

THE FAMILY ARCHIVES

HERITAGE DOSSIER: THEODORE ROOSEVELT

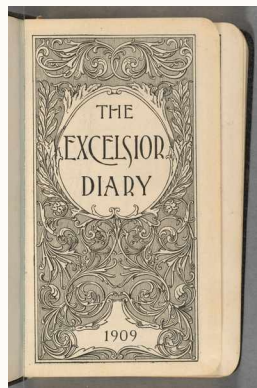
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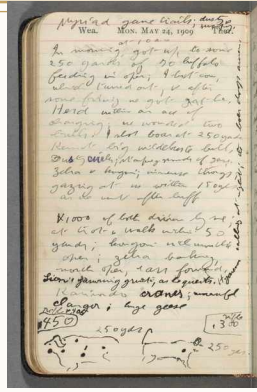
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HCL Collection - Series 15

"THE EXCELSIOR DIARY 1909"

YEAR	1909
TOPE	Formal, Decorative
RELATIONSHIP	Not applicable, as it is a title page.
SETTING	A printed page, likely from a commercially produced diary, designed with elaborate ornamentation.
EVIDENCE	Title page of a diary, featuring an ornate, decorative border with an oval-shaped frame, scrolling vines, leaves, and floral motifs, rendered with fine lines and cross-hatching, reflecting Art Nouveau or late Victorian style.
CURIOSITY	The detailed Art Nouveau design of the diary's title page provides insight into the aesthetic trends of printed materials in 1909.
FINANCIAL	Null
CONTEXT	This document serves as the introductory page for a diary, establishing its identity and the year of its intended use within a historical collection.



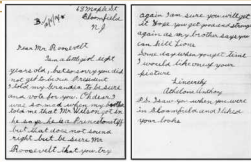


This archival record presents the title page of "The Excelsior Diary" for the year 1909. The page is characterized by an elaborate, decorative border, featuring an oval-shaped frame with scrolling vines, leaves, and floral motifs. The detailed design, rendered with fine lines and cross-hatching, reflects the Art Nouveau or late Victorian aesthetic prevalent in printed materials of that period.

Letters from 1912 - Anthony Athelone

"Oh dear, I was so mad when my brother told me that Mr. Wilson got in."

YEAR	1912
INDIVIDUALS	Mr Roosevelt, Mr Wilson, Athelone Anthony
LOCATIONS	Bloomfield, New Jersey, Princeton
EVENTS	1912 United States Presidential Election
TOPE	Disappointed, Encouraging
RELATIONSHIP	A young admirer, Athelone Anthony, is writing to a prominent political figure, Theodore Roosevelt. Her tone is one of earnest support, disappointment, and encouragement, reflecting a child's direct and unfiltered emotional response to political events.
SETTING	A child's home in Bloomfield, New Jersey, where a letter is being composed, likely at a desk or table.
EVIDENCE	Handwritten letter.
CURIOSITY	The letter provides a unique child's perspective on a significant national election, highlighting the personal impact of political outcomes on families and the informal ways political discourse permeated daily life, even among children. The reference to Roosevelt being able to "kill Lions" reflects his public image as an adventurer.
FINANCIAL	Null
CONTEXT	This document captures a moment in Athelone Anthony's childhood, reflecting her engagement with national politics at a young age, likely influenced by her family. For Theodore Roosevelt, it represents public sentiment following his unsuccessful third-party bid for the presidency in 1912, demonstrating the emotional impact of his campaign on even the youngest citizens.



This letter, dated shortly after the 1912 U.S. Presidential election, is from eight-year-old Athelone Anthony of Bloomfield, New Jersey, to Theodore Roosevelt. Anthony expresses profound disappointment regarding Roosevelt's electoral defeat, noting her personal efforts to influence her grandfather's vote. She relays her brother's critical remark about Woodrow Wilson and urges Roosevelt to pursue the presidency again. The letter concludes with a request for a photograph and a recollection of seeing Roosevelt during his visit to Bloomfield.

Letters from 1912 - Ruth Hamblen

"If I am but eleven years old, I am just as strong a progressive as anybody else."

YEAR	1912
INDIVIDUALS	Ruth Hamblen, Col Roosevelt, Mr Wilson, Johnson
LOCATIONS	Chicago, Ill.
EVENTS	1912 United States presidential election, Formation of the Progressive (Bull Moose) Party
TONE	Enthusiastic, Loyal
RELATIONSHIP	Ruth Hamblen, an eleven-year-old admirer, is writing to Theodore Roosevelt, a prominent political figure. Her tone is one of enthusiastic support and loyalty, despite his recent electoral defeat.
SETTING	An eleven-year-old girl sits at a desk in Chicago, Illinois, composing a letter to a former president, expressing her political convictions.
EVIDENCE	Handwritten letter
CURIOSITY	The letter highlights the passionate support for Theodore Roosevelt and the Progressive (Bull Moose) Party, even among young citizens, immediately following his defeat in the 1912 presidential election.
FINANCIAL	Null
CONTEXT	This document captures a specific moment in Ruth Hamblen's childhood, demonstrating her early political awareness and fervent support for Theodore Roosevelt during the 1912 presidential election. It shows her engagement with national politics at a young age.

