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Collection Summary

Collection Title: James Westfall Thompson Papers,

Date (inclusive): 1892-1943

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Creator: Thompson, James Westfall, 1869-1941

Extent: Number of containers: 6 boxes Linear feet: 2.2

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Abstract: Correspondence and manuscripts of articles, books, poems and plays, relating to his career as professor of medieval history, University of California, and to the publication of his works. Some biographical and genealogical material included.

Physical Location: For current information on the location of these materials, please consult the Library's online catalog.

Languages Represented: English

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The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

University of California (1868-1952). Dept. of History.

Genealogies.

Provenance

The James Westfall Thompson papers were given to the Main Library in May 1964 by Miss Cornelia Beall, were transferred to the Bancroft Library in March 1965.

Biography

James Westfall Thompson, professor of medieval history at the University of California, was born in Iowa, attended Rutgers and graduated in 1892. He took his doctoral work at the University of Chicago, where he later became a full professor. He came to Berkeley as Sidney Hellman Ehrman professor of European history in 1932, and retired in 1939. He wrote *The Living Past, Economic and Social History of the Latter Middle Ages*, *The Medieval Library*, *Feudal Germany*, *The Last Pagan*, as well as various text books, and was also author of poems and plays.

Scope and Content of Collection

Included is correspondence concerning Thompson's career as professor and the publication of his writings; manuscripts of books, poems, plays and articles; notes; letters of condolence to Mrs. Thompson; and some biographical and genealogical information. A key to arrangement follows, and a partial list of correspondents may be found at the end.

box 1

Outgoing letters, 1906-1941

Incoming letters.

Note

Single letters have been placed in an A-Z Miscellany, preceding folders containing two or more letters.
Arranged alphabetically

A-L

box 2

M-Z

Letters of condolence to Mrs. Thompson, and obituary notices

Biographical information

Genealogical information

box 3

Manuscripts

The Education and Learning of the Laity in the Middle Ages

Eight Lectures in the Spread of Ideas and the Diffusion of Culture in the Middle Ages

Plays

The Balance of Power: A Drama of the Balkans. Time: 189_ June 29, 1905

Check to the King

Cromwell

A Drama of Napoleon

Note

*The Way of the Eagle*1926 edition

Note

*The Man of Destiny*1930 edition

- box 4 *Luther: A Drama in 5 Acts*
 When Henry IV was King: A Comedy in 5 Acts
 White Hall: A Comedy of Love and Tobacco
 Poems
- box 5 Articles: A-M
 Articles: N-W
 Miscellaneous Manuscripts
- box 6 Notes, mainly about history of Bruges, translation of Galbert's Traditions, and student papers
- Notes on John Dee
- Printed items
- Miscellany, including a few clippings
- A-Z Miscellany
- Abbott, Frank Frost, 1860-1924
 Letter, Nov. 2, 1906
- Adams, George Barton, 1851-1925
 Letter, July 24, 1917
- Altrocchi, Rudolph
 Letter, Aug. 1, 1932
 See also letter of condolence to Mrs. Thompson.
- American Mercury
 Letter, Jan. 31, 1941, by William Doerthing
- Bay, Jens Christian, 1871-
 Letter, Oct. 11, 1917
- Bender, Albert Maurice, 1866-1941
 Letter, Dec. 16, 1935
- Brooks, Noah, 1830-1903
 Letter, June 6, 1892
- Burley, Clarence Augustus, 1849-1928
 Letter, June 21, 1921
- Bush, Stephen Hayes, 1878-
 Letter, Jan. 16, 1931
- Cabrières, François Marie Anatole de Rovérié de, cardinal, 1830-1921
 Letter, May 20, 1907
- Case, Shirley Jackson, 1872-1947
 Letter, Dec. 5, 1922
- Cheney, Charles Edward, 1836-1916
 Letter, May 15, 1909
- Clark, Charles Upson, 1875-
 Letter, Aug. 1, 1932
- Coleman, Algernon, 1876-1939
 Letter, Aug. 13, 1932
- Conant, Kenneth John, 1894-
 Letter, Oct. 22, 1933
- Connor, Robert Digges Wimberley, 1878-
 Letter, Sept. 6, 1932
- Dennis, Alfred Lewis Pinneo, 1874-1930
 Letter, May 15, 1909
- Edler, Florence
 Letter, Nov. 22, 1933
-

