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Today's Documents

- Eulogy for President Theodore Roosevelt, by Senator Henry Cabot Lodge
- Illustrated letters to Archie and Quentin Roosevelt
- World War I and it's impact on the Roosevelt family
- Materials discussing the attempted assassination of Roosevelt in 1912



Tweed Roosevelt

ADDRESS

OF

Senator Henry Cabot Lodge

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN HONOR OF

THEODORE ROOSEVELT

EX-PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

BEFORE THE

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1919.



WASHINGTON
GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE
1919

*How Is Roosevelt
Remembered?*

Remembering Roosevelt



Pach Bros, *Oval bust portrait of Roosevelt in civilian clothes*, July 14, 1904. Gilder Lehrman Collection

“All the vast and varied work which he accomplished could not have been done unless he had had most exceptional natural abilities, but behind them, most important of all, was the driving force of an intense energy and the ever-present belief that a man could do what he willed to do. As he made himself an athlete, a horseman, a good shot, a bold explorer, so he made himself an exceptionally successful writer and speaker. . . . Roosevelt was always advancing, always struggling to make things better, to carry some much-needed reform, and help humanity to a larger chance, to a fairer condition, to a happier life.”

Eulogy for President Theodore Roosevelt,
given by Senator Henry Cabot Lodge,
February 9, 1919. Gilder Lehrman Collection

The Roosevelt Family

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Photographed at Oyster Bay, N.Y.,
July 2d, 1903.

QUENTIN.

THEODORE, JR.
THE PRESIDENT.

MISS ALICE.
ARCHIE.

KERMIT.

MRS. ROOSEVELT.

ETHEL.

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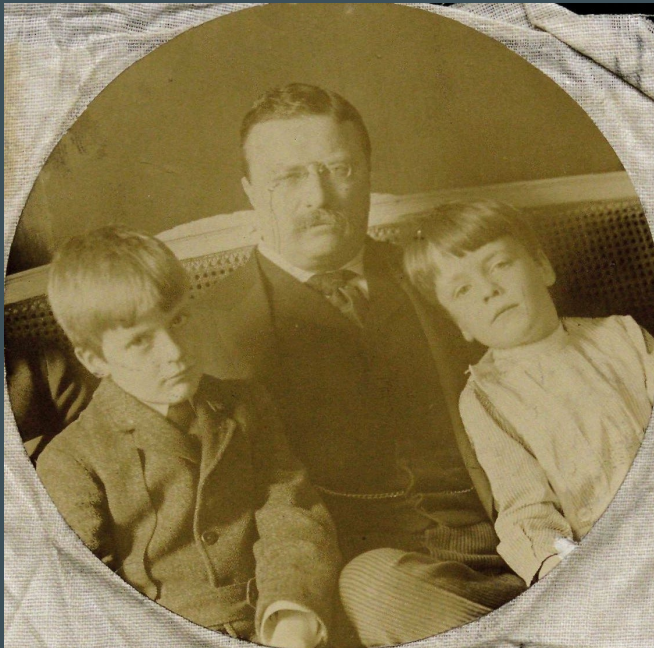
Pach Bros, President Roosevelt and Family, July 2, 1903. Gilder Lehrman Collection

Archibald Roosevelt

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Arthur Hewitt, *Portrait of Theodore Roosevelt with his four sons*, 1904. Gilder Lehrman Collection



Arthur Hewitt, *President Roosevelt and Quentin and Archie*, 1904. Gilder Lehrman Collection

Letter to Archie, August 1910

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The Outlook

287 Fourth Avenue
New York

Office of
Theodore Roosevelt

August 16, 1910.

Dearest Archie:

I hope you and Paine are having a good time.

Give my warmest regards to Captain and Mrs. Bullock. They are just the salt of the earth.

I wish I was with you - that is, on condition the Captain would relapse into the habits of thirty years ago, put on two guns and stand off every body that attempted so much as to speak to me.

I look forward with perfect dread to my three weeks trip in the west. I shall be worn to a frazzle; and this I won't mind; but I shall mind if my throat gives out. Next spring I shall have another touring trip on the Pacific Slope. After this, if fortune favors me, I never intend again to go out on a trip of any length where I shall have to make speeches. I would not mind a week with one speech a day; but people are so utterly inconsiderate (even in South Dakota) that it is impossible to make them understand that when I go to a state it is simply not in my power to speak in forty or fifty cities in that state.

Pine Knot is as good as gold; but he is a big horse, with large gaits, and pretty mother

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fairly got out of breath on him. She was so stiff she could hardly move for two days after riding him. I have had only one ride with her, for, unfortunately, I am at the moment rather laid up with trouble in the leg that got smashed in the trolley accident eight years ago.