Nov 6, 1912
115 N. Central Ave
Chicago Ill.
Dear Col Roosevelt,
I am but
eleven years old, I am just as
strong progressive as anybody
else. I believe in the Bull Moose
Party down in October
I am staying and am going to
my best and I will
and I will see the next time
and will you good-bye
and very sincerely
Ruth Hamblen

This letter, dated November 6, 1912, is from an eleven-year-old girl, Ruth Hamblen, residing in Chicago, Illinois, to Colonel Theodore Roosevelt. Hamblen declares herself a "strong progressive" and expresses steady loyalty to Roosevelt and the Bull Moose Party, even after Woodrow Wilson's presidential victory. She mentions attending a rally where she heard Roosevelt speak in October and conveys her hope that he will seek the presidency again in the future. The letter provides a glimpse into the political engagement of young citizens during the 1912 election.

Letters from 1912 - Kathryn

"I felt so bad that I just had to write and tell you about it."

YEAR	1914
INDIVIDUALS	Kathryn Opp, Col. Roosevelt, Mashma, G. M. Liberty
LOCATIONS	Elgin, Ill.
EVENTS	1912 United States presidential election, Progressive (Bull Moose) Party
TONE	Disappointed, Hopeful
RELATIONSHIP	Kathryn Opp, a young school child, is writing to Colonel Roosevelt, a prominent political figure. Her tone is one of sincere admiration and sympathy, expressing a child's emotional investment in the election outcome.
SETTING	A child's personal space, likely a home, where she is composing a letter to a national political figure.
EVIDENCE	Handwritten letter
CURIOSITY	The letter highlights the emotional impact of national politics on children, demonstrating a child's strong personal investment in election outcomes and the influence of family figures ('Mashma') on their political perspectives. The reference to the 'New Party' clearly indicates the Progressive (Bull Moose) Party, which Roosevelt led in the 1912 election.
FINANCIAL	Null
CONTEXT	This document provides insight into Kathryn Opp's early political awareness and her personal connection to national political figures, even as a child. It captures a moment of childhood disappointment and hope following a significant national election, demonstrating how political events resonated even with young citizens.

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Nov 7, 1914
Dear Col Roosevelt
I am very sorry that you did not
get elected if school children could vote
you would have elected I hope you know
I had told you about it I wanted to say
that Mashma says next time the President
will win then you will have your work
I will be so glad I get to tell that I don't
had to write and tell you about it
I hope to hear from you soon & remain
Your little friend
Kathryn Opp
write real soon
Edgin Ill
Illinois

This letter, dated November 7, 1914, is from a young school child named Kathryn Opp of Elgin, Illinois, addressed to Colonel Roosevelt. Kathryn expresses deep regret over Roosevelt's recent electoral defeat, likely referring to the 1912 presidential election where he ran as a Progressive (Bull Moose) Party candidate. She conveys a child's earnest belief that his victory would have been assured had school children been enfranchised. The letter also reveals a hopeful outlook, citing Mashma's assurance that the 'New Party' will eventually prevail, bringing Roosevelt back into office.

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EXHIBIT 1: HCL COLLECTION - SERIES 15

THE EXCELSIOR DIARY 1909

EXHIBIT 2: LETTERS FROM 1912 - ANTHONY ATHELONE

68 Maple St Bloomfield N. J. B. ✓10/16/14 Dear Mr Roosevelt I am a little girl eight years old, but so sorry you did not get to be our President I told my Grandpa to be sure and vote for you. Oh dear I was so mad when my brother told me that Mr Wilson got in he says he is a Princeton stiff but that does not sound right but be sure Mr Roosevelt that you try again I am sure you will get it Hope you get good and stronge again as my brother says you can kill Lions Some day when you get Time I would like one of your picture Sincerely Athelone Anthony
P.S. I saw you when you were in Bloomfield and I liked your looks

EXHIBIT 3: LETTERS FROM 1912 - RUTH HAMBLÉN

(B) Pick Nov. 6, 1912

15 N Central Aust;

Chicago. Ill,

Dear Col Roosevelt,

If I am but

eleven years old, I am just as

strong progressive as anybody

else.

I was down in the Coliseum

and heard you in October

Though Mr Wilson is elected

I am wearing and am going to

buy bull-moose and Roosevelt

and Johnson will fall the harder.

I hope you run the next term

and wish you good luck

Yours very sincerely

Ruth Hamblen

EXHIBIT 4: LETTERS FROM 1912 - KATHRYN

Dear Col. Roosevelt. I am very sorry that you did not get elected. If we school children could have voted, you would have been elected. I hope you don't feel very bad about it. I wanted to cry. But Mashma says next time the New Party will win, then we will have you, and I will be so glad. I felt so bad that I just had to write and tell you about it. I am hoping to hear from you soon. I remain, Your little friend, Kathryn Opp. Write real soon. Elgin, Ill. Nov. 7, 1914. To G. M. Liberty, Elgin, Ill.