

# Guide to the F. O. Matthiessen Papers

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**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The F. O. Matthiessen Papers document the work and life of historian, literary critic, and educator F. O. Matthiessen. The papers consist of personal and professional correspondence, drafts of writings, notebooks, agendas, teaching materials, photographs, printed materials, and personal papers, spanning the years 1900-1964. The bulk of the collection consists of Matthiessen's correspondence and writing drafts and original material collected by Louis Hyde in the process of researching and writing *Rat & the Devil: Journal Letters of F. O. Matthiessen and Russell Cheney*.

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Louis K. Hyde, 1967; George Abbott White, 1967, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1991; and Richard W. Hyde, 1995.

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## Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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This collection received preliminary processing at the time of acquisition in 1967, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1991, and 1995. Further organization, rehousing and/or description was carried out in 2011. This collection includes materials previously identified by the following call numbers: Za Matthiessen; Uncat ZA MS Matthiessen; Uncat ZA MS 206; Uncat ZA File 257; Uncat ZA MS 331; Uncat ZA MS 353; Uncat ZA MS 354; Uncat ZA MS 444. Various acquisitions associated with the collection have not been merged and organized as a whole. Each acquisition is described separately in the contents list below, according to month and year of acquisition.

Information included in the Description of Papers note and Collection Contents section is drawn from information supplied with the collection and from an initial survey of the contents. Folder titles appearing in the contents list below are often based on those provided by the creator or previous custodian. Titles have not been verified against the contents of the folders in all cases. Otherwise, folder titles are supplied by staff during initial and subsequent processing.

This finding aid may be updated periodically to account for new acquisitions to the collection and/or revisions in arrangement and description.

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## Existence and Location of Copies

Microfilm service copy is available for: I. 1967 Acquisitions, Other Papers, Financial papers, 1948-1950 (film number 955).

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## F. O. Matthiessen, 1902-1950

Francis Otto Matthiessen, American historian, literary critic and educator. He was born on February 19, 1902 in Pasadena, California. Matthiessen graduated from Yale University in 1923, was a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University, and received his doctorate from Harvard in 1927. He taught at Harvard University from 1929-1950 and chaired its undergraduate program in history and literature. Matthiessen's notable works concern T. S. Eliot, the James family (Alice James, Henry James, Henry James Sr., and William James), and writers of the American Renaissance, including Ralph Waldo Emerson, Sarah Orne Jewett, Sinclair

Lewis, Herman Melville, Henry David Thoreau, and Walt Whitman. He is best known for his book, *American Renaissance: Art and Expression in the Age of Emerson and Whitman*(1941).

Matthiessen's life partner was the painter Russell Cheney and the couple shared a cottage in Kittery, Maine. Matthiessen kept his personal life quite private and wished for most of his colleagues to not know he was gay. His friends, however, maintained close relationships with him and Cheney throughout their years together. Cheney died in 1945 of mesenteric thrombosis and Matthiessen never recovered from his death. He died by suicide by jumping from a window in 1950.

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## Scope and Contents

The F. O. Matthiessen Papers document the work and life of historian, literary critic and educator F. O. Matthiessen. The papers consist of personal and professional correspondence, drafts of writings, notebooks, agendas, teaching materials, photographs, printed materials, and personal papers, spanning the years 1900-1964. The bulk of the collection consists of Matthiessen's correspondence and writing drafts and original material collected by Louis Hyde in the process of researching and writing *Rat and the Devil: Journal Letters of F. O. Matthiessen and Russell Cheney*. Writings shed light on Matthiessen's creative process and include handwritten and typescript drafts and printed versions of writings, including his books *American Renaissance: Art and Expression in the Age of Emerson and Whitman*, "Oliver Goldsmith as Essayist and Critic," *Sarah Orne Jewett*, and *Theodore Dreiser*. Correspondence includes letters from friends and colleagues regarding his writings, and personal and professional matters. Material collected by Louis Hyde in the course of his research includes original correspondence between Matthiessen and Cheney, with some photocopies.

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## Arrangement

Organized into seven groupings: I. 1967 Acquisitions, 1913-1964. II. January 1967 Acquisition, 1900-1955. III. September and October 1983 Acquisitions, 1901-1955. IV. June 1984 Acquisition, 1930-1931. V. April 1985 Acquisition, 1941-1949. VI. February 1991 Acquisition, 1941. VII. June 1995 Acquisition, 1924-1945.

