

# Guide to the Stanley Thomas Williams Papers

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 557

**CREATOR:** Williams, Stanley Thomas, 1888-1956

**TITLE:** Stanley Thomas Williams papers

**DATES:** 1917-1969

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 3 linear feet (5 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Correspondence, notes, lectures, writings, and miscellanea relating to the academic career and literary works of Stanley T. Williams, a Yale University professor of American literature, including notes on several prominent American authors.

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f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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## **Biographical / Historical**

Stanley T. Williams (1888-1956): educator; B.A., Yale, 1911, M.A., 1914, Ph.D., 1915; instructor at Yale, 1915-1917, 1919-1920, 1920-1926, associate professor, 1926-1932, professor, 1932-1956; author of many books.

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## **Scope and Contents**

Correspondence, notes, lectures, writings, and miscellanea relating to the academic career and literary works of Stanley T. Williams, a Yale University professor of American literature, including notes on several prominent American authors.

## Collection Contents

### Inventory, Circa 1917-1955

b. 1, f. 1	I Photostats: folded sheets of which the first is marked 1818; a journal starting 1 Mar 1828; 2 separate sheets. (Possibly photostats of notes for Washington Irving's <i>Sketchbook</i> .)	
b. 1, f. 2	II Report on lecture series given at the University of Mexico	1947 December
b. 1, f. 3	III Student paper on Hawthorne's <i>The Scarlet Letter</i> , 1928; ALS copy of Milt Gross' parody of "The Raven" in hand of E. W. Lewis, Y'28; Notes on English 57, 5 Feb 1947-1928 May 1947, taken by Robert B. Graves, Y'47Mar.	
b. 1, f. 4	IV Bibliography of STW's published works, 1917-Apr 1944.	
b. 1, f. 5	V A Collection of Published Melville Letters, prepared by English 378, University of Chicago, Summer Quarter	1949
b. 1, f. 6	VI Papers and tests relating to English 36 and English 52	1924 November 10-1930 November 3
b. 1, f. 7	VII Examinations in English 56, 57, and 157, 24 Mar 1950 - 28 Oct 1955; Bibliography, Nathaniel Hawthorne, undated; Henry James Revisions, undated	
b. 1, f. 8-9	VIII Fragmentary notes for English 39	1928 January 11-1941 April 30
b. 1A, f. 1-2	IX Fragmentary notes for English 57	1943 January 20-1955 September 26
b. 1A, f. 3	X Typescripts of book reviews	Undated
b. 1A, f. 4	XI "Honours" list of authors by assignment week, 1 Oct 1923 - 22 May 1924 List of anthologies, undated	
b. 1A, f. 5	XII TLS to STW from Frank MacShane	1954 December 11
b. 1B, f. 1-50	XIII Notes for various outside lectures	1924 January 23-1949 April 23, undated
b. 2, f. 1	XV 2 marking books (one unused)	1954 October 11-1955 January 10
b. 2, f. 2	XVI 1 box, with role of microfilm of photostats of STW's articles for a book	
	XVII Lectures in England and Germany	
b. 2, f. 3	"The Poetry of Edgar Allan Poe", London English	1936 April 16
b. 2, f. 3	"Washington Irving and Germany", Halle, 4 May, Berlin 15 May English	1936 May

## XVII Lectures in England and Germany (continued)

b. 2, f. 3	"New Light on Washington Irving", Berlin English	1936 May 8
b. 2, f. 3	The American Struggle for Intellectual Independence, Munich, 29 Apr, Hamburg, 11 May, Berlin, 15 May	1936
b. 2, f. 4	XVIII Richard Alsop; Y'1798h: photostats of his correspondence, and correspondence concerning his life	1926 October 18-1927 June 9
b. 2, f. 5	XIX Brainard, John G. C., Y'1815, notes, bibliographies, and copies of his correspondence.	
XX Lectures		
b. 2, f. 6	"The Literature of the Frontier" English	Undated
b. 2, f. 6	"The Sketch Book" English	1943 November 23, 1944 November 21
b. 2, f. 6	"The Spanish Background of American Literature" English	1954 November 22
b. 2, f. 6	"Macaulay" English	1931 January 7
XXI Folder labeled "Commencement Lectures - STW"		
b. 2, f. 7	"Individualism", Oslo, Norway English	Undated
b. 2, f. 7	"Phi Beta Kappa" English	Undated
b. 2, f. 7	"Courage", Taft School English	1935 January 20
b. 2, f. 7	"Conquest of Fear", Taft School English	1937 September 20
b. 2, f. 7	"On Yale's Endowment Fund" English	Undated
b. 2, f. 7	"The Good and Great for Company": Our Literary Heritage English	Undated
b. 2, f. 7	"His Father's Saying" English	Undated
b. 2, f. 7	"Educated", Milwaukee Country Day School, [illegible] English	1926 June 10
b. 2, f. 7	15 pages of typed ms, on European judgements of American literature	Undated
b. 2, f. 7	"Old Tragedies and New Books", North Carolina College for Women English	Undated

