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SUMMARY

Size.	676 items and 28 volumes
Geographic locations.	East Carroll Parish, Louisiana; New Orleans, La.; Washington, D.C.
Inclusive dates.	1898-1951, undated
Bulk dates.	1931-1949
Language.	English
Summary.	Correspondence, addresses, and newspaper clippings of Joseph E. Ransdell, Representative in Congress, United States Senator, and prominent Catholic layman of Lake Providence, East Carroll Parish.
Restrictions on access.	If microfilm is available, photocopies must be made from microfilm.
Related collections.	John H. Ransdell Papers, Mss. 959
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BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

Joseph E. Ransdell was born in Alexandria, La. in 1858, to John H. Ransdell, planter of Elmwood Plantation in Rapides Parish, and his wife, Amanda Thickman. He graduated from Union College in Schenectady, N.Y., in 1882, practiced law at Lake Providence, La., (1883-1889), and was district attorney for the eighth judicial district of Louisiana (1884-1896). Ransdell also served as U.S. Representative for the Fifth Congressional District of Louisiana (1899-1913), U.S. Senator for Louisiana (1913-1931), and a member of the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University (1940-1944).

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Printed and typewritten copies of Ransdell's speeches in Congress and addresses at various political and social functions reflect his work in Congress on flood control, public health, the merchant marine, the League of Nations, and his activities as a Catholic layman.

A body of material, 1929-1933, pertains to Ransdell's activities in sponsoring legislation in Congress and organizing and promoting organizations for public health. The correspondence reflects Ransdell's work with the National Leprosarium at Carville, Louisiana; in the establishment of the National Institute of Health, United States Public Health Service; as executive director of the Conference Board of the National Institute of Health; and as president of the National Health Foundation, a non-profit, educational and philanthropic organization designed to take over and enlarge the activities of the Conference Board for the promotion of public health. Letters, 1932-1933, from Dr. Dudley Jackson, San Antonio, Texas, give some information as to the work of the Institute in assisting in research. Letters, 1932-1933, from public officials, prominent medical and business men; lists of members of the Board of Trustees of the Foundation; and copies of speeches, editorials, and news stories reveal the scope of Ransdell's work in organizing the National Health Foundation, Inc. A minute book, 1933, of the Foundation contains minutes of the first meeting of the incorporators; a copy of the certificate of incorporation; minutes of the first meeting of the trustees; by-laws; and a copy of Ransdell's contract with the Foundation.

Letters, 1938, of commendation from Dr. A. T. McCormack of the State Department of Health of Kentucky, Surgeon General Parran of the United States Public Health Service, and friends comment on his long service in the field of public health. Other letters, 1937-1938, from Catholic clergy and friends extend congratulations to Ransdell on the occasion of his being made a Knight of St. Gregory the Great. Correspondence, 1946-1947, with friends among the clergy and laity records incidents in the personal life of Ransdell to be used in his biography.

A file of correspondence, 1948, with Adras P. Laborde of Alexandria, Louisiana, newspaperman and author of Ransdell's biography, *Ransdell of Louisiana, a National Southerner*, includes material used in research and writing of the biography and notes by Ransdell concerning his personal life and political career.

Scrapbooks, 1916-1930 (Vols. 2-5), contain newspaper clippings and related materials pertaining to Ransdell's political career. Volume 4 emphasizes his activities in the senatorial campaign of 1924. Volume 5, kept by V. M. Olivier, secretary to Ransdell, contains reprints of speeches, political broadsides, pamphlets, and copies of correspondence and typewritten diary entries. The diary entries, May 1-July 7, 1927, describe conditions during the Mississippi River flood of 1927 and Ransdell's participation in a tour of the flooded district in the Mississippi Valley with a Congressional party under the auspices of the Mississippi River Flood Control Association.

COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

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E:117	1:1	<p><u>Addresses given by Joseph E. Ransdell</u> (1898-1918):</p> <p>Address to the jury as defense attorney in a murder case in East Carroll Parish describing conditions at the penitentiary among other pleas (1898);</p> <p>Address at reorganization of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress in Washington, D. C. (Jan. 1906);</p> <p>Address on "The Mississippi River and its Tributaries" (1906);</p> <p>Extracts from address at annual banquet of North Side Board of Trade of the Bronx, New York City (1906);</p> <p>Address before the Convention of the Lakes to the Gulf Deep Waterway Association at St. Louis (1906);</p> <p>Presidential address at Rivers and Harbors Congress (1906);</p> <p>Address as president-elect of the Rivers and Harbors Congress (1906);</p> <p>Extracts from address as Chairman Executive Committee National Rivers and Harbors Association (1906);</p> <p>Address on Rivers and Harbors at Portsmouth, Ohio (1906);</p> <p>Address on "The Spirit of Progress in Our Times – Where it is Leading," given in Ruston, Louisiana (Apr. 19, 1907);</p> <p>Address when the Pallium was conferred on Archbishop Blenk, New Orleans (1907);</p> <p>Graduation address given at Union College, Schenectady, New York, on "The Responsibility of Wealth," (Apr. 24, 1907);</p> <p>Address on improved waterways at a banquet in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (1907);</p> <p>Address on "Waterways and the Inter-Coastal Canal" in Texas (1907);</p> <p>Address on "The United States" before the Hibernian Society of Charleston, South Carolina (1908);</p> <p>Graduation address at Notre Dame University on "Divorce," (1914);</p> <p>Address at celebration of Washington's Birthday by Knights of Columbus at Richmond, Virginia (1917);</p> <p>Remarks at public demonstration in honor of Bishop Russell of Charleston, S.C. (1917);</p> <p>Graduation address at Villa Nova College on "What the Nation has a Right to Expect from the Catholic College Graduate," (1918);</p> <p>Remarks on "Woman Suffrage," (1918);</p> <p>Broadside program of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress Convention held in Washington, D. C., 1906;</p> <p>Copy of letter written to President Woodrow Wilson by Senator Ransdell urging the appointment of Theodore Roosevelt to the Peace Commission (1918);</p>
E:117	1:2	<p><u>Addresses by Senator Ransdell</u> (1919-1930):</p> <p>Extract from the <i>Congressional Record</i> of speech on the League of Nations (1919);</p> <p>Address on proposed divorce of the Red and Atchafalaya Rivers from the Mississippi</p>

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Mimeographed copy of address to the Convention of the National Merchant Marine Association (1922);
Extracts of speech before the Convention of the Federation of Catholic Societies, New Orleans (1926);
Address on the National Institute of Health in the Senate (1929);
Address to Southern Forestry Congress, New Orleans (1929);
Extracts from address at banquet of Ohio Valley Improvement Association (1930);
Synopsis of remarks at public dinner honoring him as author of the bill to create a National Institute of Health, New Orleans (1930);
Address in the United States Senate on the Conservation of Public Health (ca. 1930);
Mimeographed copy of address on network of National Broadcasting Company on the National Institute of Health (1930);
Telegrams and letters exchanged between Francis Garvan, President of the Chemical Foundation, New York City, and Senator Joseph E. Ransdell, Washington, D.C., on the passage of the bill creating a National Institute of Health and on the gift of \$100,000 from the Chemical Foundation and telegrams to and from General Hugh S. Cummings, Surgeon General of the Public Health Service, on acceptance of the gift;
Copy of editorials from the *Memphis (Tenn.) Commercial Appeal*, *New York Times*, *Shreveport Journal*, *Washington Star*, *The Times-Picayune*, the *Lake Providence Banner Democrat* (1926-1930);
Letter from A. W. Mellon, Secretary of the Treasury to Senator Ransdell and copy of Secretary's letter to Francis P. Garvan accepting the gift for the National Health Institute (1930);
Copy of address made by Robert MacGimsey of Lake Providence, East Carroll Parish, on the human side of Senator Joseph E. Ransdell (1930);
Broadsheet program and menu of a dinner given in honor of Senator Ransdell on the creation of the National Institute of Health (1930);
Broadside reprint from *Manufacturer's Record* on Ransdell's effort to protect southern industries and agriculture (1929);
Broadsheet (2 copies) of record of Senator Ransdell in Congress

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Correspondence and other papers (1931-1932):