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## Collection Contents

### 1: 1967 Acquisitions, 1913-1964, undated

4.42 linear feet (6 boxes)

Formerly classified as Za Matthiessen and Uncat ZA MS Matthiessen.

Gift of George Abbott White and Louis K. Hyde, 1967.

Organized into two series: Correspondence with F. O. Matthiessen and Other Papers.

Arranged alphabetically by correspondent. Filed at the end of the series is correspondence with only first names identified and correspondence grouped together by subject.

#### Correspondence with F.O. Matthiessen

b.1	"A" general 3 Folders	1942-1949
b.1	Aaron, Dan 2 Folders	1939-1949
b.1	Academy of American Poets	1946-1949
b.1	Aiken, Conrad	1945-1949
b.1	Alfred A. Knopf, Inc. 4 Folders	1944-1949
b.1	Allen, Gay Wilson	1944
b.1	Allen, Harvey	1935
b.1	American Men of Letters Series	1946
b.1	Anderson, Lee	1945
b.1	Andover Press	1946-1947
b.1	Arvin, Newton 2 Folders	1939-1943
b.1	Ashbery, John	1949
b.1	Auchincloss, Louis	1945
b.1	Auden, W. H. 2 Folders	1943-1945
b.1	"B" general 4 Folders	1929-1950
b.1	Bacon, Leonard	1949
b.1	Baker, Howard and Dorothy 3 Folders	1940-1949
b.1	Barber, C. L.	1939-1949

## Correspondence with F.O. Matthiessen (continued)

b.1	Beach, Joseph W.	1945 September 21
b.1	Becket, G. Campbell	1925-1942
b.1	Benet, Stephen Vincent	undated
b.1	Bennett, J. D. <i>2 Folders</i>	1941-1946
b.1	Bentley, Eric	1945-1949
b.1	Blackmur, R. P.	1946
b.1	Boorstin, D. J.	1936-1947
b.1	Bourjaily, Vance	1948 December 2
b.1	Bowron, B	1945-1949
b.1	Braybrooke, Neville	1946 October 19
b.1	Brooks, Cleanth	1936-1942
b.1	Brown, Alice	1928 June 13
b.1	Buckley, Jonathan O. <i>2 Folders</i>	1925-1945
b.1	<a href="#">Bynner, Witter</a>	1946-1949
b.1	"C" general <i>4 Folders</i>	1929-1949
b.1	Canby, Henry S.	1935-1948
b.1	Cane, Melville	1945 October 5
b.1	Cather, Willa	1926-1927
b.1	Charrat, William	1946 May 19
b.1	Cheney, Clifford	1945-1946
b.1	Cheney, Dorothy	1946
b.1	Cheney, Elizabeth	1929 April 19
b.1	Cheney, Helen	1946 December 5
b.1	Cheney, Howell	1946 November 14
b.1	Cheney, Louise	1946 November 16
b.1	Cheney, Marjory	1945-1946

## Correspondence with F.O. Matthiessen (continued)

b.1	Cheney, Mary	1947 January 7
b.1	Cheney, Russell <i>2 Folders</i> Includes photograph	1913-1947
b.1	Cheney, Ward	undated
b.1	Citizens' Victory Committee for Harry Bridges <i>6 Folders</i>	1941-1944
b.1	Coburn, Alvin Langdon	1946 December 2
b.1	Coffin, William Sloane	1949 January 3
b.1	Conant, James B. <i>2 Folders</i>	1938-1943
b.1	Coolidge, Julian	1929
b.1	Cooper, John Sherman	1925-1938
b.1	Cooper Union	1941
b.1	Cowley, Malcolm	1938-1948
b.1	Craig, Hardin	1938 November 22
b.1	Crockett, John	1949 February 15
b.1	Cunningham, Hugh T.	1934-1949
b.1	Current, Garcia	1943-1944
b.1	"D" general <i>4 Folders</i>	1925-1950
b.1	<a href="#">Davenport, Russell</a>	1929-1946
b.1	Davis, Jerome	1936 November 18
b.1	Day, Huntington T.	1925-1947
b.1	Deutsch	1943
b.1	Devoto, Bernard	1936-1938
b.1	Dorman, Florence and H. H. <i>2 Folders</i>	1936-1949
b.1	Doubleday & Company Inc.	1946
b.1	Durand, Dana	1931 December 6
b.2	"E" general <i>3 Folders</i>	1929-1949



