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Phelan (1861-1930) was son of a pioneer California banker. He was elected as a reform mayor of San Francisco, serving 1897-1902. He was then elected to the U. S. Senate and served from 1915 to 1921. A Democrat and a supporter of Woodrow Wilson generally, he also advocated for the exclusion of "Orientals." A patron of the arts, his home at Villa Montalvo in Saratoga, California served as a hub for writers and artists. Many of these are represented in the correspondence.

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Related Collections

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CONTAINER LISTING

Box 10/1

Correspondence received

Anonymous [postcard]	1896
	1 March 1908
	3 March 1908
[photostat]	[c. 1918?]
“My dear Jim...”	8 December 1916
Arnold, George Washington	18 June 1918
Augustine, Sister	6 December 1920 (see Poetry)
Ba----, Mary	29 March 1906
Bancroft, Paul	2 April 1918
Barnes, W. H. L.	10 June 1898
	7 June 1900
Beatty, W. H.	13(?) March 1904
	11 January 1901
Bohemian Club	11 February 1904
	9 November 1896
Boushey, Homer	12 April 1909
Britton, Joseph	28 December 1900
Bromley, George T.	26 December 1900
	26 December 1901
	25 December 1903
	16 April 1904
Canedo, Francisco	14 November 1898
Capel, T. J.	16 January 1902
Chase, Hyman and Nelka	1937
Clementz, Hermann	21 April 1911

Box 10/2

Correspondence received

Coleman, Wm. T.	8 June 1882
Coolbrith, Ina	4 October 1895
	5 November 1896
	10 September 1898
	11 February 1904
“I hope you will grant...”	n.d.
“I have hesitated to send...”	n.d.
da Gama, Domicio	16 May 1916
Daley, Edith	25 May 1921 (see Poetry)
Davis, Horace	21 January 1901
de Lussan, Zelig (Palace Hotel)	n.d.

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de Montbello, Stanislas (?)	10 January 1910
Eberle, E. W. [Edward Walter]	14 September 1921
Emmet, Robert Temple	4 April 1899
Emmet, Thomas Addis	7 January 1918
Field, Charles K.	19 April 1921 (see Poetry: Daley)
	26 April 1921
Gibson, Hugh	[1915?]
Grunsky, C. E. [Carl Ewald]	26 February 1904
Hamilton, Hilyard Mrs.	3 December 1919
Harraden, Beatrice	3 April ----
Heney, Francis J.	8 November 1909
Hofmann, Genevieve	24 October 1899
Hottinguer, Baron	18 June 1909
	? August 1913
Howe, Agnes E.	6 June 1921
Kenna, Robert E.	22 May 1903
Kimbell, L. E., Mrs.	31 January 1920
Kratke, Frank J.	30 September 1919
Lawlor, William P.	[1909]

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Correspondence received

League of American Artists (Paris)	n.d. (see Heney reverse)
Lee, Fitzhugh	1901
Macfarlane, Peter Clark	23 December 1920
McKittrick, W. H.	24 August 1898
McLoughlin, Nellie Cole	28 April 1906
Marshall, Lois K.	8 January ----
Martin, Eleanor	31 July 1917
Martinelli, Sebastian	27 May 1900
Mary [B----]	29 March 1906
Midwinter Fair Congresses	21 August 1894
Morrow, W. W. [William W.]	10 June 1898
Mudford, W. (?)	12 June 1902
Non-Partisan Party	8 September 1898
O'Connor, Bessie	22 October 1919
O'Grady, S. [Standish]	3 April 1905
O'Sullivan, Elizabeth Curtis	26 May 1902
Patigian, Haig	1 September 1921
Pauncefote, Maud	10 February 1909
Peter, Jeanne	n.d.
Phelan, James	1 June 1886
	3 June 1886