## XXI Folder labeled "Commencement Lectures - STW" (continued)

b. 2, f. 7	"The Undergraduate and the Classroom" English	Undated
b. 2, f. 7	at Hotchkiss School	1930 June 15
b. 2, f. 7	to Sigma Xi	Undated
XXII Learned Articles		
b. 2, f. 8	"The Last Plays of Richard Cumberland, 1785-1813" English	Undated
b. 2, f. 8	"Hard Gem-Like Flame" English	Undated
b. 2, f. 8	Introduction to a volume on Irving	Undated
b. 2, f. 8	"Stevenson as a Critic" English	Undated
b. 2, f. 8	"The literary Criticism of William [illegible] Caldwell Roscoe" English	Undated
b. 2, f. 8	"Empedocles on Etna" English	Undated
b. 2, f. 8	"J. S. Mill as a Critic of Literature" English	Undated
b. 2, f. 8	"Yeast: A Victorian Curiosity" English	Undated
b. 2, f. 8	4 pages [illegible] ms., untitled	Undated
XXIII Manuscripts		
b. 2A, f. 1	Thoreau	Undated
b. 2A, f. 1	Whitman	Undated
b. 2A, f. 2	Emerson	Undated
b. 2A, f. 3	Hawthorne	Undated
b. 2A, f. 3	Hawthorne's First Novel	Undated
b. 2A, f. 3	pp. 3, 5 ff on Cooper and Irving	Undated
XXIV Manuscripts		
b. 2A, f. 4	Paper on the Spanish background of American literature	Undated
b. 2A, f. 4	Preface to book on American literature for Europeans	1953 August 1
b. 2A, f. 4	Paper on fishing in Cape Cod ponds	Undated
b. 2A, f. 4	"In Defense of the Literary Pilgrim" English	Undated

## XXIV Manuscripts (continued)

b. 2A, f. 4	"Matches" English	Undated
b. 2A, f. 4	"Absent from Vermont" (poem) English	Undated
b. 2A, f. 4	"Apologia and Riposte" (poem) English	1944 March 8
b. 2A, f. 4	"Coming Events" English	Undated
b. 2A, f. 4	"Irving, Washington" English Probably Ms. of article for Encyclopedia Americana.	Undated
b. 2A, f. 4	STW's edition of Thomas Danforth's "Journal of My Visit to Virginia"	Undated
b. 2A, f. 5	"American Scholars and American Literature" English	Undated
b. 2A, f. 5	"On Re-reading Herman Melville" (2 copies) English	Undated
b. 2A, f. 5	Paper on Edward Arlington Robinson	Undated
b. 2A, f. 5	Paper on development of American literature	Undated
b. 2A, f. 5	pp. 2-12 of paper on Washington Irving	Undated
b. 2A, f. 5	6 handwritten pages on Sweden	Undated
b. 2A, f. 5	"A Parody on the Gothic Romance"	
b. 3, f. 1	I Ralph Waldo Emerson One envelope containing 16 packets of notes.	Undated
	II Thomas G. Wildman	
b. 3, f. 2	44 typed copies of his correspondence	1859 April 15-1865 July 24
b. 3, f. 3	Additional typed copies of his correspondence with notes	1858 August 11-1881 January 12, undated
b. 3, f. 4	Notes on correspondence	Undated
b. 3, f. 5	Correspondence and memos concerning publishing of Wildman letters	1945-1947, 1969
	III Envelopes containing notes on:	
b. 3, f. 6	"Gentlemen of the U.S. Military Academy" English Apparently a lecture on S. Benet.	Undated
b. 3, f. 7	Aldis Collection American bellelettresistic literature.	Undated



