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Biographical Sketch

William Winter (1836-1917) was theater critic for the New York Tribune from 1865 to 1909, wrote biographies of the Jeffersons, Belasco, Booth, Irving, and Ada Rehan, and published volumes of poems and reminiscences.

Scope and Contents

The William Winter papers include Winter’s incoming and outgoing correspondence, manuscripts of works, clippings, photographs and prints, and other printed materials concerning Winter. A few manuscripts by and concerning others are present, most notably those of Winter’s son, Jefferson Winter. The papers are arranged in three series: I. Correspondence, 1857-1917, undated; II. Works and Other Papers, 1852-1917, undated; and III. Works and Papers of Others, 1870-1921, undated.

Series I. Correspondence is divided into two subseries: A. Incoming, 1858-1917, undated; and B. Outgoing, 1857-1916. Winter’s correspondence consists largely of letters received from a number of theater and literary people concerning reviews, performances, business and social engagements. Correspondents include Viola Allen, Mary Anderson, Wilson Barrett, Edwin Booth, Charles Coghan, Augustin Daly, Minnie Maddern Fiske, John Forbes-Robertson, Daniel Frohman, Sir John Hare, Henry Irving, Lillie Langtry, Julia Marlowe, Tyrone Power, Ada Rehan, Ellen Terry, and Lester Wallack, among others. A slight amount of outgoing correspondence by Winter is also present, most of it addressed to J. B. Clapp.

Series II. Works and Other Papers is divided into two subseries: A. Works, 1852-1898, undated; and B. Other Papers, 1885-1917, undated. The Winter manuscripts present in the first subseries are poems and theatrical writings, most of which are holograph drafts and fragmentary in nature. Subseries B consists of clippings of notices of several actresses, mostly likely of reviews written by Winter. A photograph, some prints, obituaries, and a program for a testimonial to Winter in 1916 complete the Winter materials in this subseries.

Series III. Works and Papers of Others contains works by others, some of which Winter either edited or had plans to work on. Winter’s son Jefferson published a testimonial to actor Frank Worthing in 1911, and manuscripts and correspondence document his efforts. Present are letters to Jefferson Winter from several figures who included their reminiscences of Worthing: Viola Allen, Blanche Bates, Acton Davies, Louis V. DeFoe, Julia Marlowe, Hale McAllister, Henry Miller, S. Morris Pentland, Tyrone Power, Augustus Thomas, and Frank Worthing.
Related Material

Additional papers from William Winter can be found in the Theater Arts Manuscripts collection, and over twenty books formerly belonging to Winter can be found in the Ransom Center’s Theater Arts Library.

A large collection of Winters’ papers can be found at the Folger Library in Washington, D.C.
Series I. Correspondence, 1857-1917, undated

Subseries A. Incoming, 1858-1917, undated

Adams, Maude (re), 1899
Aldrich, T. B., 1865-1904
Allen, Viola, 1905-1917
Ames, M., 1883
Anderson, Mary, 1881-1884
Anthony, A. V. S., 1891
Arliss, George, 1913-1916
Atherton, Gertrude, 1916
Ayres, Juliet, 1897
Bandman, Daniel, undated
Bandman, Millicent, 1879
Barrett, Lawrence, 1871-1899
Barrett, Wilson, 1886
Barrington, Lady, 1916
Bates, Blanche, 1903-1912
Benedict, E. C., 1902
Booth, Edwin, 1871-1889
Bromley, Isaac, 1889
Calhoun, Eleanor, 1899
Calhoun, Virginia, 1899
Carr, Mary, undated
Carrole, Alfred, 1880