## Correspondence with F.O. Matthiessen (continued)

b. 2	Eberhart, Richard	1945-1949
b. 2	Edel, Leon	1945-1949
b. 2	<a href="#">Einstein, Albert</a>	1948
b. 2	Elias, Robert H.	1938-1949
b. 2	Eliot, T. S.	1938-1945
b. 2	Engel, Monroe	1943-1944
b. 2	Engle, Paul	1944
b. 2	"F" general 3 Folders	1924-1948
b. 2	Farrell, James T.	1946
b. 2	Finch, John 2 Folders	1939-1949
b. 2	Finley, John	1940-1945
b. 2	Fitzgerald, Barry	1944-1949
b. 2	Flint, Robert	1943-1944
b. 2	Foster, Max	1927-1941
b. 2	Francis, Paul	1944-1946
b. 2	Freeman, Mary E. Wilkinson	1928 August 14
b. 2	French, Robert Dudley	1920-1945
b. 2	"G" general 3 Folders	1939-1950
b. 2	Gabrieli, V. 2 Folders	1949
b. 2	Gallup, Donald	1938
b. 2	Geist, Stanley	1943-1945
b. 2	George, William 2 Folders	1944-1949
b. 2	Ginger, Ray	1949 November
b. 2	Goodwin, Richard M. Includes photograph	1936
b. 2	Granville-Barker, Harley	1940-1951
b. 2	Gray, Charlie	1950 January 18
b. 2	Greenslet, Ferris	1934

## Correspondence with F.O. Matthiessen (continued)

b. 2	Gregory, Horace	1944 May 11
b. 2	"H" general <i>4 Folders</i>	1929-1950
b. 2	Harap, Louis	1948-1949
b. 2	Harvard University	1930-1950
b. 2	Heller, Clemens	1944-1949
b. 2	Heringman, Bernie	1949
b. 2	<a href="#">Hicks, Granville</a>	1938-1941
b. 2	Houghland, Willard	1928-1940
b. 2	Houghton Mifflin	1945-1947
b. 2	Houghton, Walter	1929-1946
b. 2	<a href="#">Howe, Irving</a>	1948 October
b. 2	Howe, Mark A. DeWolfe	1928-1931
b. 2	<a href="#">Huberman, Leo</a>	1949-1950
b. 2	Hutchins, Robert M.	1936-1943
b. 2	Hyde, Louis K. <i>15 Folders</i>	1925-1950
b. 2	"I" general	1934-1949
b. 2	"J" general <i>2 Folders</i>	1944-1950
b. 2	Jackson, Gabriel <i>3 Folders</i>	1940-1945
b. 2	James, Henry	1944-1946
b. 2	Jewett, Sarah Orne <i>2 Folders</i>	1928
b. 2	John Reed Club	
b. 2	Jones, Howard Mumford	1941-1947
b. 2	"K" general <i>4 Folders</i>	1928-1949
b. 2	Kang, Yang	1945-1946
b. 2	Katz, Evalyn	1944-1946
b. 2	<a href="#">Kazin, Alfred</a>	1947-1949
b. 2	Kazin, Pearl	1949 August 27

## Correspondence with F.O. Matthiessen (continued)

b. 2	Kinoy, Arthur	1942-1943
b. 2	Kipling, Rudyard	1928 August 23
b. 2	<a href="#">Kirstein, Lincoln</a>	1941-1947
b. 2	Knapp, Emily	1946-1949
b. 2	Kollar, H. C.	1926-1931
b. 2	Kreymborg, Alfred	1949 January
b. 2	"L" general <i>4 Folders</i>	1936-1949
b. 3	<a href="#">Lamont, Corliss</a>	1942 November 23
b. 3	Lask, Harold J.	1948-1949
b. 3	Laughlin, James	1943-1950
b. 3	Leontief, Wassily	1950 January 16
b. 3	Levenson, J. C.	1945-1950
b. 3	Levin, Harry <i>2 Folders</i>	1934-1949
b. 3	Lewis, R. W. B.	1940-1948
b. 3	Lowes, John	1924-1937
b. 3	Luckey, Yorick	1924-1943
b. 3	Lusk, William T.	1946 November 14
b. 3	Lynd, Helen	1944-1950
b. 3	"M" general <i>5 Folders</i>	1929-1949
b. 3	McCaffery, Harry	1937-1946
b. 3	McLane, James	1931-1944
b. 3	<a href="#">MacLeish, Archibald</a>	1939-1945
b. 3	Macmillan Company	1941
b. 3	<a href="#">McWilliams, Carey</a>	1930-1949
b. 3	Maddocks, Melvin	1944-1947
b. 3	Manning, Fred and Helen	1945
b. 3	Marx, Leo	1945-1950

