

William H. Moody clippings, 1892-2002, bulk= 1902-1917

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| Abstract: | William H. Moody was a lawyer and politician who served as a United States Representative, Secretary for the Navy, Attorney General, and Supreme Court Justice. This collection of newspaper clippings document Justice Moody's life and political career. |

Biographical Sketch

William H. Moody was a prominent Republican lawyer and politician, who served as a United States Representative, Secretary for the Navy, Attorney General, and Supreme Court Justice. He was born on 23 December 1853, in Newbury, Massachusetts. He attended Phillips Academy High School in Andover, Massachusetts, graduating in 1872. He completed his secondary education at Harvard College from 1872-1876. He later attended Harvard Law, but dropped out after four months. He practiced reading the law under Richard Henry Data Jr. and passed the bar. In 1888, he was elected as City Solicitor for Haverhill, Massachusetts. He was later appointed as U.S. Attorney for Eastern Massachusetts in 1890. In 1893, he was chosen to be a junior prosecutor in the Lizzie Borden murder trial. Afterwards, in 1895, he was elected as a federal Representative of Massachusetts in a special election to fill the seat of William Cogswell, who had died in office. In 1902, President Roosevelt appointed him as Secretary of the Navy. He was later appointed to U.S. Attorney General, serving from 1904-1906. Afterwards he was nominated, then confirmed, as an Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, serving from 1906-1910. Justice Moody retired from the bench in 1910, due to severe rheumatism. He was granted full retirement benefits by result of President William Taft successfully lobbying

Congress for a Special Act. In his retirement, he resided in Haverhill, actively involving himself in both politics and town affairs. Justice Moody died in Haverhill on 2 July 1917.

Scope and Content Note

This collection documents the life and political career of William H. Moody through newspaper clippings. A majority of the clippings are from the Haverhill Gazette, but also includes various local and national newspapers. The clippings document Moody's political and social life, offering biographical information and the impact after his death.

Administrative Information

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| Conservation Notes: | Newspaper clippings have been photocopied on archival quality paper to preserve their recorded information. |
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