Fisher, Herbert Albert Laurens, 1865-1940
Letter, Oct. 31, 1929

Fitzpatrick, John Clement, 1876-
Letter, Dec. 2, 1936

Fling, Fred Morrow, 1860-1934
Letter, Oct. 8, 1907

Gerig, John Lawrence, 1878-1957
Letter, Feb. 26, 1941

Goode, J. Paul, 1862-1932
Letter, July 19, 1902

Graham, Frank Porter, 1886-
Letter, Feb. 10, 1932

Gras, Norman Scott Brien, 1884-
Letter, Jan. 27, 1936

Gregory, Sarah McLean Hardy, 1870-
Letter, May 1[?], 1936

Griffis, William Elliot, 1843-1928
Letter, May 14, 1909

Hagbolt, Peter Hermann, 1886-
Letter, July 16, 1930

Hart, Walter Morris, 1872-1964
Letter, Mar. 11, 1939
See also letter of condolence to Mrs. Thompson.

Haydon, Albert Eustace, 1880-
Letter, Apr. 17, 1924

Higginson, Thomas Wentworth, 1823-1911
Letter, July 15, 1888

Historische Zeitschrift
Letter, July 4, 1923, by F. Meinecke

Holm, Bernard John, 1906-
Letter, Jan. 21, 1941

Hotchkiss, William Park, 1906-
Letter, Aug. 8, 1932

Hyde, James Nevins, 1840-1910
Letter, Oct. 31, 1906

Isis
Letter, July 30, 1939, by George Sarton

Jusserand, Jean Adrien Antoine Jules, 1855-1932
Letter, May 23, 1909

Krehbiel, Edward Benjamin, 1878-1950
Letter, Oct. 22, 1909

Kent, Roland Grubb, 1877-
Letter, Aug. 13, 1927

Lamb, Ursula (Schaeffer), 1914-
Letter, July 10, 1940

Leake, Chauncey Depew, 1896-
Letter, Jan. 27, 1938

Ledoux, Louis Vernon, 1880-1948
Letter, Dec. 30, 1917

Lucas, Henry Stephen, 1889-
Letter, Dec. 8, 1935

McLaughlin, Andrew Cunningham, 1861-1947
Letter, May 12, 1909

Mercati, Giovanni, cardinal, 1866-
Letter, Aug. 29, 1939

Moffit, James Kennedy, 1866 ?-1955
Letter, Jan. 6, 1936

More, Paul Elmer, 1864-1937
Letter, July 28, 1917

Morley, Sylvanus Griswold, 1878-
Letter, Nov. 16, 1934

Moulton, Richard Green, 1849-1924
Letter, Aug. 1, 1917

Murray, Gilbert, 1866-1957
Letter, Sept. 15, 1917

New York Academy of Medicine
Letter, Feb. 4, 1935, by Archibald Malloch

New York Times
Letter, Aug. 8, 1933, by R. Ogden

Poole, Austin Lane, 1889-
Letter, Dec. 27, 1935

Pound, Roscoe, 1870-
Letter, Oct. 15, 1917

Power, Eileen Edna, 1889-1940
Letter, Mar. 1, 1938

Previté Orton, Charles William, 1877-1947
Letter, Nov. 1, 1929

Putnam, Ruth, 1878-1931
Letter, Mar. 14, [1911]