## Correspondence with F.O. Matthiessen (continued)

b. 3	<a href="#">Matthiessen, F. O.</a> <i>2 Folders</i>	1924-1950
b. 3	<a href="#">Matthiessen, F. W.</a>	1944-1947
b. 3	Matthiessen, R. W.	1943 November 13
b. 3	Matthiessen, Bill and Alvah	1936-1941
b. 3	<a href="#">Matthiessen, Dwight and Muriel</a>	1927-1948
b. 3	Matthiessen, Eda	1929
b. 3	Matthiessen Family <i>2 Folders</i>	1940
b. 3	Matthiessen, Jean	1927-1942
b. 3	Matthiessen, Lucille <i>2 Folders</i>	1927-1945
b. 3	Melhorn, Jean	1940-1948
b. 3	Mellquist, Jerome <i>4 Folders</i>	1933-1949
b. 3	Melville-Metcalf, E.	1934 June 11
b. 3	Merriman, Roger B.	1929-1945
b. 3	Metcalf, Tom	1945-1946
b. 3	Middlebury Conference 1944	1944
b. 3	Millay, Edna St. Vincent	1948 January 29
b. 3	Miller, Perry	1937-1944
b. 3	Moore, Marianne	1948 December 13
b. 3	Morgan, Ed	1937-1941
b. 3	Morison, Samuel Eliot	1936
b. 3	Morris, Wright	1942-1948
b. 3	Munn, James	1929-1941
b. 3	Murdoch, Lurette and Kenneth <i>8 Folders</i>	1926-1949, undated
b. 3	Museum of Modern Art	1947 December 3
b. 3	"N" general <i>4 Folders</i>	1940-1949

## Correspondence with F.O. Matthiessen (continued)

b. 3	Neubrand, H. G.	
b. 3	Neubrand, Louise	1940-1948
b. 3	New Republic	1929-1948
b. 3	Newhall, Nancy	1939
b. 3	Nelson, Truman	1949, undated
b. 3	New York Times	1944-1945
b. 3	New York Trust <i>5 Folders</i>	1943-1947
b. 3	The New Yorker	1943 July 9
b. 3	Nin, Anais	undated
b. 3	Nobel Prize Committee	1948
b. 3	Norman, Charles	1945
b. 3	Norton & Company Inc.	1930-1949
b. 3	Notestein, Wallace	1930 December 12
b. 3	"O" general <i>4 Folders</i>	1935-1949
b. 3	O'Connor, William Van	1946-1949
b. 3	Olson, Charles	1939-1947
b. 3	"Oxford Letter"	undated
b. 3	Oxford (University of) <i>4 Folders</i>	1937-1950
b. 3	Oxford University Press	1934-1947
b. 3	"P" general <i>4 Folders</i>	1928-1949
b. 3	Pearson, Norman Holmes	1939-1949
b. 3	Pelly, Bernard	undated
b. 3	Perkins, Elliot	1933 January 22
b. 3	Perkins, Maxwell E.	1946 May 6
b. 3	Perry, Ralph Barton	1937
b. 3	Poggioli, Renato	1947 May 1
b. 3	Pollak, Louis	1943-1945
b. 3	Poor, Henry	1944

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b. 3	Porter, Katherine Anne	1945-1946
b. 3	Pratt, George	1929-1941
b. 3	Praz, Mario	1949 August 27
b. 4	Price, Frederic Newlin	1946-1947
b. 4	Princeton University	1946-1947
b. 4	Putnam, Cordelia	undated
b. 4	Putnam, Phelps and Una <i>3 Folders</i>	1926-1949, undated
b. 4	Quinn, Kerker	1941 August 5
b. 4	"R" general <i>5 Folders</i>	1936-1949
b. 4	Rackliffe, John	1947, undated
b. 4	Rahv, Philip	1944-1945
b. 4	Rajan, B.	1944-1946
b. 4	Ransom, John Crowe <i>3 Folders</i>	1942-1949, undated
b. 4	Rhodes Scholarship	1935-1937
b. 4	Richards, I. A.	1927-1949
b. 4	Roberts, Preston	1943-1945
b. 4	<a href="#">Rukeyser, Muriel</a> <i>2 Folders</i>	1942-1944
b. 4	"S" general <i>4 Folders</i>	1941-1949
b. 4	Samuel Adam's School for Social Studies	1945
b. 4	Sargent, Porter	1940-1948
b. 4	Sarton, Mary	1949, undated
b. 4	Schacht, Marshall	1949
b. 4	Schlatter, Richard	1934-1948
b. 4	Schlefer, Mark	1944-1945
b. 4	<a href="#">Schlesinger, Arthur Jr.</a>	1941 July 30
b. 4	<a href="#">Schomer, Howard</a> <i>4 Folders</i>	1938-1946
b. 4	Schorer, Mark	1946 October 13