Copies of news stories and editorials on the National Institute of Health and the executive director, Joseph E. Ransdell, from the *Washington Post*, *The New York Times*, and page from the *Medical Journal and Record*;
Mimeographed copy of an address on the National Institute of Health delivered over the National Broadcasting Company network;
Newsclipping from the *New York Herald Tribune* on the Institute;
Copy of a syndicated article by Rodney Dutcher on the Institute;
Broadside reprint from *The New York Times* on Ransdell's letter to the editor on the

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E:117	1:4-19	<p><u>National Health Foundation</u> (1932-1933)</p> <p>Partial group of alphabetical file (A-L) of the National Health Foundation chartered in 1933 to take over a permanent financial basis the work of the Conference Board of the National Institute of Health. The plans were to finance it largely through contributions from insurance companies and national associations engaged in special health work;</p> <p>Correspondence includes acceptances of office of trustee in the National Health Foundation, refusals of memberships, declinations to be member of the board of trustees, correspondence with members working for the organization, copy of letter to President Herbert Hoover;</p> <p>Letters to and from General Hugh S. Cumming, Surgeon General, U. S. Public Health Service;</p> <p>Letters to William L. Dunne, New York;</p> <p>Certified copy of charter of the National Health Foundation;</p> <p>Statement of organization and purposes of the Conference Board of the National Institute of Health (filed under Dunne);</p> <p>Letters telling of need to suspend operations because of scarcity of money;</p>

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E:117	1:20	<p><u>USDA Reports</u> (1934-1935) Information on cotton production including reports of the Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Agricultural Economics on production in the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan; Explanation of the cotton control program; Statement of Edward A. O'Neal, President, American Farm Bureau Federation on the cotton textile situation; News release of address of Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace on the cotton program; Copy of report on cotton production in Northeast Brazil; Notes on cotton production;</p>
E:117	1:21	<p><u>Correspondence, addresses, and other papers</u> (1936-1943): Address at the closing exercises of St. Patrick's School, Lake Providence, East Carroll Parish (1936); Address on the New Deal and proposed changes in the U.S. Supreme Court (1937); Address at the State Convention of the Knights of Columbus, Monroe Ouachita Parish (1938) (2 drafts); Address at Elmwood, East Carroll Parish, on Mother's Day (1939) (2 drafts); Address at Subiaco, Arkansas, at Subiaco alumni banquet (1940); Address at Erath, Louisiana, for a Fourth of July celebration (1940) (2 drafts); Extracts of an address at banquet of the Knights of Columbus at Monroe, La. (1941); Address given at Laymen's Banquet honoring the Right Reverend Monsignor Nicholas F. Vandegaer at Monroe, Ouachita Parish (1941); Extracts of address at Northeast Louisiana Experiment Station, St. Joseph, Tensas Parish (1941); Address at Alexandria before the Catholic Men's Dinner Club on "Research in Agriculture and Industry," (1943); Letters (1937-1938) of congratulations to Ransdell on the occasion of being made a Knight of St. Gregory the Great from Joseph P. Buckley, New Orleans; T. J. Galbreth, East Carroll Parish; Jules B. Jeanmard, Bishop of Lafayette; John Brunini, Vicksburg, Mississippi; Msgr. N. F. Vandegaer, Monroe, Ouachita Parish; J. F. Rummel, Archbishop of New Orleans; Letters (1938) from Dr. A. T. McCormack, State Health Commissioner of Kentucky and Dr. Thomas Parran, Surgeon General of the United States, complimenting Senator Ransdell for his work on the National Institute of Health and giving news of its activities; Letters from Senator Royal S. Copeland of New York, Joseph M. Rault, New Orleans, Joseph W. Montgomery, New Orleans; James G. Schillin, New Orleans, a former secretary; L. A. Molony, New Orleans, a former secretary; Albert S. Cain, Jr., New Orleans, a former assistant secretary; O. M. Grisham, Monroe, Ouachita Parish; Jess Johnson, Baton Rouge, a former secretary; Samuel Zemurray, Boston, Massachusetts, to Ransdell in response to a letter from him telling of the commendation given by Doctors Parran and McCormack; and editorial (newspaper</p>

