

# Guide to the Records of the School and College Conference On English

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 433

**CREATOR:** School and College Conference on English

**TITLE:** School and College Conference on English records

**DATES:** 1925-1970

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 1.25 linear feet (3 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The records consist of correspondence, reports, and printed matter kept by Marion C. Sheridan as recording secretary and later as chairman of the conference, some concerning the organization, and transactions of the conference's annual meeting.

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

b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Marion C. Sheridan in 1966 and 1968; gift of Sidney L. Eaton, 1992.

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## Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Conditions Governing Use

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## Biographical / Historical

The School and College Conference on English was established in 1925 to study and discuss the teaching of English in secondary schools and in the freshman year of college, and to study related problems such as the kind of examinations used for judging students' fitness for college.

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## Scope and Contents

The School and College Conference on English Archives consists of two boxes, containing approximately 700 items. The bulk of the letters are from Marion C. Sheridan, who represented New Haven High School. Miss Sheridan served as Recording Secretary and later as Chairman of the Conference. She donated the records to Yale in 1966 and 1968.

The School and College Conference was established in 1925 to study and discuss the teaching of English in secondary schools and in the freshman year of college and to consider related problems such as the kind of examination in English most useful in testing fitness for college. Active membership in the conference is by invitation only, is of colleges and schools, not of individuals, and is kept small so that the meetings may have an intimate and informal character. Associate membership is not limited, however, and includes a large number of schools throughout the United States.

The conference holds a two-day meeting every year. Mimeographed summaries of the transactions of these meetings and correspondence pertaining to them make up part of the collection.

In 1940, the conference published the *Report of the Language Committee*. This was followed in 1942 by the *Report of the Literature Committee*. Correspondence at this time contains many discussions of revisions, additions, and bibliographies.

During World War II, the conference became concerned with the way in which Army and Navy basic trainees reflected the teaching of English in American secondary schools. A special committee was appointed to study the types and extent of the incompetence of the trainees in the use of English and to offer recommendations for improving English teaching. The reports of the committee are included in the collection.

## **Arrangement**

Arranged by accession.

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## Collection Contents

### Original accession

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b.1	Correspondence and printed matter	1925-1949
b.2	Correspondence and printed matter	1950-1970

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## Accession 1993-M-033: Additional Material

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b. 1, f. 1 - 4	Reports of the annual mid-winter meeting	1940, 1950, 1956-1968
b. 1, f. 5	Printed material, reprints	1948, 1960, undated

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## **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**

Education  
Education, Secondary -- Aims and objectives  
English language -- Study and teaching  
(Secondary)  
Literature -- History and criticism  
Professional socialization

### **Names**

Ackerman, William C.  
Blackmer, Alan R. (Alan Rogers)  
Boas, Ralph  
Brooke, Charles Frederick Turner, 1883-1946  
Brown, Herbert  
Chandler, Ruth  
Elasser, Albert  
Griffith, Helen  
Joyce, Hewette  
Lenrow, Elbert  
Nicholson, Marjorie  
Noyes, Edward S. (Edward Simpson), 1892-  
Perry, Arthur B.  
Roberts, Arthur S.  
Shepardson, Douglas  
Sheridan, Marion C.  
Smith, Herbert W.  
Spencer, Theodore, 1902-1949  
Woodworth, Mary Katherine  
Zahner, Louis C.

### **Corporate Body**

School and College Conference on English