

# Jacob A. Riis Papers

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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Jacob A. Riis Papers

**Span Dates:** 1870-1990

**Bulk Dates:** (bulk 1887-1913)

**ID No.:** MSS37903

**Creator:** Riis, Jacob A. (Jacob August), 1849-1914

**Extent:** 3,000 items ; 18 containers ; 8.4 linear feet ; 8 microfilm reels

**Language:** Collection material in English, with some Danish

**Location:** Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

**Summary:** Journalist, author, and humanitarian. Correspondence, drafts and printed copies of articles, speeches and lectures, and other material relating chiefly to Riis's work as a journalist and author.

## Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### People

Adler, Felix, 1851-1933--Correspondence.  
Carnegie, Andrew, 1835-1919--Correspondence.  
Lowell, Josephine Shaw, 1843-1905--Correspondence.  
Moore, Martha Riis--Correspondence.  
Owre, J. Riis--Correspondence.  
Riis family.  
Riis, Elisabeth D. Nielson, -1905--Correspondence.  
Riis, Jacob A. (Jacob August), 1849-1914.  
Riis, John--Correspondence.  
Riis, Kate--Correspondence.  
Riis, Mary Phillips--Correspondence.  
Riis, Roger William, 1894-1953--Correspondence.  
Roosevelt, Theodore, 1858-1919--Correspondence.  
Saint-Gaudens, Augustus, 1848-1907--Correspondence.

### Organizations

Council of Confederated Good Government Clubs.  
Small Parks Committee (New York, N.Y.)

### Subjects

Civic improvement--New York (State)--New York.  
Humanitarianism.  
Journalism--New York (State)--New York.  
Reformers.  
Slums--New York (State)--New York.  
Social history.  
Social problems.

### Places

New York (N.Y.)--Social conditions.

### Occupations

Authors.  
Journalists.  
Philanthropists.

## Administrative Information

### Provenance

The papers of Jacob A. Riis, journalist, author, and humanitarian, were given to the Library of Congress by his widow, Mary Phillips Riis, in 1952. Additions to the papers were received by gift and purchase between 1958 and 1991.

### Processing History

The papers of Jacob A. Riis were arranged and described in 1976. The finding aid was revised in 2007.

### Transfers

Photographs have been transferred to the Library's Prints and Photographs Division where they are identified as part of these papers.

### Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Jacob A. Riis is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

### Access and Restrictions

The papers of Jacob A. Riis are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

### Microfilm

A microfilm edition of part of these papers is available on eight reels. Consult a reference librarian in the Manuscript Division concerning availability for purchase or interlibrary loan.

### Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container or reel number, Jacob A. Riis Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## Biographical Note

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Event</i>  |
|-------------|---|
| 1849, May 3 | Born, Ribe, Denmark   |
| 1860s       | Educated in private Latin schools, Ribe, Denmark  |
| 1870        | Emigrated to America  |
| 1874        | Began work for the <i>South Brooklyn News</i> , a weekly newspaper operated by the local Democratic Party |
| 1876        | Married Elisabeth D. Nielsen (died 1905)  |
| 1877-1888   | Police reporter, <i>New York Tribune</i>  |
| 1888-1899   | Police reporter, <i>New York Evening Sun</i> ; began lecturing on life in the slums                       |
| 1890        | Published <i>How the Other Half Lives</i> . New York: Charles Scribner's sons                             |
| 1892        | Published <i>The Children of the Poor</i> . New York: Charles Scribner's Sons                             |

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| 1897         | Secretary, New York Small Parks Commission                               |
| 1901         | Published <i>The Making of an American</i> . New York: Macmillan Co.     |
| 1902         | Published <i>The Battle with the Slum</i> . New York: Macmillan Co.      |
| 1903         | Published <i>Children of the Tenements</i> . New York: Macmillan Co.     |
| 1904         | Published <i>Theodore Roosevelt, The Citizen</i> . New York: Outlook Co. |
| 1907         | Married Mary Phillips  |
| 1910         | Published <i>Hero Tales of the Far North</i> . New York: Macmillan Co.   |
| 1914, May 26 | Died, Barre, Mass.   |

## Scope and Content Note

The papers of Jacob August Riis (1849-1914) span the years 1870-1990, but are concentrated in the period 1887-1913. They consist of correspondence, drafts and printed copies of articles, outlines of lectures, newspaper clippings, scrapbooks, appointment books, financial records, deeds, indentures, radio scripts, and miscellaneous material. The papers document Riis's career as a journalist and illustrate his concern for the poor, his belief in the humanity of the slum dweller, and his devotion to family. The collection is arranged in six series: [Family Correspondence](#), [General Correspondence](#), [Speeches and Writings File](#), [Scrapbooks](#), [Miscellany](#), and [Addition](#). Some material is in Danish.

