

**Clarence Edwin Carter Papers**  
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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Clarence Edwin Carter Papers

**Span Dates:** 1761-1961

**Bulk Dates:** (bulk 1925-1956)

**ID No.:** MSS15271

**Creator:** Carter, Clarence Edwin (1881-1961)

**Extent:** 10,550 items

**Extent:** 41 containers plus 2 oversize

**Extent:** 16.4 linear feet

**Language:** Collection material in English

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

**LC Catalog record:** <https://lcn.loc.gov/mm78015271>

**Summary:** Editor, author, and professor of history. Correspondence, transcriptions, reports, financial papers, documents, book reviews, and clippings largely related to Carter's editorial career.

## 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

Alvord, Clarence Walworth, 1868-1928. Illinois country, 1673-1818. 1920.

Carter family.

Carter, Anna Rogers--Correspondence.

Carter, Clarence Edwin, 1881-1961, Correspondence of General Thomas Gage. 1969.

Carter, Clarence Edwin, 1881-1961, Illinois historical collections.

Carter, Clarence Edwin, 1881-1961, Territorial papers of the United States. 1934-

Carter, Clarence Edwin, 1881-1961.

Carter, Fred Armstrong--Correspondence.

Carter, Harold E.--Correspondence.

Carter, Lillie--Correspondence.

Carter, Wilfrid--Correspondence.

Gage, Thomas, 1721-1787--Correspondence.

Gage, Thomas, 1721-1787.

Robertson family.

Turner, Frederick Jackson, 1861-1932--Correspondence.

### Subjects

Historiography.

Soldiers--Correspondence.

Spanish-American War, 1898.

World War, 1914-1918.

World War, 1939-1945.

### Places

Illinois--History.

United States--History--Revolution, 1775-1783--British forces.

United States--History.

United States--Territorial expansion.

United States--Territories and possessions.

### Occupations

Authors.

Editors.

Educators.

## Provenance

The papers of Clarence Edwin Carter, editor, author, and professor of history, were given to the Library of Congress by Carter in 1954 and 1955.

## Processing History

The papers of Clarence Edwin Carter were processed in the mid-1950s. The collection and finding aid were revised in 2007.

## Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Clarence Edwin Carter is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

## Access and Restrictions

The papers of Clarence Edwin Carter 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, Clarence Edwin Carter Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## Biographical Note

Date	Event
1881, Feb. 6	Born, Jacksonville, Ill.
1905	A.B. Illinois College, Jacksonville, Ill. Married Lillie Robertson
1906-1908	Fellow in history, University of Illinois, Champagne, Ill.
1908-1910	Instructor and assistant professor of history and political science, Illinois College, Jacksonville, Ill.
1910-1938	Professor of history, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio
1912	Summer school lecturer in history, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio (also 1914, 1926, 1930)
1913	Summer school lecturer in history, Columbia University, New York, N.Y.
1915	Summer school lecturer in history, University of Illinois, Champagne, Ill.
1922	Summer school lecturer in history, University of Texas, Austin, Tex.
1922-1923	Professor of history, University of Texas, Austin, Tex. President, Ohio Valley Historical Association
1925	Summer school lecturer in history, University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa
1931	Appointed editor, <i>Territorial Papers of the United States</i> , State Department
1937-1938	President, Mississippi Valley Historical Association
1950	<i>Territorial Papers of the United States</i> project transferred to the National Archives
1961, Sept. 11	Died, Washington, D.C.

## Scope and Content Note

The papers of Clarence Edwin Carter (1881-1961) span the years 1761-1961, with the bulk of the material dating from 1925 to 1956. Papers consist of correspondence, transcriptions, reports, financial papers, documents, book reviews, and clippings.

About half of the papers are transcriptions of the letters of General Thomas Gage, commander in chief of the British forces in North America at the beginning of the American Revolution. The remaining material relates to the professional and personal life of Carter.

The greater part of the professional collection deals with the editing of historical writings and documents, including *Correspondence of General Thomas Gage*, *Illinois Historical Collections*, and *Territorial Papers of the United States*, and covers these projects from the search for material through the publication and distribution of volumes. Other subjects concern professional tenure at universities and colleges, efforts to secure academic employment, and relations with historical associations.

The personal papers include early family letters, family genealogy, exchanges of letters by Carter with his mother, Anna Rogers Carter, and brother, Fred Armstrong Carter, and correspondence with servicemen during the Spanish-American War, World War I, and World War II.

