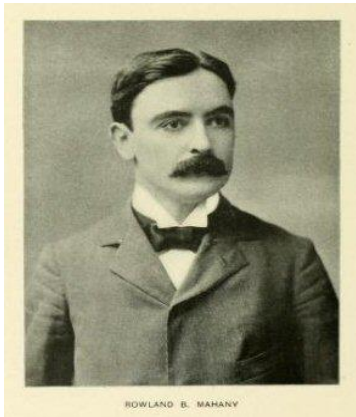
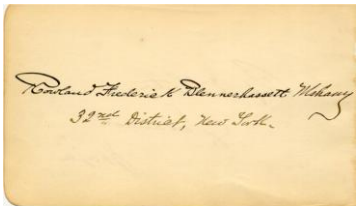




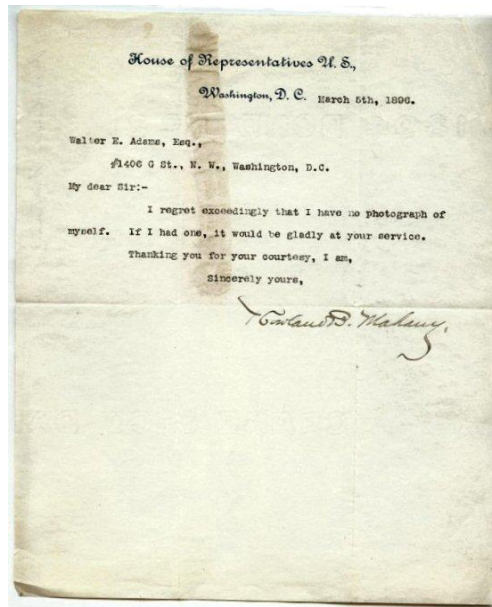
## ROWLAND BLENNERHASSETT MAHANY - IN CONGRESS



Political "pinback" buttons and "Buttonhole" 1892 or 1894



calling card

> [Rowland \(Roland\) Frederick Blennerhassett Mahany](#)

b.28.9.1864 Buffalo, New York, USA;  
named for Sir Rowland Blennerhassett (1st Baronet of Blennerville in Co.Kerry, Ireland) the 1st husband of his aunt Sarah Mahony teacher; journalist; poet; lawyer; diplomat, politician; of Buffalo, New York City (32nd District) and Washington DC (1914-1937)  
a poet, he delivered one of his poems at Gettysburg during a July 1888 celebration; author of "Tuscany, and other poems", published at Buffalo 1909;

edu. Buffalo Central High School; Hobart College, Geneva, N.Y. (1882-1884); Union College, Schenectady, N.Y. (1887); Harvard, Massachusetts (BA 1888, summa cum laude); where he was a member of Phi beta Kappa fraternity;  
on leaving Harvard he returned to Buffalo in 1888 to take a position as Associate Editor of the "Buffalo Express" newspaper 1888; Instructor in English history & literature (rhetoric) at Buffalo High School 1889-1890

ALS to Gen. Carr; Secretary at the American Legation to Chile 1890; declined an appointment as secretary of the US legation to Chile in 1890; under the Harrison administration he was U.S. Envoy Extraordinary & Minister Plenipotentiary to Ecuador (non-career appointee) from 24.2.1892 until he resigned 12.6.1893 ["**Repository**" 16.4.1892]; on his appointment in 1892 he was (at the age of 27) the youngest US diplomat; Unsuccessful independent candidate for Buffalo 1892 (Fifty-third Congress), defeated; afterwards supported a Democrat for Mayor of Buffalo; Returned to Ecuador 1893 & concluded the Santos Convention/Treaty, negotiations for which had remained unsettled for nearly ten years; Elected U.S. Congressman (Republican, New York) 1894, re-elected 1896 (serving 4.3.1895 - 3.3.1899, 54th & 55th Congresses); unsuccessful candidate for re-election in 1898 & 1900

studied law in Buffalo, admitted to the bar in 1899 and engaged in the practice of law in Buffalo, specialising in international law; Harbor Commissioner of Buffalo, New York 1899-1906

Supporter of the "Suffrage League" and in 1906 addressed Suffrage meetings of the Constitution League at Philadelphia & Washington DC; Editor of the "Buffalo Enquirer" 1901-11; Commissioner of conciliation for the Bureau of Labor 1914-1918; Assistant to the Secretary of Labor in 1918 and 1919; Member of the Foreign Trade Relations Committee of the State Department 1919; Appointed by President Wilson one of the ten Federal Umpires for the National War Labor Board 1919; Member of the United States Housing Corporation 1919; US representative on the International Commission on Immigration and Emigration at Geneva, Switzerland, 1921; Solicitor and Acting Secretary for the Dept. of Labor in 1920-1921

Resumed the practice of law in Washington, D.C., retaining his residence in Buffalo, N.Y.; at Washington he was Delegate to Democratic National Conventions 1924 and 1928; "...he was well known around Washington because of his punctilious dress in the style of the period that is known as the gay nineties" ["**Buffalo Courier Express**" 3.5.1937]; member of the Columbia Historical Society; Phi Betas Kappa; Psi Upsilon; Hon. member of South Carolina Society (Washington); one of the Umpires on the War Labor Board; Solicitor of the Department of Labor; Member of the Foreign Trade Relations Commission; Harbormaster of Buffalo 1899-1906; on the General Council for the Polish Patriotic Congress; Council for the Japanese Empire in the successful adjustment of Japan's claims for war zone shipping services to the U.S. 1936

see "Biographical Directory of the American Congress 1774-1949" p.1493; & "Herringshaw's Encyclopedia of American Biography of the Nineteenth Century" p.611

Criticism of Rowland Blennerhassett Mahany, in a letter of 6.3.1906 from Charles W. Anderson to Booker T. Washington, is published in "The Booker T. Washington Papers" (vol.8 p.539, March 1906; University of Illinois Press); e.g. "...Of course Mahany got all of his opinions from Milholland. Thus you see, that this scoundrel is going to and fro in the country, and exerting his poor abilities to the job of destroying certain coloured men..." and "...he is a bright fellow, but utterly devoid of party standing. He is cordially hated by the leading Republicans of Buffalo, and is regarded as an Irish agitator..."

unm.; at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania he twice attempted suicide (the 2nd time on Sat. bef. 2.12.1913, when he was treated at Harrisburg Hospital) ["**Patriot**" 3.12.1913] ["**New York Sun**" 3.12.1913];

d.2.5.1937 (obit. has 3.5.1937) at home, 1414 Madison St., Washington DC ["**Trenton Evening Times**" 9.5.1937] ["**Buffalo Courier Express**" 3.5.1937]; obit. ["**The Diamond of Psi Upsilon**" (publication of Psi Upsilon fraternity) vol. xxxv Nov.1937 No.1, pp.32-33] bur. Congressional Cemetery, Washington DC (Range 28 Site 8)