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Pond, E. B.	23 January 1895
Relda, Rose "I certainly shall..."	n.d.
	9 January 1903
Rice, Cecil Spring	4 August 1917
Roosevelt, Theodore	27 February 1909
Ruth ---- [Payette?]	1889
Schmitz, E. E.	7 November 1901
Scott, Irving M.	25 November 1898
Spencer, Lurline	10 January 1906
Stillman, John M.	26 February 1906
Story, Waldo	30 January 1906

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Correspondence received

Sullivan, Ada (Sr. Agnes of Jesus)	2 November 1906
Sullivan, Alice Phelan	1 January 1911
	20 February 1911
	28 June 1911
Sutro, Adolph	15 March 1897
Swing, Phil D.	26 March 1921
Taylor, Edward Robeson	10 November 1898
	7 March 1906
(sonnet, <i>Defeat</i>)	3 November 1909
	5 November 1909
	20 December 1909
	29 December 1909
(59 th birthday card)	1920
(3 Biblical quotations)	n.d.
Tilden, Douglas	10 November 1909
<i>Times</i> [London]	25 July 1902
Tucker, W. W. [William W.]	9 July 1906
United States Senate. Memorandum	[19—]
Voorsanger, Jacob	5 November 1896
	7 November 1901
Wheeler, Joseph (Pilgrims Society)	18 July 1902
White, Henry	[1920?]
White House	[1925?]
Wright, [W. M.?]	14 July 1921
	22 July 1921
Yates, Fred	16 August 1897
Yorke, Peter C.	5 November 1896

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Box 10/5

Correspondence sent

JDP to Hall, Bohemian Club n.d.
 JDP to Agnes E. Howe 8 June 1921 (see Correspondence received: Howe)
 JDP to Woodrow Wilson 26 May 1916
 10 January 1917
 10 March 1917
 6 April 1917
 13 April 1918
 17 April 1918
 15 May 1918
 27 May 1918
 10 September 1918
 21 October 1918
 13 November 1918
 28 February 1919
 22 September 1919

Box 10/6

Speeches

JDP speech notes on international relations (?) c.1915-1921

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Poetry

Barker, Robert A. *A California Optimist* n.d.
 Glyndon, Howard (Laura Redden Searing) *Unveiling of the Fountain*
(Corner of Market and Mason Streets, San Francisco) 1897 ms.
 McGeehan, W. O. *The Little Bronze Ship* [1910?] ts.
 Scheffauer, Herman *San Francisco Renascent* 1905 ms.
 Spence, Mary *In Loving Memory of Mrs. Alice Phelan*
 [Sr. Augustine ?] *J. D. Phelan, First Senator from California* 1914 ms.
 [Herman Oelrichs?] *Dedicated to J. D. P.* n.d. ms.
 Sr. Augustine *To Our Senator, November 1920* 1920 ms.
 [Sr. Augustine] *To Our Senator, November 1920* 1920 ts.
 [Sr. Augustine] *The Handmaidens of Christ* n.d. ms.
 [O. K. Cushing?] *Soneto de Luis Galvez de Montalvo a Cervantes* n.d. ms.
 Anonymous *"All famous men have loved..."* 1899 ms.
 Daley, Edith *To the Master of Montalvo* 1921 ts.
 Taylor, Edward Robeson *James Duval Phelan* 1921 ms.
 Coolbrith, Ina *The Laurel (to Edmund Clarence Stedman)* 1903 ms.

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News clippings, 1915, 1917

Los Angeles Examiner 8 Sept. 1917
San Francisco Examiner 11 Sept. 1917
Washington Post 25 August 1917
Washington Evening Star 6 July 1917
San Francisco Examiner 14 March 1915
Oakland Enquirer 28 Dec. 1917 (see Photographs)

Box 10/9

Photographs

photographic montage, Villa Montalvo (5 prints, mounted) c. 1916?