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		clipping and typed copy.); Copy of Ransdell's biography from Williamson's <i>History of Northeast Louisiana</i> ; Broadsheet of British Catholic Newsletter for May 29, 1943;
E:117	1:22	<u>Correspondence and other papers (1944-1947):</u> Correspondence of Senator Ransdell concerning his biography, requests for suggestions for a biographer, and after Roger Baudier was selected, requests to friends that they furnish human interest information to be included, and letters or copies of letters in reply. (Much of this information has not been used in the biography.); Correspondents included Mary V. Merric, Chevy Chase, Maryland; Samuel Zemurray, New Orleans; Katie Ransdell Hamley, Lake Providence, East Carroll Parish; Bishop John Francis Noll, Fort Wayne, Indiana; Father L. R. Aycock, Lake Providence, East Carroll Parish; Virginia Benjamin Hider, Lake Providence, East Carroll Parish; Bishop C. Greco, Alexandria, Rapides Parish; Father John C. Vandegaer, Natchitoches, Natchitoches Parish; Paul Wooton, Washington Correspondent of <i>The Times-Picayune</i> ; Bessie Chaffe Imbrie, Cresskill, New Jersey; Dr. Joseph A. Danna, New Orleans; John M. Caffery, Franklin, St. Mary Parish; Jeff B. Snyder, Tallulah, Madison Parish; Emily Weems, Washington, D. C.; Robert Baudier, New Orleans; Joseph McNamara, Auxiliary Bishop of Baltimore and Washington; Dr. Thomas Parran, Surgeon General, U. S. Public Health Service; Edward J. Gay, St. Louis Plantation, Plaquemine, Iberville Parish; W. R. Dodson, College of Agriculture, Louisiana State University; and Herbert Hoover; Copies of correspondence of Ransdell with Secretary of State Cordell Hull and archbishop Joseph F. Rummel of New Orleans concerning prayers at the peace conference and representation for leaders of religions; Mimeographed information bulletin on the National Institute of Health; Photostatic copy of chart showing organization of National Institute of Health and pictures (2) of the buildings at Carville, Iberville Parish; Mimeographed fact sheet on Hansen's disease (leprosy); Typewritten information given in an interview with Senator Ransdell with Roger Baudier;
E:117	1:23	<u>Correspondence and other papers (1948-1949):</u> In 1948, Adras P. LaBorde, Alexandria, Rapides Parish, began writing the biography and the correspondence between himself and Ransdell, including items giving suggestions and reminiscences for inclusion, many of which are not in the book; also included are letters gathered from friends giving additional information, among them, Robert McGimsey, John M. Rault, J. Y. Fauntleroy, Father John C. Vandegaer, Leonard A. Scheele, Surgeon General, Joseph F. Lamb, Supreme Secretary, Knights of Columbus; Copy of letters to Ransdell from St. George L. Sioussant, Chief Division of Manuscripts concerning copy of letter President Woodrow Wilson wrote to Senator

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		<p>Ransdell, 1948;</p> <p>Letter from President General of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, giving information on the organization when Mrs. Ransdell served as Treasurer General;</p> <p>Letter from the Administrators of the Tulane Educational Fund concerning the Joseph E. Ransdell Student Loan Fund;</p> <p>Newspaper clipping and attached handwritten statistics of the 1948 gubernatorial primary by parishes;</p> <p>Copy of letters from Archbishop Joseph F. Rummel of New Orleans and Archbishop A. G. Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate on the occasion of Senator Ransdell's 90th birthday;</p> <p>Prospectus of biography by A. P. LaBorde;</p> <p>Rejection of biography by The Macmillan Company;</p> <p>Letter (Oct. 12, 1949) from Joseph E. Ransdell to his relatives, Corinne and Tony Cazedesus, thanking them for their telegram congratulating him on his 91st birthday;</p>
E:117	1:24	<p><u>Articles, addresses, notes</u> (undated)</p> <p>Typewritten copy of address given by Senator Ransdell to the Washington Council of Social Agencies on the National Institute of Health;</p> <p>Typewritten copies of articles written of addresses given by Ransdell on health, one on cancer, and the other on use of money for health research;</p> <p>Broadsheet of the Conference Board of the National Institute of Health explaining the method for making donations to the National Institute of Health;</p> <p>Other writings by Ransdell include:</p> <p>Typewritten copy of address prepared for delivery at Grand Coteau Convent of the Sacred Heart as a tribute to his mother who was educated there;</p> <p>Mimeographed copy of article on tick eradication in Louisiana;</p> <p>Carbon copy of article on the burial place of Columbus;</p> <p>Broadsheet reprinted from <i>The Missionary</i> on Catholics and prohibition;</p> <p>Rough drafts of five chapters in the biography;</p> <p>Notes written by Ransdell for the biography and criticisms of chapters already written (10);</p> <p>Notes from diary of V. W. Olivier on Senator Ransdell;</p> <p>Articles written by others concerning work of Senator Ransdell include:</p> <p>Article by Judge Frank Voelker on his first bout with bureaucracy;</p> <p>Article by Marcus McBride on the development of small farms;</p> <p>Typewritten copy of extract from Dr. Franklin A. Martin, <i>The Joy of Living—An Autobiography</i>, telling of communication from Dr. Joseph A. Danna;</p>
E:117	1:25	<p><u>Newspaper clippings</u> (1906-1947)</p> <p>Clippings of articles written by Ransdell or news stories concerning him;</p>