The Addition contains professional material mirroring the main part of the collection, but with the inclusion of correspondence, documents, research notes, and transcriptions concerning Clarence Walworth Alvord's *Illinois Country* published in 1920. The personal papers include exchanges of letters by Carter with his mother, Anna Rogers Carter, and his wife, Lillie Carter, as well as letters from his sons, Harold E. Carter and Wilfrid Carter. Miscellany contains correspondence and printed matter as well as J. Montgomery Seaver's *Carter Family Records* published in 1929.

## Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged in six series:

- [General Correspondence and Other Papers, 1811-1955](#)
- [Territorial Papers of the United States, 1929-1955](#)
- [Correspondence of General Thomas Gage, 1763-1953](#)
- [Miscellany, 1905-1956](#)
- [Addition, circa 1761-1961](#)
- [Oversize, 1936-1955](#)

## Description of Series

Container	Series
BOX 1-8	<p><b><u>General Correspondence and Other Papers, 1811-1955</u></b></p> <p>Mainly letters sent and received.</p> <p>Organized in Carter's original arrangement: each folder has a title and a symbol, and the arrangement is by symbol (AA1 to Y) in accordance with the index cards. In the larger groups of correspondence, letters received are arranged alphabetically by name of correspondent, and letters sent are arranged chronologically.</p>
BOX 9-15	<p><b><u>Territorial Papers of the United States, 1929-1955</u></b></p> <p>Mainly letters sent and received.</p> <p>Organized in Carter's original arrangement: each folder has a title and a symbol, and the arrangement is by symbol (A1 to A119). In the larger groups of correspondence, letters received are arranged alphabetically by name of correspondent, and letters sent are arranged chronologically.</p>
BOX 16-33	<p><b><u>Correspondence of General Thomas Gage, 1763-1953</u></b></p>
BOX 16-25	<p><b><u>Correspondence and Other Papers, 1906-1953</u></b></p> <p>Mainly letters sent and received.</p> <p>Organized in Carter's original arrangement: each folder has a title and a symbol (B1 to B18). Letters received are arranged alphabetically by name of correspondent, and letters sent are arranged chronologically.</p>
BOX 18-33 no symbol	<p><b><u>Transcripts, 1763-1775</u></b></p> <p>Typewritten transcripts with pencil corrections of the letters of General Thomas Gage. Arranged chronologically.</p>
BOX 34	<p><b><u>Miscellany, 1905-1956</u></b></p> <p>Correspondence, documents, and photographs related to the General Correspondence and Other Papers and Territorial Papers of the United States series.</p> <p>Arranged according to these series and therein by file symbols assigned by Carter or by type of material.</p>
BOX 35-40	<p><b><u>Addition, circa 1761-1961</u></b></p> <p>Correspondence, transcriptions, documents, printed matter, legislative material, reports, and research material.</p> <p>Arranged according to previous series and therein by folder symbol or alphabetically.</p>
BOX OV 1-OV 2	<p><b><u>Oversize, 1936-1955</u></b></p> <p>Index cards, typescript, and documents.</p> <p>Arranged according to the series, folders, and containers from which the items were removed.</p>

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BOX 1	Index cards <i>See Oversize</i>
BOX 1 FOLDER AA1-10	Miscellaneous professional correspondence, 1906-1954
BOX 2 FOLDER AB1-5	Publication and proposed publication of various articles, 1908-1954
BOX 2 FOLDER AD	Papers concerning term as councillor, Delta Upsilon Fraternity, 1909-1954
BOX 2 FOLDER AE	Spanish-American War and World War I letters, 1898, 1918-1919
BOX 2 FOLDER AF	World War II letters, 1942-1945
BOX 2 FOLDER AG	Early family letters, documents, and transcriptions, 1811-1880
BOX 2 FOLDER AH	Miscellaneous printed matter, 1930, 1939, 1952
BOX 2 FOLDER AI1-2	Letters concerning family genealogy, 1936-1954
BOX 3 FOLDER AI3	Letters from Anna Rogers Carter, 1914-1925
BOX 3 FOLDER AI4	Letters from Fred Armstrong Carter, 1932-1938
BOX 3 FOLDER AJ	"A History of the Robertson-Carter and Associated Families," 1936, 1955 <i>See also Oversize</i>
BOX 3 FOLDER AL	[No file]
BOX 3 FOLDER AM	Papers concerning Creek Indians v. the United States, in which Carter was one of the chief witnesses for the government, 1948-1949
BOX 3 FOLDER C	Grants-in-aid of research, 1909, 1925-1931
BOX 3 FOLDER D	Letters of Frederick Jackson Turner, 1908-1923
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BOX 4 FOLDER F1-5	Compilation of the British series, <i>Illinois Historical Collections</i> , 1908-1928
BOX 4 FOLDER G1-7	Search for material for various articles, 1927-1952 5
BOX 5 FOLDER H1-5	Papers read and invitations to read papers, 1908-1954
BOX 5 FOLDER I	Studies prepared for publication by various persons, 1937-1945
BOX 5 FOLDER J1-5	Term as president of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association, 1937-1939
BOX 6 FOLDER K1-3	Search for material for doctoral dissertation, 1907-1908
BOX 6 FOLDER L1-3	Publication of Justin Winsor Prize Essay, 1908-1911
BOX 6 FOLDER M1-5	Projects initiated but not completed, 1909-1937
BOX 6 FOLDER N1-4	Efforts to secure academic and other positions, 1908-1934
BOX 6 FOLDER O1-04	Miscellaneous professional and honorary appointments, 1929-1953
BOX 6 FOLDER P1-7	Applications and recommendations for professional appointments by various persons, 1933-1953
BOX 7 FOLDER Q1-4	Historical Association Committee assignments, 1912-1918
BOX 7 FOLDER R1-9	Book reviews by Carter, 1909-1949
BOX 8 FOLDER S1-2	Undergraduate and professional tenure and related alumni correspondence, Illinois College, Jacksonville, Ill., 1904-1954
BOX 8 FOLDER T	Graduate and professional tenure, University of Illinois, Champagne, Ill., 1905-1915
BOX 8 FOLDER U1-7	Professional tenure Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, 1910-1943