## III Envelopes containing notes on: (continued)

b. 3, f. 7	American literature of the Civil War No class number provided.	1926 February 17
b. 3, f. 7	Bibliography: general	Undated
b. 3, f. 8	Books to look up. By author	Undated
b. 3, f. 8	Brown, C. B.	Undated
b. 3, f. 8	Bryant 3 packets of miscellaneous notes.	Undated
b. 3, f. 8	Cather, Willa: The Personality of Willa Cather	Undated
b. 3, f. 9	Contemporary American literature 2 packets of notes (revised).	1926 May 24-26
b. 3, f. 9	Contemporary fiction Fragmentary notes, by themselves.	Undated
b. 3, f. 9	Cooper 2 packets of notes.	Undated
b. 3, f. 9	Dickinson, Emily	Undated
b. 3, f. 10	Dreiser VI: Dreiser and the Cult of Naturalism	Undated
b. 3, f. 10	Early colonial literature: bibliography	Undated
b. 3, f. 10	Edwards, Jonathan 3 packets of notes, one of which is dated - Honors.	1923 October 9, undated
b. 3, f. 10	Edwards and Mather Notes, clipped together, and perhaps used together.	Undated
b. 3, f. 10	Faulkner Notes on books about him.	Undated
b. 3, f. 11	Franklin, Benjamin	Undated
b. 3, f. 11	Frost, Robert One set marked "English 56. Modern American Poetry 2. Frost." No year indicated.	Undated
b. 3, f. 11	Harte	Undated
b. 3A, f. 1	Hawthorne	
b. 3A, f. 2	Holmes	Undated
b. 3A, f. 2	Howells	Undated
b. 3A, f. 2	Irving, Washington	Undated

## III Envelopes containing notes on: (continued)

b. 3A, f. 2	James, Henry Many packets of miscellaneous notes; only one set is dated, but with no indication for what class.	1926 May, undated
b. 3A, f. 3	James, Henry: <i>The Tragic Muse</i> (read August 1938)	Undated
b. 3A, f. 3	Knickerbocker poets	Undated
b. 3A, f. 3	Lanier Contains bibliography, notes for April 20, 1925 (without any indication for which class), and 2 packets of miscellaneous notes.	1925 April 20, undated
b. 3A, f. 3	Lindsay	Undated
b. 3A, f. 3	Longfellow 1 packet of lecture notes and 4 mimeographed pages ( 3 of poems; 1 of 7 paragraphs)	Undated
b. 3A, f. 4	Lowell 3 packets of notes.	Undated
b. 3A, f. 4	Melville	
b. 3A, f. 5	O'Henry Revised for 1926 and partially revised for 1933, with no indication of class.	1926 May 10, 1933 April 26
b. 3A, f. 5	Paine, Thomas Possible bibliography and some notes.	Undated
b. 3A, f. 5	Parkman (Los Angeles)	1924 July 25
b. 3A, f. 5	Poe	Undated
b. 3A, f. 5	Poetry, 18th century	undated
b. 3A, f. 6	"Poetry" notes English	Undated
b. 3A, f. 6	Plotinus	Undated
b. 3A, f. 6	Steinbeck Fragmentary notes.	Undated
b. 3A, f. 6	Stowe, Harriet B.: <i>Uncle Tom's Cabin</i>	Undated
b. 3A, f. 6	Thoreau	Undated
b. 3A, f. 7	Wharton, Edith Miscellaneous notes.	Undated
b. 3A, f. 7	"What Is an American?" English	Undated
b. 3A, f. 7	Whitman Miscellaneous notes and "discards" from 1949.	1949 January 3, undated

## III Envelopes containing notes on: (continued)

b. 3A, f. 7	Whittier	Undated
b. 3A, f. 8	Letters to George P. Clarke	1947-1955
b. 4	Notes for English 56, not complete Full list in box.	1941 October 29-1955 January 12
b. 4	Notes for English 56, not complete Full list with notes in box.	1955 September 16-November 25
b. 4	Notes for English 156, not complete Full list with notes in box.	1944 May 16-1955 November 14
b. 4	Note for English 36: Hawthorne	1931 February 10
b. 4	Notes for English 157, incomplete	
	Poe	1941 May 13, 1953 May 12
	Emerson	1954 October 19
	Melville	1954 November 30
	Whitman	Undated
b. 4	Assorted notes, class not given, 17 Jul 1924 - 9 Feb 1945 Full list with notes in box.	
b. 4	Notes for unidentified classes	
	Holmes	1924 July 22, 1926 February 22
	authors by assignment weeks, Sep 16-Jan 17 (no year)	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**

Authors, American  
Educators  
Literature -- History and criticism  
Literature -- Study and teaching -- United States

### **Names**

Alsop, Richard  
Brainard, John G. C. (John Gardiner Calkins),  
1796-1828  
Wildman, Thomas G. (Thomas Gregory),  
1837-1891  
Williams, Stanley Thomas, 1888-1956

### **Corporate Body**

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