Collection Summary
Title: Gustave Percival Wiksell Papers
Span Dates: 1855-1939
ID No.: MSS76062
Creator: Wiksell, Gustave Percival
Extent: 400 items
Extent: 2 containers plus 1 oversize
Extent: .6 linear feet
Language: Collection material in English
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
LC Catalog record: https://lccn.loc.gov/mm82076062
Summary: Dentist. Correspondence, chiefly between Wiksell and Horace Traubel, relating to personal matters and literary topics, especially Walt Whitman. Also includes writings and printed matter relating to Traubel.

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
Bazalgette, Leon, 1873-1928--Correspondence.
Mosher, Thomas Bird, 1852-1923--Correspondence.
Traubel, Anne Montgomerie, 1864-1954--Correspondence.
Traubel, Horace, 1858-1919--Correspondence.
Traubel, Horace, 1858-1919.
Whitman, Walt, 1819-1892.
Wiksell, Gustave Percival.

Organizations
Walt Whitman Fellowship.

Subjects
American literature.
American poetry.
Literature--Societies, etc.

Occupations
Dentists.

Provenance
The papers of Gustave Percival Wiksell, dentist, were given to the Library of Congress by Wiksell in 1939.

Processing History
The papers of Gustave Percival Wiksell were arranged and described in 1984, when their former association with the Thomas Biggs Harned Walt Whitman Collection and their citation in Walt Whitman: A Catalog Based Upon the Collections of the Library of Congress (1955) was noted. Number 289 of the LC Whitman catalog is included in Containers 1 and 2. Container 3 is designated as number 288 in the catalog. The finding aid was revised in 2011.
Copyright Status

Copyright in the unpublished writings of Gustave Percival Wiksell in these papers and in other collections in the custody of the Library of Congress is reserved. Consult a reference librarian in the Manuscript Division for further information.

Access and Restrictions

The Wiksell Papers 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, Gustave Percival Wiksell Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Gustave P. Wiksell span the years 1855-1939 and consist chiefly of letters written to Wiksell by Horace Traubel, a trusted friend and Walt Whitman enthusiast. Traubel’s letters are replete with personal sentiments and terms of endearment and contain topics of a personal nature about mutual friends and family affairs. Both men were members of the Walt Whitman Fellowship, and the letters contain references about fellowship programs and the continuance of the society. Also in the collection are a few poetry and prose writings, printed matter, and other material.

Literary interests are discussed in the letters and Traubel, a significant contributor to the field of Whitman scholarship, relates the progress toward publication of his book *With Walt Whitman in Camden*, a daily journal kept by Traubel during the last years of Whitman’s life. The publication of a series of articles known as “Collects,” written by Traubel, is also mentioned in the letters.

Wiksell was a financial contributor to the *Conservator*, a journal edited and published by Traubel. His solicitations for Wiksell’s fiscal support are contained in the collection. Other correspondents include Leon Bazalgette, Thomas Bird Mosher, and Anne Montgomerie Traubel.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is organized by type of material or subject with an oversize item at the end.
## Container List

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| BOX 1     | Correspondence, Sept. 1894-Aug. 1939  
(4 folders) |
| BOX 1     | Poetry |
| BOX 1     | “After All, Not to Create Only,” proof sheets |
| BOX 1     | “Good Bye, Old World!” by Horace Traubel, proof sheets with notations |
| BOX 1     | “Not Saying Words,” by Horace Traubel, draft |
| BOX 1     | Prose |
| BOX 1     | Traubel, Horace, “What Does Art Mean to You?” draft |
| BOX 1     | White, Trumbull, selections from With Walt Whitman in Camden, typewritten transcript |
| BOX 1     | Walt Whitman Fellowship, printed copies of agenda and articles |
| BOX 1     | Miscellany |
| BOX 1     | Newspaper clippings |
| BOX 1     | Notebook, handwritten transcription by Horace Traubel of Walt Whitman’s notebook, 1855-1856  
See Oversize |
| BOX 1     | Printed matter  
(1 folder) |
| BOX 2     | (3 folders) |
| BOX OV 1  | Oversize |
| BOX OV 1  | Notebook, handwritten transcription by Horace Traubel of Walt Whitman’s notebook, 1855-1856 |