

Wilbur Underwood Papers
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Collection Summary

Title: Wilbur Underwood Papers

Inclusive Dates: 1895-1969

Bulk Dates: 1895-1935

ID No.: MSS43661

Creator: Underwood, Wilbur, 1876-1935

Extent: 2,000 items

Extent: 6 containers

Extent: 2.4 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

LC Catalog record: <https://lcn.loc.gov/mm79043661>

Summary: Poet. Family and general correspondence, subject files, writings and poems by Underwood, notebook, journal, and miscellaneous printed and illustrative matter.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

People

Bayard family.

Becker, Florence Deakins, 1878-1969.

Evans, Rudolph, 1878-1960--Correspondence.

Harrison family.

Lattimore, Alexander, 1879-1928--Correspondence.

Mencken, H. L. (Henry Louis), 1880-1956--Correspondence.

Mosher, Thomas Bird, 1852-1923--Correspondence.

Murray, Thomas Jefferson, Jr., 1844-1901.

Reedy, William Marion, 1862-1920--Correspondence.

Starrett, Vincent, 1886-1974--Correspondence.

Thompson, Vance, 1863-1925--Correspondence.

Underwood family--Correspondence.

Underwood, Norman, 1878-1974. Norman Underwood papers.

Underwood, Norman, 1878-1974. Washington, D. C., life of the Underwood boys, 1878-1910. 1964.

Underwood, Wilbur, 1876-1935.

Wilson, Claggett, 1887-1952--Correspondence.

Subjects

Poetry.

Places

Delaware--Genealogy.

Virginia--Genealogy.

Washington (D.C.)--Social life and customs.

Occupations

Poets.

Acquisition Information

The papers of Wilbur Underwood, poet, were given to the Library of Congress by Norman Underwood between 1960 and 1972.

Processing History

The papers of Wilbur Underwood were arranged and described in 1980. The finding aid was revised in 2011. The finding aid was updated in 2023 by Maria Farmer as part of a division-wide remediation project by the Inclusive Description Working Group.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Wilbur Underwood is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Wilbur Underwood are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Wilbur Underwood Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Wilbur Underwood (1876-1935) span the years 1895-1969, with the bulk of the material concentrated in the period 1895-1935. The collection contains family and general correspondence, subject files, writings and poems, a notebook and journal, and miscellaneous printed and illustrative matter.

Subjects include genealogical material relating to the Bayard (Baird) family of Delaware and the Harrison family of Virginia. The collection contains typescripts concerning Florence Deakins Becker and Thomas Jefferson Murray; and papers of Underwood's brother, Norman Underwood, including research material for his book *Washington, D. C., Life of the Underwood Boys, 1878-1910*, including a copy of the publication.

Correspondents include Rudolph Evans, Alexander Lattimore, H. L. Mencken, Thomas Bird Mosher, William Marion Reedy, Vincent Starrett, Vance Thompson, Claggett Wilson, and members of the Underwood family.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged by type of material.

Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1	Notebook and journal
BOX 1	Family correspondence
BOX 1	Underwood, Eliza Wagner Murray (mother), 1903-1905
BOX 1	Underwood, Norman and Anne (brother and sister), 1897-1914, undated
BOX 1	Underwood, Jesse (brother)
BOX 1	General correspondence
BOX 1	Chew, Samuel and Lucy, 1909-1934
BOX 1	Diederich, Kurt and Hunt, 1909-1911
BOX 1	Kruger, Julie, 1906-1915
BOX 1	Lattimore, Alexander, including poems, 1896-1920, undated
BOX 1	Mencken, H. L., 1928, undated
BOX 1	Millard, Christopher, 1922-1926
BOX 1	Mosher, Thomas Bird, 1904-1919
BOX 1	Page, William A.
BOX 1	Pollard, Percival, 1907-1911
BOX 1	Pope-Hennessy, Una, 1929-1934
BOX 1	Rockefeller, Isabel S., 1921-1934, undated
BOX 2	Starrett, Vincent, 1918-1934
BOX 2	Stillman, Anne, 1910-1913
BOX 2	Wilson, Claggett, 1921-1930, undated
BOX 2	Miscellaneous
BOX 2	Subject file
BOX 2	Book contracts and copyrights, 1916-1962
BOX 2	Death and estate, 1933-1936
BOX 2	Damien, Father, 1914-1916, undated
BOX 2	Douglas, Lady Alfred, 1907
BOX 2	Underwood, Norman
BOX 2	Correspondence, 1899-1969
BOX 2	Early writings
BOX 3	Genealogical and other writings and memorabilia (3 folders)
BOX 3	Writings
BOX 3	Poetry manuscripts (5 folders)
BOX 4	(9 folders)
BOX 4	Miscellany, 1895-1949, undated
BOX 4	Drawings and sketches
BOX 5	Drawings and sketches
BOX 5	Printed matter (6 folders)
BOX 6	(8 folders)