



Nicholas Longworth

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Introduction

Nicholas Longworth (1869-1931) was born in the Mount Adams neighborhood of Cincinnati. He attended private school in Cincinnati before moving on to Harvard College and Cincinnati Law School, and was admitted to the Ohio state bar in 1894. Longworth became the protégé of Cincinnati politician, George B. Cox, and began his political career in Ohio in 1898. In 1906, he married Alice Roosevelt, daughter of President Theodore Roosevelt; their relationship was strained after Longworth supported William Howard Taft over Roosevelt in the 1912 election. He was elected to the United States House of Representatives in 1915, where he served until his death in 1931. Longworth became Majority Leader of the House in 1923 and Speaker of the House in 1925. While visiting a friend in South Carolina in April 1931, Longworth caught pneumonia and died suddenly. A memorial was held at the Library of Congress on May 3. Longworth is buried in Cincinnati.

Important Dates

- November 5, 1869: Nicholas Longworth III is born in Cincinnati.
- 1891: Longworth graduates from Harvard College.
- 1894: Longworth receives his law degree from Cincinnati Law School and is admitted to the bar.
- 1898: Longworth is elected to Cincinnati's Board of Education.
- 1899-1900: Longworth serves in the Ohio House of Representatives.
- 1901-1903: Longworth serves in the Ohio State Senate.
- 1902: Longworth writes and helps pass the Longworth Bill, regulating municipal bonds.
- February 17, 1906: Longworth marries Alice Roosevelt, daughter of President Theodore Roosevelt.
- 1915-1931: Longworth serves in the U.S. House of Representatives from Ohio's 1st District.
- 1923: Longworth becomes Majority Leader of the House.
- 1925-1931: Longworth is Speaker of the House.
- April 9, 1931: Longworth dies in Aiken, South Carolina.

Suggested Search Strategies

- Try the following terms in combination (as an "all" word search), proximity or as phrases: Nicholas Longworth, Nick Longworth, Alice Roosevelt.
- Limit your search by date to find information about specific parts of Longworth's career.
- Search newspapers in all states, not just Ohio.

Sample Articles from Chronicling America

- ["An Anti-Slavery Leader"](#) *Colored American* (Washington, DC), February 13, 1904, Image 6, col. 1-2.
- ["Wed in White House"](#) *Hocking Sentinel* (Logan, OH), February 22, 1906, Image 2, col. 2-5.
- ["Politicians at Washington"](#) *Marion Daily Mirror* (Marion, OH), July 25, 1910, Image 1, col. 6.
- ["Socialists Indicted"](#) *Day Book* (Chicago, IL), October 17, 1912, Image 30, col. 1.
- ["Some Notable Figures in Political Field Who 'Came Back'"](#) *Evening Public Leader* (Philadelphia, PA), November 6, 1914, Image 2.
- ["Speaker's Death Adds to Chaos"](#) *Evening Star* (Washington, DC), April 10, 1931, Image 4, col. 1.