## General Correspondence and Other Papers, 1811-1955

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BOX 8 FOLDER V	Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, 1912-1930
BOX 8 FOLDER W	Columbia University, New York, N.Y., 1912-1913
BOX 8 FOLDER X	University of Texas, Austin, Tex., 1921-1933
BOX 8 FOLDER Y	University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, 1925
BOX 9-15	<b><i>Territorial Papers of the United States, 1929-1955</i></b> Mainly letters sent and received. Organized in Carter's original arrangement: each folder has a title and a symbol, and the arrangement is by symbol (A1 to A119). In the larger groups of correspondence, letters received are arranged alphabetically by name of correspondent, and letters sent are arranged chronologically
BOX 9 FOLDER A1	Appointment as editor, 1931
BOX 9 FOLDER A2-5	Personnel, 1929-1954
BOX 9 FOLDER A6-13	Procedural plans and reports of progress, 1931-1953
BOX 10 FOLDER A14-34	Search for materials, 1931-1953
BOX 11-12 FOLDER A35-73	Budgets and appropriations, 1932-1952
BOX 13 FOLDER A74-77	Miscellaneous printed matter, 1934-1950
BOX 13 FOLDER A78-93	Reauthorization acts
BOX 13 FOLDER A78-93	1937
BOX 14 FOLDER A94-105	1945
BOX 14 FOLDER A105a-c	1950
BOX 15 FOLDER A106-112	Official and personal distribution of volumes, 1932-1955
BOX 15 FOLDER A113-116	Reviews of the volumes, 1933-1952
BOX 15 FOLDER A117-118	Inquiries concerning publication of volumes, 1934-1952
BOX 15 FOLDER A119	Transfer of project from State Department to National Archives, 1935-1953
BOX 16-33	<b><i>Correspondence of General Thomas Gage, 1763-1953</i></b>
BOX 16-25	<b>Correspondence and Other Papers, 1906-1953</b> Mainly letters sent and received. Organized in Carter's original arrangement: each folder has a title and a symbol (B1 to B18). Letters received are arranged alphabetically by name of correspondent, and letters sent are arranged chronologically.
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BOX 17 FOLDER B-13-15	Lists of papers in the Viscount Gage collection and elsewhere
BOX 17 FOLDER B16-17	Manufacture of volumes, 1929-1933
BOX 17 FOLDER B18	Letters of the Viscount Gage, 1928-1929
BOX 18-33 no symbol	<b>Transcripts, 1763-1775</b> Typewritten transcripts with pencil corrections of the letters of General Thomas Gage. Arranged chronologically.
BOX 18-33 no symbol	Sept. 1763-Mar. 1764