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b. 4	Schwartz, Delmore <i>2 Folders</i>	1940-1943
b. 4	Sedgwick, William	1944-1945
b. 4	Seidman, Bob	1941 October 28
b. 4	Seymour, Charles	1936-1949
b. 4	Shapiro, Karl <i>3 Folders</i>	1945-1949
b. 4	Shattuck, Roger	1946 June 20
b. 4	Sillen, Samuel	1948 October 11
b. 4	Silone, Ignazio	1949 April 14
b. 4	Silverman	undated
b. 4	Silvette, Herbert	1939-1940
b. 4	Simmons, Ernest J.	1940-1948
b. 4	Sloane, William	1948-1949
b. 4	Smith, Henry Nelson	1946-1947
b. 4	Spencer, Theodore <i>3 Folders</i>	1929-1948
b. 4	Spender, Stephen	undated
b. 4	Spiller, Robert <i>3 Folders</i>	1943-1945
b. 4	Stange, Bob	1950 January 17
b. 4	Steffens, Pete	1946-1949
b. 4	Steinhardt, Fred	1929-1931
b. 4	Stephens, Holly	1964, undated
b. 4	Stewart, Donald Ogden	1949 July 5
b. 4	Stewart, Randall	1939 December 10
b. 4	Stronfort, Lionel	1924-1945
b. 4	<a href="#">Summers, Joseph</a> <i>4 Folders</i>	1942-1950
b. 4	Sweeny, John	1946-1948
b. 4	<a href="#">Sweezy, Paul M.</a>	1946-1949

## Correspondence with F.O. Matthiessen (continued)

b. 4	<a href="#">"T" general</a> 2 Folders	1944-1948
b. 4	Taggard, Genevieve	1945
b. 4	Tate, Allen	1935-1948
b. 4	Taylor, Harold	1946
b. 4	Tighe, Richard L.	1927-1933
b. 4	Tinker, Chauncey Brewster	1950 March 1
b. 4	Tufts, Jeanne	undated
b. 4	"U" general 2 Folders	1942-1949
b. 4	University of Pennsylvania	1947
b. 4	<a href="#">Untermeyer, Louis</a>	1949 April 2
b. 4	<a href="#">"V" general</a> 2 Folders	1945-1949
b. 4	<a href="#">VanDoren, Mark</a>	1949 March 23
b. 4	Van Gelden, Robert	1944-1946
b. 4	Venable, Vernon	1945-1947
b. 4	Villa, Jose Garcia	1946 May 27
b. 4	<a href="#">Voorhis, Jerry</a>	1925-1948
b. 4	"W" general 4 Folders	1939-1949
b. 4	Walker, Charlie	1948
b. 4	<a href="#">Wallace Campaign</a>	1948-1949
b. 4	Wallace, Henry A.	1948
b. 4	Walsh-Sweezy memo	1937
b. 4	Wanning, Andrew	1936 May 1
b. 4	Warren, Austin	undated
b. 4	Warren, Robert Penn 2 Folders	1942-1949
b. 4	Wheeler, "Nud"	1945 July 13
b. 4	Wheelock, John Hall	1946-1949
b. 4	Whitney, Edward	1929-1939
b. 4	Whitney Museum of American Art	1940-1946