Quintin is having a lovely time, treating mother and Mike as his two especial playmates.

I wonder whether you have had any chances to shoot either your rifle or your shot-gun?

Affectionately your father,

T. R.

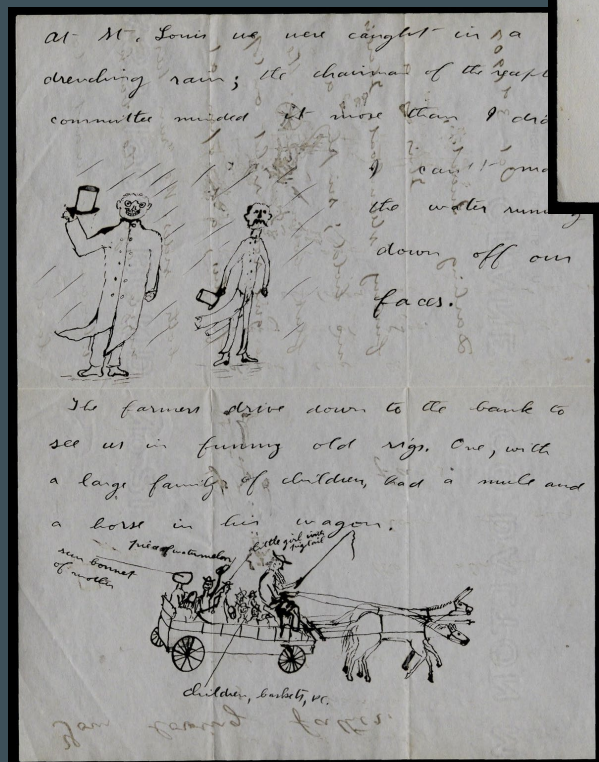
Archibald B. Roosevelt, Esq.,
C/o Capt. Seth Bullock,
Deadwood, S. D.

Sketch sent to Archie, August 1910

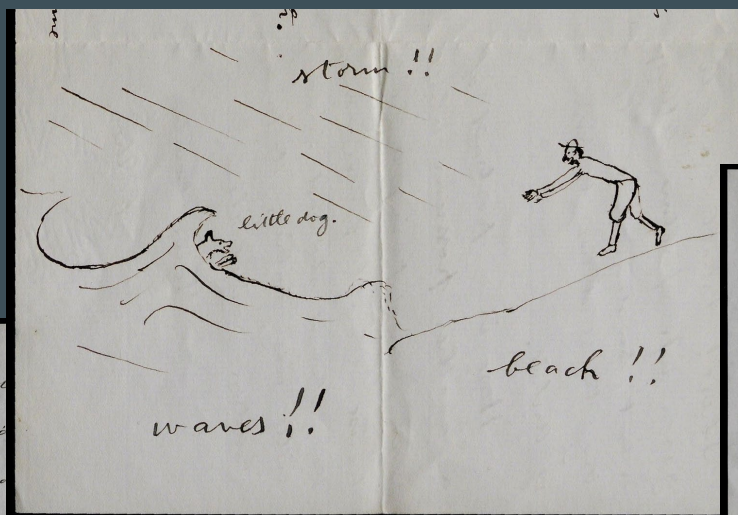


Picture Letters to Quentin, October 1907

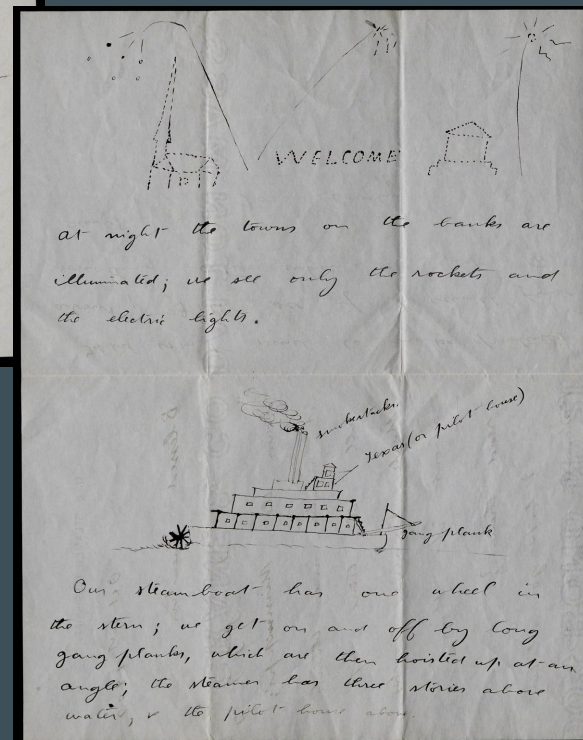
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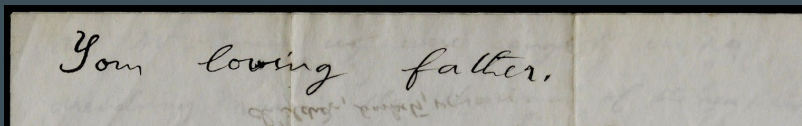
Theodore Roosevelt to Quentin Roosevelt, October 3,
1907. The Gilder Lehrman Collection



