

Toomey File

This was the office file of general correspondence which J.J.Hill's and L.W.Hill's secretary, J.J.Toomey, kept and which had not been filed in ambergs (as was the office custom) when Toomey left the Hills' employ some years after J.J. Hill's death. It therefore stretches over the last years of J.J.Hill's and Mary T.Hill's lives, & during the settlement of Hill's estate.

Usually such a file - kept temporarily ~~in~~ in long file drawers - was transferred every several years to ambergs. These containers were similar to the ones in which J.J.Hill's general correspondence beginning in the late 1870's was preserved. Hill's private and personal correspondence (kept two distinct files for the two types) was also filed in

amberg's. These go right up to the time of his death, and were plainly marked to distinguish them from general correspondence files.

There was a similar distinction kept in the copybooks : Hill's personal and private books and Toomey's office file. Since something is to be gained by maintaining these distinctions permanently, Toomey's file (and the files of other secretaries that have been found in separate files) have been kept intact. Estate papers, however, and correspondence after J.J.Hill's death, have been sent to the L.W.Hill Collection, since the son was the executor of J.J. Hill's estate, and most of the estate records are to be found in his papers.

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Twelve boxes of correspondence kept by John J. Toomey (J.J.Hill's chief clerk and secretary) from 1907 to May 29, 1916 is filed at the end of General Correspondence.

Toomey's original file after May 29, 1916 (thirty-two boxes including two boxes of medals, and one box of correspondence by subject, one wrapped package re Celtic Cross, and a blueprint of cemetery at No. Oaks) was delivered to the Louis W. and Maud Hill Family Foundation on April 30, 1963. L.W.Hill was administrator of his father's estate and the records of the administrator are all in the Louis W. Hill Papers.