

WILLIAM DEERING (1826-1913) FAMILY PAPERS, 1845-1983

Series 1/13

Boxes 1-2 (Including one half-size box)

The history of William Deering family and the lives of many of the family's individual members have been well chronicled in numerous sources. This series reflects a portion of the family's long service and generosity on behalf of Northwestern University.

Description of the Series

The series is arranged in one and one-half boxes and includes biographical materials, clippings, correspondence, and genealogical records documenting several generations of the Deering family and its relationship to Northwestern University. The materials are arranged first according to the family member to which they pertain and then topically within folders thereafter. One folder of general family genealogies, clippings, and profiles is filed at the front of the series.

The bulk of the series pertains to William Deering (1826- 1913). Included are general biographical materials obituaries, tributes, and correspondence relating to Northwestern University business. Of particular interest is a folder of correspondence, dating from the period 1861-1863 and 1877, between William and his son, Charles.

The remainder of the series includes biographical materials and correspondence relating to Charles Deering (1852-1927), Marion Whipple Deering (Mrs. Charles Deering, d. 1943), James DEERING (1859-1925), Roger Deering (1884-1936), and Chauncey McCormick (1884-1925). Several Letters between Judge Elbert H. Gary and Charles and James Deering are included as is a publication highlighting the architecture and art collection of Marycel, Charles Deering's Spanish estate.

Provenance: Three accessions make up this series: #74-69, #81-171, and #85-204.

Restrictions: None.

Processors: Margaret Faverty and Linda Wolf; March 3, 1987.

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Container List

Box 1	Folder 1	Deering Family: Genealogies, Profiles, Clippings	1905-1983, n.d.
		William Deering	
	Folder 2	Biographical Materials	1845-1913, n.d.
	Folder 3	Obituaries and Related Clippings (1 Volume)	1913
	Folder 4	Tribute from the Northwestern University Board of Trustees	1894
	Folder 5	Correspondence: William Deering – Henry Curtis	1902
	Folder 6	Correspondence: William Deering – Charles Deering	1861-1863, 1877
	Folder 7	Correspondence: William Deering – William Dyche	1904-1905, 1907-1908
	Folder 8	Correspondence: William Deering – Thomas Hoag	1878-1893, 1866, 1899
	Folder 9	Correspondence: William Deering – Oliver Horton	1906
	Folder 10	Correspondence: William Deering – Robert Sheppard	1892-1893, 1866, 1899
		Charles Deering	
Box 2	Folder 1	Biographical Materials	1917-64, n.d.
	Folder 2	Correspondence: Charles Deering - Stanley Dobson (1886-1887), Charles Dana Gibson (1896, 1899), Oliver Wendell Holmes (1887), Clara Eleanor Longworth (1900), Wesley Merritt (1897), Frank Millet (1895), Thomas Nelson Page (1899), Edouard de Reszke (1899), Theodore Roosevelt (1897), Philip Sheridan (1885)	
	Folder 3	Correspondence: Charles Deering - Emily Sargent Richard Whitney	1926
	Folder 4	Correspondence: Charles Deering – Elbert H. Gray	1898-1926
	Folder 5	Correspondence: Charles Deering - Walter Dill Scott	1924

Marion Whipple Deering

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Folder 6	Biographical Materials	1943
Folder 7	Correspondence	1925-27
Folder 8	Marycel, <u>Publicaciones de Revista de Arquitectura</u>	1918
James Deering		
Folder 9	Biographical Materials	1876-1971, n.d.
Folder 10	Correspondence: James Deering - Elbert H. Gary	1916-1917, 1919-1925
Roger Deering		
Folder 11	Biographical Materials	1932-1936
Folder 12	Correspondence: Roger Deering - Theodore W. Koch	1933-1935
Chauncey McCormick		
Folder 13	Correspondence	1934-1935, 1942, 1945, 1950

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ADDITION, 1908, 1910

Box 1

Description of the Addition

The addition to the William Deering Family papers consists of one folder, containing two items of correspondence from William Deering to Mr. Harry O. Hill. The two letters were written and sent from Deering's summer home in Cocoanut Grove, Florida. The letters are dated November 27, 1908, and April 25, 1910.

Provenance: The addition to the William Deering Family Papers were donated to the University Archives by Mrs. Porter W. Heaps, via Robbee Baker Kosak, via Susan Jordan on April 20, 1989 (#89-58).

Restrictions: None.

Container List

Box 1	Folder 11	Correspondence: William Deering - Harry O. Hill	1908, 1910
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ADDITION, 1936-1937**

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Box 2 Folder 12a

Description of the Addition

The addition to the William Deering Family Papers consists of one folder containing material relating to the Estate of Roger Deering's bequest, upon his death on February 2, 1936, to Northwestern University of approximately seven million dollars.

Provenance: The addition to the William Deering Family Papers were donated to the University Archives by the University Development Research Department on July 24, 1989 (Accession #89-129).

Restrictions: None.

Container List

Roger Deering

Box 2	Folder 12a	Estate of Roger Deering's Bequest to Northwestern University (newsclippings)	1936-1937
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Boxes 3-6

ADDITIONS

Description of the Additions

Four books of tribute presented to William Deering have been added to the series. These include:

- Box 3 1896 Tribute from the Northwestern University Board of Trustees (book done by C.L. Ricketts, Chicago; binding by Ringer; includes wooden case)
- Box 4 Memorial tribute from former employees of Deering Harvester Company, December 11, 1913 (book with brown leather-covered case, case features off-white satin lining; book made by A.B. Garman, Chicago)
- Box 5 Seventieth birthday tributes from the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Evanston, April 26, 1896 (book by C.L. Ricketts, Chicago; binding by Ringer; features a red, leather-covered case with olive green satin lining)
- Box 6 Seventieth birthday tribute from the Board of Trustees and the Faculties of Northwestern University (by C.L. Ricketts, Chicago; binding by Ringer; brown, leather-covered case with light brown satin lining)

Provenance: Acquired by the University Archives prior to 1974 (Accession #97-15)

Restrictions: None.

Processor: Kevin B. Leonard; May 22, 1997.

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Box 7

ADDITIONS

Description of the Additions

A memorial book of tribute in honor of Charles Deering has been added to the series. The book features a resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the International Harvester Company, May 19, 1927, and presented in sympathy to Deering's wife and children. The book is hand-lettered and bound and measures approximately eight and one-half by eleven and one-half inches by one-half inch. Accompanying the book is a leather-covered slipcase.

Also included in the addition is a copper plate made from a portrait etching of Charles Deering.

Provenance: Acquired by the University Archives prior to 1974 (Accession #97-95).

Restrictions: None.

Processor: Kevin B. Leonard; July 17, 1997.

Container List

Box 7	Folder 1	Memorial Book, 1927
	2	Copper Plate of Portrait Etching, n.d.

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Box 8

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Description of the Additions

A photograph album of Abby Deering Howe, sister of Charles Deering, has been added to the series. The album contains forty-five photographs of Abby Deering Howe and, presumably, members of her family and friends. The photographs date approximately from the mid- nineteenth through early-twentieth centuries.

Provenance: Mrs. Chauncey McCormick, niece of Abby Deering Howe, donated the album to the Northwestern University Library on June 5, 1951 (Accession #98-9).

Restrictions: None.

Processor: Kevin B. Leonard; January 12, 1998.