## Correspondence with F.O. Matthiessen (continued)

b. 4	Wilbur, Richard	1948 December
b. 4	Wilder, Thornton	1949 March 24
b. 4	Williams, William Carlos	1949
b. 4	<a href="#">Willkie, Wendell</a>	1942 November 6
b. 4	Wilson, Edmund	1929-1944
b. 4	Wilson, F.P.	1931-1949
b. 4	Wilson, Gil	1948-1949
b. 4	Winter, Ella	1946-1949
b. 4	Woodhouse, A. S. P.	1944
b. 4	Worcester Art Museum	1946
b. 4	Wyle, I.R.	1935 Septemnrber 18
b. 4	"X-Y-Z" general	1949
b. 4	Yale University	1926-1949
b. 4	Zabel, M. D. <i>2 Folders</i>	1939-1950
b. 4	Zesmer, David	1948 September 15
	First name only	
b. 4	"A" general	undated
b. 4	"B" general	1939, undated
b. 4	"C" general	1926, 1939
b. 4	"D" general	1937-1949
b. 4	"F" general	undated
b. 4	"G" general	1940-1948
b. 4	"H" general	1945 July 21
b. 4	"Ian"	1934, undated
b. 4	"J" general	1924-1945
b. 4	"K" general	1935-1941
b. 4	"N" general	1941, July 25
b. 4	"R" general	1928-1949

## Correspondence with F.O. Matthiessen &gt; First name only (continued)

b. 4	"S" general	1941 March 26
b. 4	"T" general	1929-1949
Correspondence regarding		
b. 4	Alternative education	1950 March 1
b. 4	Cheney, Russell	1941-1947
b. 4	Dreiser, Theodore	1949-1950
b. 5	Harvard Teachers' Union	1935-1947
b. 5	James, Henry	1945-1948
b. 5	Kenyon School	1948-1949
b. 5	Melville Society <i>2 Folders</i>	1943-1945
b. 5	Olivet College <i>2 Folders</i>	1940-1949
b. 5	Prague	1947
b. 5	Salzburg Seminar	1947-1949
b. 5	Skull and Bones	1925-1929
b. 5	Student Recommendations	1940
b. 5	Unidentified and unsorted correspondence	1942-1948, undated
Other Papers		
b. 22	Various notes and writings <i>4 Folders</i>	undated
b. 22	Financial papers	1948-1950

**2: January 1967 Acquisition, 1900-1955, undated**

4.68 linear feet (7 boxes)

Formerly classified as Uncat ZA MS 206.

This acquisition consists of Matthiessen's student notebooks; teaching notes and assignments, drafts of many works, including *American Renaissance*, "Oliver Goldsmith as Essayist and Critic," *Sarah Orne Jewett*, and *Theodore Dreiser*; agendas; correspondence; professional and personal papers including research notes, Matthiessen's will, and "Papers found in Matthiessen's bureau drawers;" photographs; and printed material.

Gift of Louis K. Hyde, 1967

Organized in six series: Student Materials, Teaching Materials, Writings, Other Papers, Photographs, and Printed Materials.

## Student Materials

b. 6	Unidentified notebooks <i>2 Folders</i>	undated
b. 6	New College notebook <i>2 Folders</i>	undated
b. 6	Yale University notebooks <i>6 Folders</i>	1919-1923
b. 6	Notebooks from Matthiessen's time in France	undated
b. 6	Matthiessen's exam blue books for English course	1926, 1933
b. 6	Matthiessen's Shakespeare course notes	undated

## Teaching Materials

b. 6	Harvard teaching materials <i>17 Folders</i>	1930-1947
b. 7	Salzburg seminar materials and correspondence <i>6 Folders</i>	1947-1948
b. 7	Czechoslovakia seminar materials and correspondence <i>6 Folders</i>	1948
b. 7	Materials regarding trip to Budapest from Salzburg	1947 November
b. 7	English assignments and typescript carbon writing drafts	undated
b. 7	Kenyon School of Letters summer seminar on Modern American Poetry, notes	1948

## Writings

Arranged alphabetically by title.

b. 7	<i>The Achievement of T.S. Eliot</i> , reviews	1935
b. 7	<i>American Renaissance</i> , photographs, drafts, notes, and reviews <i>6 Folders</i>	1941