Rand, Kenneth, 1891-
Letter, July 30, 1934

Riker, Thad Weed, 1880-
Letter, May 26, 1939

Robinson, Fred Norris, 1871-
Letter, Oct. 20, 1933

Romanic Review
Letter, Mar. 4, 1941, by Horatio Smith

Rosenstock-Huessy, Eugen, 1888-
Letter, Dec. 11, 1936

Rutgers University
Letter, May 3, 1892, by Austin Scott, President

Ryan, James Hugh, 1886-1948
Letter, Oct. 25, 1929

Sauer, Carl Ortwin, 1889-
Letter, Jan. 4, 1937

Schutze, Martin, 1866-1950
Letter, July 21, [1917]

Schwalm, Vernon Franklin, 1887-
Letter, Jan. 21, 1929

Shorey, Paul, 1857-1934
Letter, July 24, 1917

Smith, Preserved, 1880-1941
Letter, July 26, 1939

Starr, Merritt, d. 1931
Letter, Nov. 6, 1906

Strayer, Joseph Reese, 1904-
Letter, Mar. 6, 1939
See also telegram of condolence to Mrs. Thompson.

Taylor, Archer, 1890-
Letter, n. d.
See also letter to Mrs. Thompson.

Taylor, Fletcher Brandon
Letter, n. d.

Thomas, James Bishop, 1871-1946

Letter, Nov. 22, 1918
Trevelyan, George Macaulay, 1876-
Letter, Oct. 30, 1929
Tschan, Francis Joseph, 1881-1947
Letter, Dec. 29, 1935
See also letter of condolence to Mrs. Thompson.
U.S. Embassy. Paris
Letter, May 28, 1903, by Henry Vignaud
Wheat, Carl Irving, 1892-1966
Letter, Dec. 26, 1935
Wyllie, Robert E., 1873-
Letter, July 19, 1932
Alden, Henry Mills, 1836-1919
see Harper's Magazine
American Historical Association
2 letters, 1941, by Guy Stanton Ford.
See also letter of condolence by C. P. Nettels.
American Historical Review
see Jameson, John Franklin, 1859-1937
See also letter of condolence by Guy S. Ford
Barnes, Harry Elmer, 1889-
6 letters, 1925.
See also Knopf (Alfred A.) Inc.
Bolton, Herbert Eugene, 1870-1953
see California. University. Dept. of History
Burr, George Lincoln, 1857-1938
3 letters, 1909-1936
California. University, Berkeley, Dept. of History
6 letters, 1932, by Herbert E. Bolton, W. A. Morris, and F. L. Paxson, re Thompson's appointment to
the University of California.
California. University. President
13 letters, 1932-1939, by Robert G. Sproul and Monroe E. Deunch.
California. University. Regents
10 letters, 1932-1938, by Robert M. Underhill. Mainly form letters.
California. University. Press
2 letters, 1935-1939, by Samuel T. Farquhar.
Century Co.
10 letters, 1924-1932, by D. C. Munro and D. H. Ferrin.
Chen, Shou-Yi, 1899-
2 letters, 1941-1943. 1943 letter addressed to Mrs. Thompson.
Chicago. University
11 letters, 1906-1932, by T. W. Goodspeed, J. S. Dickerson, John F. Moulds, and R. M. Hutchins.
Mainly from the Board of Trustees. Letters by Hutchins are copies only.
See also letter of condolence by Louis Gottschalk, on behalf of the History Dept.
Chicago. University. Press
2 letters, 1908, by Newman Miller.
Cottrell, George William
see Mediaeval Academy of America
Cram, Ralph Adams, 1863-1942
see Mediaeval Academy of America
Crane, Edward Matthews, 1896-
see Van Nostrand Company, Inc.
Deutsch, Monroe Emanuel, 1879-1955
see California. University. President
Dickerson, James Spencer, 1853-1933
see Chicago. University
Dodd, William Edward, 1869-1940

