 1904 to 1920, becoming sergeant-at-arms himself in 1920.

Thayer served as Secretary of the United States Senate from 1925 to 1933 while the Republicans controlled the Senate. He was an early advocate for the preservation of legislative documents, specifically Senate records, having orchestrated their organization prior to their inclusion in the newly formed National Archives in 1937. He was also influential in the establishment of a Veteran's Hospital in Indianapolis.

Sources:

"Edwin Pope Thayer, Secretary of the Senate, 1925–1933." United States Senate.
<https://www.senate.gov/artandhistory/history/common/generic/SOS_Edwin_Thayer.htm>.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains three photographs of Col. Edwin Pope Thayer in office at the Republican National Convention and the Capitol Building in Washington, D.C. Also included are three newspaper clippings related to Thayer's work in the Republican Party.

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