Theodore Roosevelt to Quentin
Roosevelt, October 6, 1907. The Gilder
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Theodore Roosevelt to Quentin Roosevelt,
October 1, 1907. The Gilder Lehrman Collection



Sketch sent to Archie, August 1910



THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

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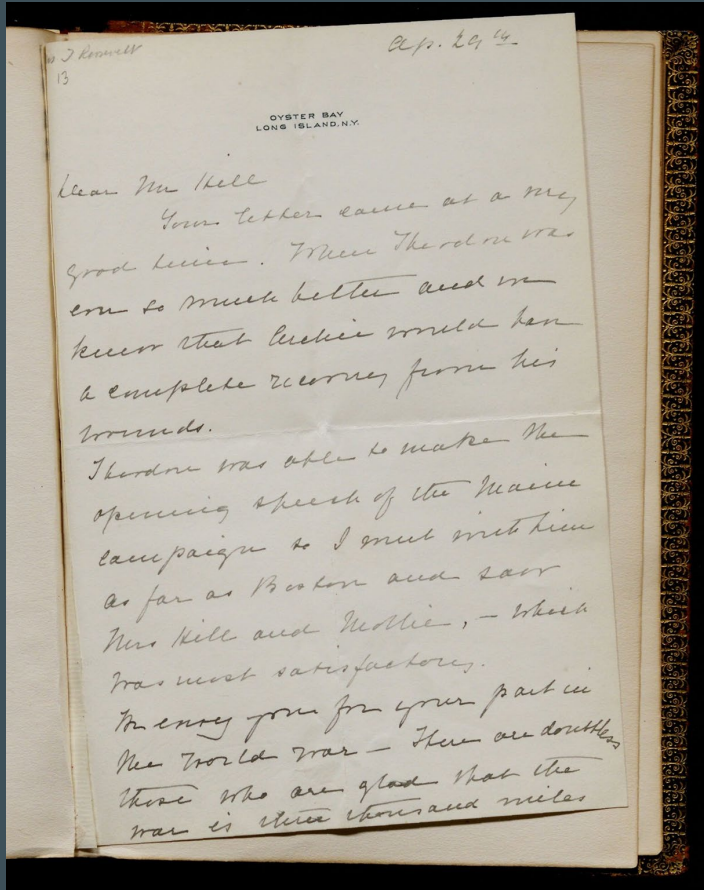
in 1914, when Belgium was invaded. He would have had us go to war when the murders of the *Lusitania* were perpetrated. He tried to stir the soul and rouse the spirit of the American people, and despite every obstacle he did awaken them, so that when the hour came, in April, 1917, a large proportion of the American people were even then ready in spirit and in hope. How telling his work had been was proved by the confession of his country's enemies, for when he died the only discordant note, the only harsh words, came from the German press. Germany knew whose voice it was that more powerfully than any other had called Americans to the battle in behalf of freedom and civilization, where the advent of the armies of the United States gave victory to the cause of justice and righteousness.

When the United States went to war Colonel Roosevelt's one desire was to be allowed to go to the fighting line. There if fate had laid its hand upon him it would have found him glad to fall in the trenches or in a charge at the head of his men, but it was not permitted to him to go, and thus he was denied the reward which he would have ranked above all others, "the great prize of death in battle." But he was a patriot in every fiber of his being, and personal dis-

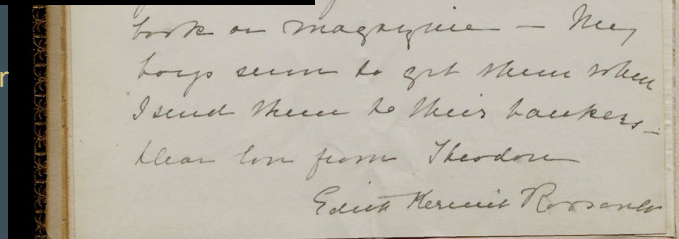
World War I

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World War I's Impact on the Roosevelt Family



Edith Kermit Roosevelt to Arthur D. Hill, April 29, 1918. Gilder Lehrman Collection.



- “we know that Archie would have a complete recovery from his wounds.”
- “Theodore was asked to make the opening speech of the Maine campaign.”
- “Kermit has got his transfer from the B.E.F. in Mesopotamia to the A.E.F. in France.”
- “We envy you for your part in the world war.”