2 letters, 1935-1937
 Dopsch, Alfons, 1868-
 3 letters, 1936-1939
 Ehrman, Sidney Myer, 1873-
 2 letters, 1932
 Emerton, Ephraim, 1851-1935
 4 letters, 1910-1929
 Ferrin, Dana Holman, 1886-
 see Century Co.
 Ford, Guy Stanton, 1873-
 see American Historical Association
 See also American Historical Review.
 Goodspeed, Thomas Wakefield, 1842-1927
 see Chicago. University
 Harding, Margaret (Snodgrass), 1885-
 see Minnesota, University. Press
 Harper's Magazine
 2 letters, 1903-1941. 1903 Letter by H. M. Alden.
 Harrison, Charles Custis, 1844-1929
 see Pennsylvania. University
 Hutchins, Robert Maynard, 1899-
 see Chicago. University
 Jameson, John Franklin, 1859-1937
 5 letters, 1909-1917. Some written as editor of the American Historical Review. Letter of Aug. 23, 1911,
 contains letter of Abbé J. Thomas.
 Jenkins, Thomas Atkinson, 1868-1935
 2 letters, 1917-1924
 Johnson, Edgar Nathaniel, 1901-
 7 letters, 1932-1941.
 See also letter of condolence to Mrs. Thompson.
 Joranson, Einar
 2 letters, 1935-1939
 Judson, Harry Pratt, 1849-1927
 2 Letters, 1909
 Knopf (Alfred A.) Inc.
 20 Letters, 1925-1936, by Paul B. Thomas, Alfred Knopf, Harry E. Barnes, H. H. Bingham, Sidney R.
 Gair, R. F. Berle, re publication of Thompson's History of the Middle Ages.
 Knopf, Alfred A., 1892-
 see Knopf (Alfred A.) Inc.
 Krey, August Charles, 1887-
 see Minnesota. University. Dept. of History
 Lowry, Howard Foster, 1901-
 see Oxford University Press
 Lunt, William Edward, 1882-1956
 3 letters, 1936-1940
 MacKinney, Loren Carey, 1891-
 2 letters, 1932-1938
 Malloch, Archibald, 1887-
 see New York Academy of Medicine
 May, Henry Farnham, 1915-
 2 letters, 1939 and n. d.
 Mediaeval Academy of America
 14 Letters, 1931-1934, by John Marshall, G. W. Cottrell, and R. A. Cram. Memoranda for 1933 at end of
 folder.
 Meinecke, Friedrich, 1862-1954
 see Historische Zeitschrift
 Merriman, Roger Bigelow, 1876-1945

2 letters, 1908-1909
Minnesota. University. Dept. of History
2 letters, 1939, by A.C. Krey.
Minnesota. University. Press
2 letters, 1940, by Margaret S. Harding.
Moore, George Foot, 1851-1931
2 Letters, 1922
Morris, William Alfred, 1875-1946
see California. University, Berkeley. Dept. of History
Munro, Dana Carleton, 1866-1933
see Century Co.
Nettels, Curtis Putnam, 1898-
see American Historical Association
Norton, William Warder, 1891-1945
see Norton (W. W.) & Company, Inc.
Norton (W. W.) & Company, Inc.
13 letters, 1932-1941, by H. P. Wilson and W. W. Norton, re text book editions of *History of the Middle Ages*.
Oxford University Press
3 Letters, 1940-1941, by Howard F. Lowry and Philip Vaudrin.
Ogden, Rollo, 1856-1937
see New York Times
Padover, Saul K., 1905-
3 letters, 1936-1939
Paxson, Frederic Logan, 1877-1948
see California. University, Berkeley. Dept. of History
Pennsylvania. University
5 letters, 1903-1904, by C. C. Harrison, the president, and E. P. Cheney, from the Dept. of History.
Pirrenne, Henri, 1862-1935
2 letters, 1923
Richardson, Leon Josiah, 1868-1964
4 letters, 1936-1939
Ross, James Bruce, 1902-
3 letters, 1935.
See also letter of condolence.
Salter, William Mackintire, 1853-1931
2 Letters, 1918-1922
Sarton, George, 1884-1956
see Isis
Schevill, Ferdinand, 1868-1954
2 letters, 1917-1921
Schmeidler, Bernhard, 1879-
3 Letters, 1936-1939
Scott, Austin, 1848-1922
see Rutgers University
Slaughter, Gertrude Elizabeth (Taylor), 1870-
2 letters, 1940
Smith, Horatio Elwin, 1886-1946
see Romanic Review
Sproul, Robert Gordon, 1891-
see California. University. President
Starrett, Vincent, 1886-
2 letters, 1917
Tatlock, John S. P., 1876-1948
2 letters, 1935-1939
Taylor, Henry Osborn, 1856-1941
2 letters, 1917-1929

