

# Guide to the Walter Langford Smith Papers

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 1126

**CREATOR:** Smith, Walter Langford, 1885-1952

**TITLE:** Walter Langford Smith papers

**DATES:** 1901-1911

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 0.25 linear feet

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Correspondence, financial papers, photographs, and memorabilia chiefly relating to Smith's term as a special student at the Yale Law School (1905-1906). Also included are sixteen letters (1904-1906) written to him by his father.

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b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Warren H. Smith, 1952.

## Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Biographical / Historical

Walter Langford Smith was born on April 12, 1885, in Rochester, New York. His mother, Helena Laura Denton, was the daughter of a deaf-mute who had inherited a large fortune. As his mother died when Walter was five, Walter inherited this fortune when he came of age. In 1905, Smith entered Yale Law School as a special student, but dropped out after inheriting his fortune in 1906. He spent the rest of his life in Rochester, New York, traveling to Europe and American resorts and driving sports cars. He died in Rochester, on August 6, 1952.

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## Scope and Contents

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Correspondence		
b. 1, f. 1 - 4	William Henry Smith	1904-1906
	Walter Langford Smith	
b. 1, f. 5	Outgoing	undated
b. 1, f. 6	Incoming	1901-1911, undated
b. 1, f. 7	Bills and receipts	1905-1906
b. 1, f. 8	Photographs: unidentified people in Paris, Florida, and other places	undated
b. 1, f. 9	Postcards, one decorated with feathers	1906, undated
Memorabilia		
b. 1, f. 10	Yale Cooperative Society membership card	1905-1906
b. 1, f. 10	Cigarette card	undated
b. 1, f. 10	Theater ticket stubs	undated
b. 1, f. 10	Advertising card for the Chorus Girls' Masque Ball after a Yale-Columbia football game	undated
b. 1, f. 11	Receipt, baggage checks, and envelope for a train trip to Rochester, New York	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**

Fathers and sons  
Law

### **Names**

Smith, Walter Langford, 1885-1952  
Smith, William Henry, 1850-1922

### **Corporate Bodies**

Yale Law School  
Yale University -- Students