Box 10/10

Personal/Financial/Business records

Marriage certificate, James Phelan and Alice Kelly 12 May 1859
 Cheque, \$2,500.00 payable to Frank Sullivan from Estate of Jas. Phelan 12 Nov. 189-
 Jas. Phelan authorization of P. S. Fay 9 January 1862
 Abstract of Title to 50 Vara Lot 921 5 October 1852
 Partnership Papers, Jas. Phelan and James D. Phelan 2 January 1890

Box 10/11

Ephemera

Wishing You Many Happy Returns [Irish]
 [Chas. Stewart Parnell greeting card with photograph] [1891?]
 California World's Fair Commission calling cards (2) [1893?]
 Citizens League of Justice postcard 1910
 California's Golden Jubilee Official Press Pass [1898]
 California's Jubilee. Musical and Literary Exercises 1898
California's Golden Jubilee [poem] 1898
 California's Golden Jubilee: General Orders, Order of Procession 1898
 California's Golden Jubilee... \$1,303,571, 598.00 [invitation] 1898 [uninventoried?]
 Heney League postcard 1909
 Ignatian Council, No. 35, Young Men's Institute handbill 1911
 Twenty-Seventh Industrial Exposition, Mechanics' Institute ticket 1893
 Re-elect James D. Phelan U.S. Senator card 1920
 James D. Phelan for Mayor. Incumbent card (inscribed by JDP) 1901?
 Democratic National Committee receipt for \$1000 donation 1920
 San Diego Chamber of Commerce life membership certificate 1898
 Saturday Evening Post payment notices to JDP (3) 1900-1901
 Sequoia Club postcard 1910
 United States Army Transport Service pass 1900
 U.S.S. Iowa Souvenir Programme 1899

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World's Columbian Exposition, Chicago admission pass	1893
Mr. James D. Phelan calling card	n.d.
Mrs. F. Sullivan envelope	1906
Theodore Wores calling card used as note to JDP	n.d.
Mrs. Lucius Allen Lewis calling card used as note to JDP	n.d.
Festina Lente Skating Club membership ticket for JDP	n.d.

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Ephemera

Lotos Club (N.Y.C.) guest membership card from Stanley Cohen	1892
Players (N.Y.C.) guest privileges card from A. Gunter	1891
New York Club guest privileges card from W. R. Grace	1891
New York Club guest privileges card from G. L. Duval	1892
California Club (L.A.) guest privileges card from J. D. Harvey	1889
University Club (Chicago) guest privileges card from C. Bryan	1892
Manhattan Club (N.Y.C.) guest privileges card from W. R. Grace	1891
Cuyamaca Club (San Diego) guest privileges card from Crittenden	1889
Century Club of California (San Francisco) invitation card	1892
Herbert Stabler invitation card	n.d.
Mrs. [Theodore] Roosevelt invitation card	1909
United States Senate Chamber session pass	1909
House of Representatives member's pass from Julius Kahn	1909
Banquet to the President...Palace Hotel ticket	n.d.
Electoral Count...Reserve Gallery, House of Representatives	1909
Leur Majestes, le Roi et la Reine invitation 6 Juin	n.d.
Calumet Club (Chicago)guest privileges card from O. J. Strough	1892
Calumet Club (Chicago)guest privileges card from A. J. Catron	1892
Calumet Club (Chicago)guest privileges card from Nelson Miles	1892
Sir Richard Webster reception invitation	n.d.
Phelan for Senator Non-partisan Club of Alameda Co. postcard	1920 [dealer's?]
39 th Annual Alumni Banquet, Univ. of Santa Clara programme	1921
Banquet menu in Spanish, "Don Jaime Phelan"	1893[?]
Washington Board of Trade meeting agenda	1919
Los Angeles County Anti-Asiatic Assn. postcard	n.d.
Keep California White: Re-elect James D. Phelan leaflet	[1920?]
Bank of Good Cheer (Bohemian Club) cheque	1905
James D. Phelan United States Senate envelope	n.d.