## Writings (continued)

b. 7	"Eliot's Quartets," printed version, reprinted from <i>The Kenyon Review</i> , Spring 1943	1943
b. 7	<i>From the Heart of Europe</i> , reviews	1948
b. 8	"Oliver Goldsmith as Essayist and Critic: Thesis submitted for the Degree of Bachelors of Literature, Yale University (1923)," drafts and notes 5 Folders	1923
b. 7	<a href="#">"The Humanities in War Time," printed version, reprint of 1943 Harvard Album</a>	1943
b. 7	"Instruction and Amusement: The Mid-Eighteenth Century Essay," typescript draft	undated
b. 7	<i>Michael Wigglesworth: a Puritan Artist</i> , notes and drafts	1928
b. 7	<i>The Notebooks of Henry James</i> , notes, photographs, drafts, and reviews 3 Folders	1955
b. 7	"A Record of the Transcontinental Auto Trip Made by J. L. Pond, H. B. Tyson, and F. O. Matthiessen, Summer of 1919," typescript draft Accompanied by letter from Pond to Leo Marx, 1969 November 10 Gift of John Lawrence Pond, September 1970	1919
b. 7	"The Responsibilities of the Critic," printed version, reprint of Michigan Alumnus Quarterly Review, 1949 July 30	1949
b. 7	<i>Sarah Orne Jewett</i> , draft and reviews 3 Folders	1929
b. 7	<i>Selected Poems by Herman Melville</i> , reviews	1947
b. 7	<i>Theodore Dreiser</i> , drafts 2 Folders	1951
b. 7	"To the Memory of Phelps Putnam," printed version, reprint from <i>The Kenyon Review</i> , Winter 1949	1949
b. 7	Typescript drafts of various book reviews by Matthiessen	undated
b. 7	Bibliographies and notes on writings and teaching	undated
Other papers		
b. 7	Agendas 6 Folders	1930-1948
Correspondence		
b. 7	The American Bookman to unidentified	undated
b. 7	Atkin, W.G. Accompanied by issue of <i>Helicon</i> (undated)	1939 March 10
b. 7	Kazin, Alfred (photocopies)	undated
b. 7	Pitkin, Emily Knapp (photocopies)	1949-1951

## Other papers &gt; Correspondence (continued)

b. 7	Shapiro, Karl	1952, undated
b. 7	From Dirk J. Struik to Maurice Tobin	undated
b. 7	Unidentified fragment	undated
Professional papers		
b. 9	Biographical entry for <i>Who's Who</i>	undated
b. 9	Submission guidelines for Dictionary of Literary and Dramatic Criticism	undated
b. 9	Research notes	undated
b. 9	Henry James bibliography	undated
b. 9	Material on censorship	1942-1944, undated
Personal papers		
b. 9	Will	1926
b. 9	"Papers found in Matthiessen's bureau drawers, 1950 August 16" <i>3 Folders</i> Includes personal notes, letters, and other papers. One folder includes Sarah Orne Jewett letters.	undated
b. 9	Russell Cheney wood block print	undated
b. 9	"Cheney mailing list additions"	undated
b. 10	Index cards with names, addresses, and writing notes	undated
Photographs Photographs are also in the Writings series.		
b. 11	"Matthiessen: Family Record and Album"	undated
b. 11	Various photographs	undated
b. 11	Passport	1923
b. 11	Portraits of Matthiessen by Bachrach	undated
b. 11	Portraits of Matthiessen by John Brook	undated
b. 11	Snapshots of Kittery, cats, woods, and the sea	undated
b. 11	Photographs used in publication of <i>Rat and the Devil</i> , with labels by Hyde	undated
Printed material		
b. 12	Pamphlets, magazines, circulars, and <i>The Ancestry and The Descendant of John Pratt</i> (Hartford Press: Hartford, 1900) <i>28 Folders</i> Includes one folder of printed material on Matthiessen.	circa 1900-1947

**3: September and October 1983 Acquisitions, 1901-1955***0.84 linear feet (2 boxes)*

Gift of George Abbott White, 1983.

Formerly classified as Uncat ZA MS 353.

Organized into two series: Correspondence and Writings.

Correspondence		
b. 13	de Fletcher, Martha	1949
b. 13	Dreiser, Helen Includes drafts of typescript drafts of poems	1949
b. 13	Dreiser, Theodore	1901
b. 13	Geismar, Maxwell	1949
b. 13	<a href="#">National Guardian</a>	1948
b. 13	Naumbura, Edward, Jr.	1947
Writings		
b. 13	Typescript drafts of reviews, speeches, dictionary entries, introductions to writings by others <i>30 Folders</i>	circa 1920-1950
b. 14	Introduction to <i>The American Novels and Stories of Henry James</i> , handwritten and typescript drafts with notes <i>4 Folders</i>	1947
b. 14	<i>Henry James: The Major Phase</i> , typescript with notes <i>3 Folders</i>	1944
b. 14	<i>Notebooks of Henry James</i> , typescript with notes	1955
b. 14	<i>Theodore Dreiser</i> , handwritten draft with notes <i>5 Folders</i>	1951
Writings by others		
b. 14	Shapiro, Karl Jay. Essay on rime: Typescript (carbon) with holograph corrections Former call number: Uncat Za File 31	1944 November 25

#### **4: June 1984 Acquisition, 1930–1031**

*0.21 linear feet (1 box)*

Gift of George Abbott White, 1984.