Thomas, Paul Bernard, 1889-1930
see Knopf (Alfred A.) Inc.
Turner, Frederick Jackson, 1861-1932
2 letters, 1918-1924
Underhill, Robert M.
see California. University. Regents
U.S. Library of Congress
4 letters, 1905. Also included are two copyright certificates.
Van Dyke, Paul, 1859-1933
2 letters, 1909
Van Nostrand Company, Inc.
3 letters, 1934-1940, by Edward M. Crane and J. Frederick Bohmfalk, re publication of *History of Western Civilization*.
Vignaud, Henry, 1830-1922
see U.S. Embassy. Paris
Voynich, Wilfrid M.
5 letters, 1921-1927, re John Dee manuscripts
Walter, Frank Keller, 1874-1945
2 Letters, 1940
Wilson, Howard Patterson, 1890-
see Norton (W. W.) & Company, Inc.

Altrocchi, Rudolph
Letter, Oct. 5, 1941, with note by his wife Julia at end
American Historical Association
Letter, Oct. 11, 1941, by Curtis P. Nettels
American Historical Review
Letter, Oct. 10, 1941, by Guy S. Ford
Anderson, Eugene Newton, 1900-
Letter, Sept. 18, 1941
Chicago. University
Letter, Nov. 19, 1941, by Louis Gottschalk, written on behalf of the Dept. of History
Clothier, Robert Clarkson, 1885-
Letter, Oct. 1, 1941
Hart, Walter Morris, 1872-1964
Letter, Oct. 5, 1941
Johnson, Edgar Nathaniel, 1901-
2 letters, 1941-1942
Lehman, Benjamin Harrison, 1889-
Letter, Oct. 19, [1941]
Leuschner, Armin Otto, 1868-1953
Letter, Oct. 7, 1941
Lipman, Charles Bernard, 1883-1944
Letter, Oct. 3, 1941
Mackay, Donald Sage, 1892-
Letter, Oct. 2, 1941
McNeill, John Thomas, 1885-
Letter, Oct. 5, 1941
Noel, James William, 1867-1944
2 letters, 1941
Noyes, George Rapall, 1873-
Letter, Oct. 2, 1941
Ross, James Bruce, 1902-
Letter, Oct. 1, 1941
Schevill, Ferdinand, 1868-1954

2 letters, 1941
Schlesinger, Arthur Meier, 1888-
Letter, Oct. 5, 1941
Sontag, Raymond James, 1897-
Letter, Sept. 30, 1941
Story, Russell McCulloch, 1883-1942
Letter, Oct. 2, 1941
Strayer, Joseph Reese, 1904-
Telegram. Oct. 1, 1941, on behalf of the Dept. of History of Princeton University
Taylor, Archer, 1890-
Letter, [1941]
Tompkins, Stuart Ramsay, 1886-
Letter, Oct. 7, 1941
Tschan, Francis Joseph, 1881-1947
Letter, Oct. 9, 1941
White, Gerald Taylor, 1913-
Letter, Sept. 30, 1941
White, Lynn Townsend, 1907-
2 Letters, 1941