

# Guide to the Leonard Bloomfield Papers

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 635

**CREATOR:** Bloomfield, Leonard, 1887-1949

**TITLE:** Leonard Bloomfield papers

**DATES:** 1909-1950

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 2 linear feet

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Correspondence, writings, and notebooks entirely related to his professional interest in languages and linguistics. The largest part of the papers consist of a sequence of forty-four notebooks, each devoted to a language or a linguistic problem. The phonology and morphology of twenty-one languages are covered in these volumes. Three unpublished articles by Bloomfield are also in the papers.

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of the estate of Leonard Bloomfield, 1949.

## **Conditions Governing Access**

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Leonard Bloomfield Papers. Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library.

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## **Scope and Contents**

These papers of the linguist Leonard Bloomfield are entirely devoted to his professional interests. Aside from seven letters from other linguists, the papers consist of a few unpublished works by Bloomfield and two items by other linguists, and of forty-four notebooks compiled by Bloomfield. These have as their subject matter the phonology and morphology of a wide variety of languages. It seems likely that these notebooks were used by Bloomfield in preparing his publications. The two earliest volumes contain class notes.

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### Correspondence

b. 1, f. 1	Burke, John	1945 July 30
b. 1, f. 2	Lo Ch'ang-p'ei	1946 June 8
b. 1, f. 2	Uhlenbeck, C. C.	1946 May 23
b. 1, f. 2	Vlekke, Bernard	1943 April-May
b. 1, f. 2	Yrizas, Pedro de	1950 December 17

### Writings

b. 1, f. 3 - 8	<i>Teaching Children to Read</i> [typescript]	1939
b. 1, f. 9	<i>The Benares Commentary</i> [typescript]	undated
b. 1, f. 10	Draft article on education [ms]	undated

### Notebooks

b. 2, f. 11	"Gothic" English	1909-1910
b. 2, f. 12	"Geschichte der deutschen Sprache" English	1913 September-1914 June
b. 2, f. 13	"Burmese" English	1944-1945
b. 2, f. 14	Arabic	undated
b. 2, f. 15 - 20	Dutch	undated
b. 3, f. 21 - 22	Finnish	undated
b. 3, f. 23 - 24	German	undated
b. 3, f. 25 - 27	Gothic	undated
b. 3, f. 28	Gypsy	undated
b. 3, f. 29	Lithuanian	undated
b. 3, f. 30	Middle High German	undated
b. 3, f. 31 - 32	Modern Greek	undated
b. 3, f. 33	Ojibwa	undated
b. 3, f. 34	"Old Icelandic: Description of Inflection" English	undated

b. 3, f. 35	"Old Icelandic: Descriptive Grammar English	undated
b. 4, f. 36	"Old Icelandic: History" English	undated
b. 4, f. 37	Pānini	undated
b. 4, f. 38	Polish	undated
b. 4, f. 39 - 40	Potawatomi	undated
b. 4, f. 41	Proto-Germanic and Old High Germanic	undated
b. 4, f. 42 - 47	Russian	undated
b. 5, f. 48	Scandinavian	undated
b. 5, f. 49	"Scandinavian literature" English	undated
b. 5, f. 50 - 51	Spanish	undated
b. 5, f. 52 - 53	Swedish	undated
b. 5, f. 54	Miscellaneous	undated
Writings of others		
b. 5, f. 55	Pike, Kenneth L.: "A Monolingual Approach to a Foreign Language" [typescript]	1943 October 16
b. 5, f. 56 - 59	Anonymous: "Japanese Notes" [typescript]	undated

## **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.

### **Subjects**

Educators  
Indians of North America -- Languages  
Linguistics  
Literature -- History and criticism  
Reading

### **Occupations**

Linguists

### **Names**

Bloomfield, Leonard, 1887-1949

### **Corporate Body**

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