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AMBASSADOR'S PAPERS  
DONATED TO UM LIBRARY

MISSOULA--

The personal papers of the late James W. Gerard, U.S. Ambassador to Germany from 1913-17, have been donated to the University of Montana Library by several of Gerard's nephews.

The historically valuable Gerard papers--formally known as the James W. Gerard Collection--were contributed to the UM Library through the University Foundation and the Gerard brothers--Sumner, Coster and James Gerard.

Sumner Gerard, a diplomatic officer for the U.S. Foreign Service, is a former Montana legislator and rancher who served as president of the Friends of the Library of the University of Montana a number of years ago.

Concerning the Gerard donation, Brian Cockhill, Butte, acting UM Library archivist, said: "The James W. Gerard Collection will be of immense importance to political scientists and historians because the papers deal with the diplomatic experiences of James W. Gerard during his role as ambassador, and with his business and political experiences during the presidential administrations of Woodrow Wilson, Franklin D. Roosevelt and Harry S. Truman."

Cockhill said James W. Gerard, who married Mary A. Daly, a daughter of the well known Montana Copper King Marcus Daly, had extensive ranching and mining interests in Montana, including a ranch two miles north of Hamilton.

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Besides compiling his own papers, James W. Gerard also wrote three books--"My Four Years in Germany" (1917), "Face to Face with Kaiserism" (1918) and "My First Eighty-three Years in America" (1951).

Cockhill said James W. Gerard, who died in 1951 in New York City, defeated Franklin D. Roosevelt for the Democratic nomination to the U.S. Senate in 1916 in New York.

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"The only/election FDR lost," Cockhill said, "was when he ran as the vice-presidential candidate in 1920."

An aspiring politician much of his adult life, James W. Gerard served as treasurer of the Democratic National Committee from 1920-32. He was chairman of the Democratic Finance Committee in 1934 and honorary chairman of that group until 1944.

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