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### Unit ID

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### Unit Date

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### Language

The materials in the collection are in English.

### Abstract

Scrapbook of clippings from newspapers, magazines, and books relates to the history of Tammany Hall, the New York City political organization that became a symbol of corruption in municipal government.

### Extent

0.2 Cubic Feet 1 box

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## **Historical Note**

Incorporated as a New York City political organization in 1789, the St. Tammany Society became more commonly known by the name of its headquarters, Tammany Hall. The organization grew in power throughout the early 19th century to become the dominant force in the city's politics, controlling Democratic Party political nominations and political patronage, and was particularly instrumental in building the political power of Irish Catholics in the city. Attendant with its rise in power was Tammany Hall's reputation for graft and corruption, reaching its height under the control of "Boss" William M. Tweed from 1868 to 1873. The organization's influence began to ebb in 1930, and it desolved in 1967.

## **Scope and Content**

This collection consists of a single scrapbook, comprised of approximately 80 pages, relating to Tammany Hall, the New York City political organization that became a symbol of corruption in municipal government. The scrapbook, bearing the spine title "The Story of Tammany," contains clippings from newspapers, magazines, and books, including many illustrations. A large portion of the scrapbook consists of a two-part article entitled "The Story of Tammany," from *Harper's New Monthly Magazine* (1872) and Hartley Davis's "Tammany Hall, the Most Perfect Political Organization in the World," from *Munsey's Magazine* (1900).

## **Keywords**

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### **Scrapbook**

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