The papers focus on the period after Riis's emigration from Denmark to the United States in 1870 and his later success as a police reporter in which he witnessed the abuses of slum life. His effort to improve conditions in tenements began shortly after he became editor of the *South Brooklyn News*, a Democratic newspaper, in 1874. His interest in the abuses of poverty is revealed briefly in the [General Correspondence](#) and more fully in the [Scrapbooks](#) series and the [Speeches and Writings File](#). Many drafts in the [Speeches and Writings File](#) are outlines and lists of thoughts rather than complete texts.

Riis gathered information from health department and police records, conversations with officials, and trips through the slums with health department inspectors. His stories about tenement dwellers and their struggle for survival appear in the scrapbooks. Among the clippings is the capsulized version published in *Scribner's Magazine* of his first book, *How the Other Half Lives*. Other articles exploring slum conditions and police work in New York City appeared without his byline in the *New York Tribune* and the *New York Sun*. Additional writings by Riis in the scrapbooks are reports of the Council of Confederated Good Government Clubs and the Small Parks Committee. Riis also wrote articles for the Danish newspaper *Nationaltitende* in which he reported on the social conditions and job opportunities in New York for prospective immigrants.

The [Miscellany](#) series includes personal expense records, biographical information, and radio scripts based on Riis's life.

[Family Correspondence](#) consists largely of letters to and from Riis's wives, Elisabeth D. Nielson Riis and Mary Phillips Riis, his daughter Kate Riis, and his sons, John Riis and Roger Riis. Riis's warm and lasting friendship with Theodore Roosevelt (1858-1919) is documented by letters from Roosevelt during the years 1894-1913. Other prominent correspondents include Felix Adler, Andrew Carnegie, Josephine Shaw Lowell, and Augustus Saint-Gaudens.

The [Addition](#) spans the years 1898-1990. The bulk of the material is made up of family correspondence to John Riis, son of Jacob A. Riis, from his mother, Elisabeth, and letters from Jacob Riis's grandson, J. Riis Owre, to his cousin, Martha Riis Moore. The general correspondence consists of two letters from Riis, one to Sara Guy and Mrs. J. A. Maddur, the other to George M. Martin. The addition also contains notes and genealogical material relating to Riis's descendants.

## Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged in six series:

- Family Correspondence, 1873-1952.
- General Correspondence, 1870-1918
- Speeches and Writings File, circa 1877-1959
- Scrapbooks, 1881-1900
- Miscellany
- Addition, 1898-1990

## Description of Series

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### *Series*

#### **Family Correspondence, 1873-1952**

Letters sent and received within the Riis family and a few letters from others.  
Arranged chronologically.

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#### **General Correspondence, 1870-1918**

Letters received and a few letters sent.  
Arranged chronologically.

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#### **Speeches and Writings File, circa 1877-1959**

Handwritten drafts and typescripts of speeches, lectures, and articles, and outlines, printed articles, poetry, and notes.  
Arranged by type of material and alphabetically by name of speech or article.

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#### **Scrapbooks, 1881-1900**

Scrapbooks containing articles and serializations of books by Riis, newspaper clippings, book reviews, lecture reviews, letters to Riis concerning his lectures, and reports he drafted while serving on the Council of Confederated Good Government Clubs and the Small Parks Committee.

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#### **Miscellany**

Appointment books, financial records, a master's thesis and other biographical information on Riis, a genealogy, deeds, indentures, printed matter, radio scripts, minutes of meetings, tributes, and newspaper clippings. Containers 16-17 are comprised of newspaper clippings that were not filmed.  
Arranged by type of material.

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#### **Addition, 1898-1990**

Family and general correspondence, notes, clippings, wedding invitations, and other material.  
Arranged by type of material and therein chronologically.

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