## *Correspondence of General Thomas Gage, 1763-1953*

<b>Container</b>	<b>Contents</b>
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BOX 24 no symbol	Jan.-June
BOX 25 no symbol	July-Dec.
BOX 26 no symbol	Jan.-June 1768
BOX 27 no symbol	July 1768-May 1769
BOX 28 no symbol	June 1769-May 1770
BOX 29 no symbol	June 1770-Jan. 1771
BOX 30 no symbol	Feb. 1771-Jan. 1772
BOX 31 no symbol	Feb. 1772-Mar. 1773
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BOX 33A no symbol	Letters to Gage from British ministers, 1764-1775
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	Correspondence, documents, and photographs related to the General Correspondence and Other Papers and Territorial Papers of the United States series.
	Arranged according to these series and therein by file symbols assigned by Carter or by type of material.
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<b>BOX 34 FOLDER AA-AB</b>	Professional correspondence and publication of various articles, 1945-1956
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<b>BOX 34 FOLDER A</b>	Various topics, 1954-1956
<b>BOX 34 no symbol</b>	Correspondence and legislation, 1924-1930
<b>BOX 35-40</b>	<b>Addition, circa 1761-1961</b>
	Correspondence, transcriptions, documents, printed matter, legislative material, reports, and research material.
	Arranged according to previous series and therein by folder symbol or alphabetically.
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<b>BOX 35 FOLDER AA</b>	Miscellaneous professional correspondence, 1927-1939, 1945-1961 (3 folders)
<b>BOX 35 FOLDER AB</b>	Publication of articles, 1956
<b>BOX 35 FOLDER AD</b>	Delta Upsilon Fraternity, 1956-1958
<b>BOX 35 FOLDER AF</b>	World War II letters, 1943-1944
<b>BOX 35 FOLDER AI2</b>	Letters concerning family genealogy, 1934-1937, 1956
<b>BOX 35 FOLDER AI3</b>	Letters from Anna Rogers Carter, 1932



## Addition, circa 1761-1961

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BOX 25 FOLDER AN	Letters from Harold E. Carter and Wilfred Carter to Clarence Edwin Carter and Lillie Carter, 1927-1937
BOX 35 FOLDER AO1	Letters from Clarence Edwin Carter to Lillie Carter, 1907 (2 folders)
BOX 35 FOLDER AO1	Letters from Clarence Edwin Carter to Lillie Carter, 1907 (1 folder)
BOX 36 FOLDER AO1	AP Papers by Carter, 1906, undated (3 folders)
BOX 36 FOLDER AQ	Paper read by Carter at meeting of Mississippi Valley Historical Association, undated
BOX 36 FOLDER AR	Letters from Harold E. Carter to Clarence Edwin Carter and Lillie Carter, 1959-1960
BOX 36 FOLDER E	Research problems of various persons, 1952-1960 (2 folders)
BOX 36 FOLDER G	Search for material for various articles, 1959
BOX 37 FOLDER H	Papers read and invitations to read papers, 1956-1957
BOX 37 FOLDER I	Studies prepared for publication by various persons, 1949, 1958
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BOX 37 FOLDER N	Efforts to secure academic and other positions, 1956-1957
BOX 37 FOLDER O	Miscellaneous professional and honorary appointments, 1957-1960
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BOX 37 FOLDER R	Book reviews by Carter, 1951-1960
BOX 37 FOLDER S1-2	Undergraduate and professional tenure and related alumni correspondence, Illinois College, Jacksonville, Ill., 1929-1932, 1939, 1956-1960, undated
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BOX 37 FOLDER A14-33	Search for material, 1932, 1946, undated
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BOX 37 FOLDER A74-77	Miscellaneous printed matter, 1931, 1947-1948, undated
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BOX 38 FOLDER A113-116	Reviews of the volumes, 1938, 1949, 1957-1960, undated
BOX 38 FOLDER A117-118	Inquiries concerning publication of volumes, 1932, 1950-1960
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BOX 38 FOLDER B	List of Gage letters, undated (4 folders)
BOX 39 FOLDER B	Notes, undated (2 folders)
BOX 39 FOLDER B	Photograph of Gage house, circa 1930
BOX 39 no symbol	<i>Illinois Country</i>
BOX 39 no symbol	Court of Judicature, 1769
BOX 39 no symbol	Documents and memoranda, circa 1761-circa 1768
BOX 39 no symbol	Lords Egremont and Shelburne, 1763

## Addition, circa 1761-1961

<b>Container</b>	<b>Contents</b>
BOX 39 no symbol	Miscellaneous papers, undated
BOX 39 no symbol	Morgan, George, 1909, undated (2 folders)
BOX 40 no symbol	Miscellany, 1909-1958, undated
BOX 40 no symbol	Correspondence, printed matter, and notes, 1909, 1943, 1950, 1956-1958, undated
BOX 40 no symbol	Seaver, J. Montgomery, <i>Carter Family Records</i> , 1929
BOX OV 1-OV 2	<b>Oversize, 1936-1955</b> Index cards, typescript, and documents. Arranged according to the series, folders, and containers from which the items were removed.
BOX OV 1 no symbol	General Correspondence and Other Papers
BOX OV 1 no symbol	Index cards, undated (Container 1)
BOX OV 2 FOLDER AJ	"A History of the Robertson-Carter and Associated Families," 1936, 1955 (Container 3)