Formerly classified as Uncat ZA MS 354.

b. 15	<i>Translation: An Elizabethan Art</i> , handwritten drafts with corrections and notes <i>6 Folders</i>	1931
b. 15	Letter from Elinore Pollack-Ottendorff to Matthiessen	1930 July 31

**5: April 1985 Acquisition, 1941-1949, undated**

*0.21 linear feet (1 box)*

Formerly classified as Uncat ZA MS 331.

Gift of George Abbott White, 1985.

b. 16	"Horse-Racing Chief," typescript draft, corrected	undated
b. 16	"On Book Reviews," typescript draft	1948-1949
b. 16	Untitled essay, handwritten with corrections	undated



## **6: February 1991 Acquisition, 1941**

Formerly classified as Uncat ZA File 257.

Gift of George Abbott White, 1991.

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b. 16	<i>American Renaissance</i> , draft consisting of holograph and typescript pages, mockups and proofs, corrected and annotated.	1941
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**7: June 1995 Acquisition, 1924-1945, undated***6 linear feet (6 boxes)*

This acquisition consists of correspondence, writings and a small amount of other papers, collected by Louis Hyde in the process of writing *Rat and the Devil: Journal Letters of F. O. Matthiessen and Russell Cheney* (1988). The bulk of the correspondence is original correspondence between Matthiessen and Cheney, with some photocopies. Hyde's notes and handwritten labels are on the folders.

Gift of Richard W. Hyde, 1995.

Formerly classified as Uncat ZA MS 444.

The folders were labeled and arranged according to Louis Hyde's arrangement.

b. 17	Letters from Russell Cheney to F. O. Matthiessen, letters 1-804 <i>38 Folders</i>	1924 September 1-1929 February 28
b. 18	Letters from Cheney to Matthiessen, letters 805-1549 <i>45 Folders</i> Microfilm service copies are available for select folders (film number 1188)	1929 March 1-1941 December 23
b. 19	Letters from Cheney to Matthiessen, letters 1550-1746 <i>10 Folders</i>	1942 February 17-1945 May 21
b. 19	Letters from Matthiessen to Cheney, letters 1-527 <i>21 Folders</i>	1924 September 16-1927 May 22
b. 19	Letters from Matthiessen to Cheney, letters 528-1372 <i>43 Folders</i>	1927 September 24-1945 May 13
b. 20	Typescripts and photocopies of correspondence between Cheney and Matthiessen <i>16 Folders</i>	1924-1925
b. 21	Letters to Cheney by various individuals other than Matthiessen <i>3 Folders</i>	1929-1945
b. 21	Photocopies of Cheney/Matthiessen correspondence	undated
b. 21	Various letters labeled "restricted" This folder is not restricted.	1939-1947
b. 21	<i>Rat and the Devil: Journal Letters of F. O. Matthiessen and Russell Cheney</i> by Lewis Hyde, typed notes and related material <i>2 Folders</i>	undated
b. 21	"The Walsh-Sweezy Case," notes and pamphlet	1938
b. 21	Printed material by or collected by F. O. Matthiessen <i>2 Folders</i>	1938-1948
b. 21	Financial papers, including income tax returns and royalty statements	circa 1936-1940
b. 21	Miscellaneous writings by F. O. Matthiessen, including essays, articles and reviews <i>4 Folders</i>	1939-1945, undated
b. 21	<i>Russell Cheney</i> by F. O. Matthiessen, galley proofs	undated

b. 21	Teaching material	1941-1943
b. 22	<i>The Achievement of T. S. Eliot</i> by F. O. Matthiessen, typescript and related material 5 Folders	1935
b. 22	<i>American Renaissance</i> by F. O. Matthiessen, typescript and related material 7 Folders	1941
b. 22	<i>Henry James: The Major Phase</i> by F. O. Matthiessen, typescript and related material 3 Folders	1944
b. 22	Unidentified writings and notes by F. O. Matthiessen 2 Folders	1946

## **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**

American literature -- 20th Century  
Authors, American -- 20th Century -- Archives

### **Genres / Formats**

Photographic prints

### **Occupations**

Authors -- United States -- 20th Century

### **Names**

Cheney, Russell, 1881-1945  
Hyde, L. K. (Louis K.) (Rat & the devil)  
Matthiessen, F. O. (Francis Otto), 1902-1950