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E:117	1:26	<u>Photographs</u> (undated) Photographs of Senator Ransdell; the United States Public Health Service Administration Building under construction in Washington, D. C.; architect's drawing of proposed central building of the National Institute of Health, United States Public Health Service, Washington, D. C.; Aerial view of the National Institute of Health; National Cancer Institute;
E:117	1:27	<u>Pamphlets</u> Address of Hon. J. E. Ransdell of Louisiana before the Beacon Society of Boston, Feb. 28, 1903. On the commercial growth of New Orleans and general conditions in the South. Washington, D. C.; National Publishing Co., 1903. Speech of Hon Jos. E. Ransdell, of Louisiana, in the House of Representatives, Apr. 11, 1904. River and harbor appropriation bill. Commerce is the life-blood of the nation. It should be fostered by liberal appropriations for rivers and harbors. Washington, D. C. Address before the Mississippi Valley Latin-American Convention, New Orleans, Apr. 7, 1906. Duty of government to improve waterways and harbors. Congressman Ransdell makes strong argument in favor of the permanent improvement of the Mississippi River and its tributaries through federal appropriations. Speeches of Hon. Joseph E. Ransdell, of Louisiana, in the House of representatives, Feb. 26 and Apr. 3, 1906. National control of quarantine. Lake Erie and Ohio River Ship Canal. Washington, 1906. Speech of Hon. Jos. E. Ransdell of Louisiana in the House of Representatives, Jan. 31, 1907. River and harbor appropriation bill. Speech of Hon. Joseph E. Ransdell, of Louisiana, in the House, Tuesday, June 14, 1910. On to Dixie. <i>Congressional Record</i> . 61 st Congress, 2 nd Session. Speech of Hon. Joseph E. Ransdell of Louisiana in the Senate of the United States, June 2, 1913. The plot behind free sugar. Washington. Speech of Hon. Joseph E. Ransdell of Louisiana in the Senate, July 14, 1916. The lure of the southland. Washington. Speech of Hon. Joseph E. Ransdell of Louisiana in the Senate, July 14, 1916. Rural health the nation's first duty. <i>Congressional Record</i> . 64 th Congress, 1 st session. (2 copies) Speech of Hon. Joseph E. Ransdell of Louisiana in the Senate of the United States,

