

Guide to the William Thompson Sedgwick Papers

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: MS 1312

CREATOR: Sedgwick, W. T. (William Thompson), 1855-1921

TITLE: William Thompson Sedgwick Papers

DATES: 1864-1922

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 1.5 linear feet (4 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: Correspondence, research material, writings and biographical material collected by C.-E.A. Winslow for a biography of Sedgwick, published in 1924. The correspondence (1879-1921) is with students and colleagues on professional matters, and the fragmentary research material concerns bacteriological studies of milk. For additional Sedgwick correspondence, see the C.-E.A. Winslow papers, MS749. The writings include articles, lecture notes, reports and essays. Also in the papers is a lengthy tribute to Sedgwick by George C. Whipple. These papers form part of the Contemporary Medical Care and Health Policy Collection.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Acquired as part of the C.-E.A. Winslow Papers (MS 749).

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

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Preferred Citation

William Thompson Sedgwick Papers (MS 1312). Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library.

Associated Materials

Related material: C.-E.A. Winslow Papers (MS 749), Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library.

Biographical / Historical

William Thompson Sedgwick (1855-1921), educator and bacteriologist, was one of the founders of the American public health profession. Educated at Yale (Ph.B., Sheffield Scientific School, 1877) and Johns Hopkins (Ph.D., 1881), Sedgwick taught at Johns Hopkins, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Harvard. He was responsible for founding schools of public health in both M.I.T. and Harvard.

The Sedgwick Papers at Yale were collected by C.-E.A. Winslow while he was preparing a biography of Sedgwick, *A Pioneer of Public Health--William Thompson Sedgwick* (1924) with E.O. Jordan and G.C. Whipple. The papers are made up of one and one-half linear feet of material that is arranged in four series: CORRESPONDENCE, RESEARCH MATERIAL, WRITINGS, and BIOGRAPHICAL MATERIAL. Although the manuscript group is fragmentary and incomplete, it represents the largest extant collection of Sedgwick's papers.

CORRESPONDENCE spans the years 1878 to 1920 and consists of correspondence from students and colleagues. The 1906 correspondence from students on the occasion of Sedgwick's thirtieth anniversary in teaching is of special interest. RESEARCH MATERIAL is largely undated and fragmentary and concerns bacteriological studies of milk. WRITINGS extends from 1879 to 1920 and includes articles, lecture notes and texts, reports, essays and occasional programs. BIOGRAPHICAL MATERIAL includes a lengthy tribute to Sedgwick by George C. Whipple.

The Sedgwick Papers are part of the Contemporary Medical Care and Health Policy Collection, and they were originally accessioned as part of the papers of C.-E.A. Winslow. For additional Sedgwick correspondence see the Winslow Papers (MS 749).

Scope and Contents

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Arrangement

Arranged in four series: I. Correspondence. II. Research Materials. III. Writings. IV. Bibliographic Material.

Collection Contents

Series I: Correspondence, 1878-1921

CORRESPONDENCE is arranged chronologically.

b. 1, f. 1	Correspondence	1878-1892
b. 1, f. 2	Correspondence	1893-1899
b. 1, f. 3	Correspondence	1900-1905
b. 1, f. 4	Correspondence	1906
b. 1, f. 5	Correspondence	1907-1910
b. 1, f. 6	Correspondence	1911-1912
b. 1, f. 7	Correspondence	1913-1914
b. 1, f. 8	Correspondence	1915-1916
b. 1, f. 9	Correspondence	1917-1919
b. 1, f. 10	Correspondence	1920-1921
b. 1, f. 11	Correspondence	undated

Series II: Research Material, 1879-1916*1/4' (1/2 box)*

RESEARCH MATERIAL is arranged chronologically.

b. 2, f. 1	Research material	1879, 1894, 1902-1912
b. 2, f. 2	Research material	1913-1915
b. 2, f. 3	Research material	1915
b. 2, f. 4	Research material	1916, undated

Series III: Writings, 1879-1920, undated*1/2'(1 box)*

WRITINGS is arranged chronologically and contains four folders of undated material.

b. 3, f. 1	Writings: bibliography	1879-1921
b. 3, f. 2	Writings	1879, 1885-1889
b. 3, f. 3	Writings	1892-1899
b. 3, f. 4	Writings	1900-1913
b. 3, f. 5	Writings	1916-1920
b. 3, f. 6	Writings	undated

Series IV: Biographical Material, 1864-1922*1/4'(1/2 box)*

BIOGRAPHICAL MATERIAL is arranged chronologically.

b. 4, f. 1	Correspondence, account book and notes	1864, circa 1871, 1900
b. 4, f. 2	Educational records	1872-1877
b. 4, f. 3	Newsclippings	1898-1919
b. 4, f. 4	Copper plate	Circa 1900
b. 4, f. 5	Certificates and citations	1904-1909, 1917-1922
b. 4, f. 6	Photographs	1908
b. 4, f. 7	Tributes	1921

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
Milk -- Microbiology
Public health

Occupations

Bacteriologists
Biologists

Preferred Titles

*Contemporary Medical Care and Health Policy
Collection*

Names

Sedgwick, W. T. (William Thompson), 1855-1921
Whipple, George Chandler, 1866-1924
Winslow, C.-E. A. (Charles-Edward Amory),
1877-1957