

**The Filson Club Historical Society**

**The Papers of  
Henry Watterson**

The papers of Henry Watterson, Confederate soldier, editor of the Louisville *Courier-Journal*, and Congressman from Kentucky.

For information regarding literary and copyright interests for these papers, see the Curator of Manuscripts, James J. Holmberg.

**Size of Collection**

**9.33 cubic feet**

**Locator Number Mss.\A\W344a**

## Scope and Content Note

Collection spans Watterson's years as editor of the Louisville *Courier-Journal*, 1868-1919. The bulk of the collection covers the years, 1910-1919, and includes personal and business correspondence, galley proofs of his editorials, financial records, and newspaper clippings. Correspondence includes letters detailing presidential politics, especially the 1912 campaign; the Watterson family; *Courier-Journal* business; Ky. politics; and World War I. Several letters and telegrams between George Harvey and Watterson reveal their feelings toward Woodrow Wilson's nomination for the presidency. Printed editorials and galley proof editorials reveal Watterson's views on many different issues between 1900 and 1920, including presidential and gubernatorial elections, Prohibition, local politics, Theodore Roosevelt, William Jennings Bryan, the Night Riders, and historical topics. Newspaper clippings feature his role in national party politics and many of his public appearances.