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		Feb. 24, 1919. The American shipping problem. <i>Congressional Record</i> . 65 th Congress, 3 rd session.
		Remarks of Hon. Joseph E. Ransdell of Louisiana in the Senate of the United States, Jan. 22, 1925, with an address by Judge Florence Allen of the Supreme Court of Ohio, delivered at the Belasco Theater, Washington, D. C., Jan. 18, 1925. The outlawry of war. Washington, Government printing office, 1925.
		Address of Senator Joseph E. Ransdell of Louisiana delivered before the International Eucharistic Congress at Chicago, Illinois, June 23, 1926. Christian life maintained in the course of our early pilgrimage by the Eucharist: The sacrament of perseverance.
		Speech of Hon. Joseph E. Ransdell of Louisiana in the Senate, July 2, 1926. A comprehensive federal campaign against the unconquered enemies of human health. Washington, Government printing office, 1926.
E:117	1:28	Remarks of Senator Royal S. Copeland of New York and other extracts from the <i>Congressional Record</i> , on the bill of Senator Joseph E. Ransdell, of Louisiana, "To establish and operate a National Institute of Health, to create a system of fellowships in said institute, and to authorize the Government to accept donations for use in ascertaining the cause, prevention, and cure of disease affecting human beings, and for other purposes," which became law on May 26, 1930. The National Institute of Health. Washington, U. S. Government printing office, 1930.
		Remarks of Hon. Joseph E. Ransdell of Louisiana, Hon. Royal S. Copeland of New York, and Hon. Henry D. Hatfield of West Virginia in the Senate of the United States, Feb. 26, 1931. The National Institute of Health. Washington, U. S. Government printing office, 1931. (2 copies) New York, The Chemical Foundations, Inc.
		Agriculture's interest in America's world trade. Questions and answers on a vital aspect of America's future. Prepared in Division of Information, Agricultural Adjustment Administration, Department of Agriculture. Issued Jan., 1935. Washington, U. S. Gov't printing office.
		Louisiana 1941. Published by Department of Agriculture and Immigration. Compiled and edited by Emmett J. Leer, Jr. Shreveport, Louisiana, Journal Printing Co., 1941.
		The story of the National Leprosarium. The United States Marine Hospital, Carville, Louisiana, by G. H. Faget. Reprint No. 2764 from the Public Health Reports, Dec. 27, 1946, v. 61, no. 52, pp. 1871-1883.

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Public Health Reports. Dec. 27, 1946, v. 61, no. 52. Contents: Examinations for Regular Corps, USPHS; The story of the National Leprosarium; Changes in state and territorial health authorities.

- Mss.MF:R -- Correspondence and other papers (1949-1951)
[Only available on microfilm, no originals]
 14 handwritten letters (1949-1951) by Joseph E. Ransdell to his cousin, J. Howard Payne, containing a few reminiscences about Civil War relative Ed Hickman and some information concerning other members of the family; a reference to his membership on the Rivers and Harbors Committee and an article (ca. June 1949) by Bascom Timmons in *The (Dallas, Texas) Daily Times Herald* about him; a short account of his 91st birthday; a reference to his investiture as a Commander of the Knights of St. Gregory; a full page letter commenting on President Truman's appointment of General Mark W. Clark as United States Ambassador to the Vatican State; and considerable information about his good health;
 16 typewritten letters (1949-1951) by J. Howard Payne, postmaster of Dallas, Texas, principally concerning proposed visits with Senator Ransdell and in reply to Ransdell's letters. In some letters, there is an indication that Payne sent Ransdell newspaper clippings or other material which he thought might interest him;
 A letter by J. Howard Payne to Dr. C. L. Lundell, Director, Texas Research Foundation, Renner, Texas, and C. L. Lundell's reply concerning Senator Ransdell's appraisal of the Texas Research Foundation project (Dec. 15, 1949);
 Typewritten copy of the book review, *A National Southerner – Ransdell of Louisiana* by J. Howard Payne for the Book section of the Dallas Morning News (Oct. 1951);
 Two letters by J. Howard Payne (Aug. 15 and Oct. 8, 1951) to Mrs. Isabel M. Keene and a reply by Mrs. Keene (Aug. 11, 1951) concerning proposed visits with Senator Ransdell;
 Genealogical memorandum on Joseph E. Ransdell and family, including typewritten extracts from 5 letters (1862-1865) by Major Edwin A. Hickman of Jackson County, Missouri, to his wife, in Independence, Missouri. The extracts were written to establish Hickman's family connections with the Ransdell Family. Senator Ransdell's mother was Amanda Hickman;
 5 newspaper clippings including 1 typewritten copy of Bascom Timmons' column in *Dallas Daily Times Herald* (Feb. 23, 1949) on oldest living members of Congress including Ransdell, 90, of Louisiana; and another clipping by Timmons (Aug. 3, 1949) on Ransdell. Also, write-up of senator Ransdell's 91st birthday (Oct. 7, 1949); story with picture in *The (Lake Providence, East Carroll Parish) Banner-Democrat* (Mar. 3, 1950) on his investiture in the Knights of St. Gregory; and *Our Sunday Visitor* (Nov. 4, 1951) on Truman's appointment of General Clark as United States Ambassador to the Vatican State;

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