Quentin Roosevelt, 1912

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U.S. Committee on Public Information,
At the grave of Lt. Quentin Roosevelt,
1918. Gilder Lehrman Collection

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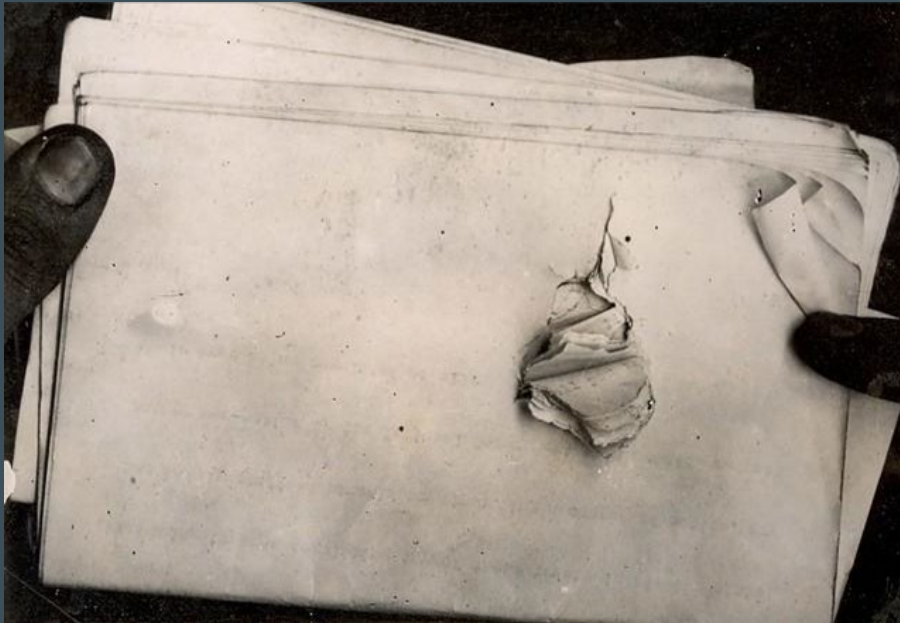
PREPARE TO GREET TEACHERS

A black and white portrait of a man with dark hair, wearing a suit and tie. He is looking slightly to the right of the camera. The background is a plain, light color.

Plan to stop the former president was made many weeks ago.

The Lake County Times, *Theo. Roosevelt Is Shot by a Maniac*, October 15, 1912. Image courtesy of the Library of Congress.

Assassination Attempt, 1912



Papers in Roosevelt's pockets at the time he was shot, showing where the bullet struck, October 14, 1912.
Theodore Roosevelt Collection, Flickr Creative Commons



Yana Paskova, Eyeglass Case, 2012.
Image Courtesy of the *New York Times*

Assassination Attempt

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The Outlook

287 Fourth Avenue

New York

Oyster Bay- November second, 1912.

Office of
Theodore Roosevelt

My dear Governor Woodruff:

During the last three days I have received many scores of urgent requests to speak in the various cities where it had been announced that I was to speak during the closing fortnight of the campaign—messages from Philadelphia, from Buffalo, from Rochester, from Syracuse and Albany, from Hartford and New Haven, and from many other cities. It was with the most genuine regret that I was obliged to answer that it was a physical impossibility for me to do as I would so like to have done and speak in these cities. Through no fault of mine I was obliged to abandon the engagements I had made and to ask my friends and fellow-citizens to accept a written message from me in lieu of the words I had hoped to speak face to face with them.

I particularly regret my inability to come to Brooklyn. I feel under peculiar obligations to the good people of Brooklyn. In this fight Brooklyn took the lead and set the pace for the



Progressive Party Campaign
Button, ca. 1912. Gilder Lehrman
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Theodore Roosevelt to Timothy L.
Woodruff, November 2, 1912.
Gilder Lehrman Collection



Upcoming Programs

- *History's Theodore Roosevelt* Two-Night Event Premieres Memorial Day at 8/7c
- *Inside the Vault*, June 2 at 7 p.m. ET (4 p.m. PT)
 - Professor Michael Neiberg will be joining us to discuss D-Day in maps and letters from soldiers and their families.
- The Gilder Lehrman Teacher Symposium at Gettysburg College, July 9 through Tuesday, July 12, 2022. We will be offering eight different courses that run concurrently during the Symposium, led by prominent scholars.
- Self-Paced Courses
 - *The Era of Theodore Roosevelt*, led by Bruce Schulman, Boston University
 - *Conflict and Reform: The United States, 1877–1920*, led by Michael Kazin, Georgetown University