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Cheney, Arthur, 1871-1874
Clapp, Henry, 1866-1881
Clapp, J. B., 1916
Clarke, John Sleeper, 1887
Clements, Frank, 1881
Coghlan, Charles, 1899
Conway, Hart, 1896
Crosman, Henrietta, 1903
Curtis, George Wilson, 1871-1887
Daly, Augustin, 1870-1898
Davenport, Edward L., undated
Davidge, Mrs., 1876
De Foe, Louis V., 1910
De Navarro, Tony, 1913
Dickens, Catherine, 1868
Dillingham, C. T., 1917
Douglas, David, 1889-1910
Edwards, Harry, 1885
Eytinge, Margaret, 1886
Field, Kate, 1877
Fiske, Minnie Maddern, undated
Floyd, W. R., 1871-1880
Forbes-Robertson, John, 1910-1914
Ford, John T., 1880
French, T. H., 1891
Frohman, Daniel, 1896-1915
Gardette, Charles, 1861
Gardette, E. B., 1865
Goodale, George P., 1912
Gould, G. J., 1894
Gresswick, William, 1884
Griffin, William, 1890
Hall, Horace, 1889
Hare, John, Sir, 1903
Haworth, Joseph, 1885
Hazard, John R. G., 1878
Holland, George, 1870
Howells, William Dean, 1876
Huntington, C. P., 1898
Irving, Henry, 1890-1895
Jack, John, 1880
Jarrett & Palmer, 1870
Jefferson, Thomas, Mrs., 1905-1906
Kelly, J. D., 1876
Langtry, Lillie, 1883-1903
Lawton, Mary, 1907
Leigh, Helen, 1888
Leighton, Albert, 1858
Leslie, Elsie, 1915
Winter, William, 1836-1917

Lewis, Arthur, 1886

McGroarty, John S., 1915

MacVeagh, Wayne, 1916

Mabie, Hamilton W., 1909

Manners, J. Hartley, 1914

Mansfield, Beatrice, 1909

Mansfield, Richard, 1891

Marlowe, Julia, 1904

Matthews, Brander, 1890-1901

Mellish, Fuller, 1914

Millet, F. D., 1905

Morgan, Appleton, 1907

Moss, Theodore, 1898-1899

Moulton, Louise C., 1901-1902

"Nemo," 1899

Olcott, H. S., 1872

O’Neil, Nance, 1906

Osgood, J. R., 1871

Palmer, A. M., 1880-1891

Peabody, J. P., 1901

Pfaff, Charles, 1910

Phelps, C., undated

Philes, George, 1880

Phillips, Laura, 1880

Pierce, Roscoe, 1910
Pitou, Augustus, 1896
Power, Tyrone, 1909
Proctor, Joseph, 1861, 1894
Raymond, John T., 1877-1884
Raymond, Marie, 1883
Rehan, Ada, 1899-1915
Reid, Whitelaw, 1879, 1886
Riddle, George, 1881-1888
Roberts, Charles, 1886
Rose, George, undated
Russell, Hattie, 1916
Sellen, Mary, 1911
Shanly, C. D., 1866
Shillaber, B. P., undated
Sinn, W. E., 1879
Smyth, Allen, 1899-1901
Spofford, Harriet, 1916
Stuart, Don, undated
Tayleure, Clifton, 1876
Taylor, Bayard, 1876
Taylor, Douglas, 1904-1912
Terry, Ellen, 1889-1907
Thorne, Thomas, 1888
Toole, John Lawrence, 1885-1894
Towse, J. R., 1912
Tyler, G. C., 1911
Vanbrugh, Viola, 1904
Vernon, W. H., 1886
Ver Planch, J. C., 1885
Wakeman, Keith, 1908
Wallack, Lester, 1881-1882
Waller, Emma, 1881
Wallis, C., 1897
Ward, Genevieve, 1886
Whipple, E. P., 1877
Williams, Edith Barrett, 1909
Wilmshurst, Z., 1871
Wilson, George G., 1899
Wood, Frank, 1864
Wyndham, Sir Charles, 1909
Yates, Edmund, 1888-1890
Unidentified, 1879-1909
Subseries B. Outgoing, 1857-1916
A-Z, 1857-1913
Clapp, J. B., 1898-1916
Fiske, Harrison Grey, 1901-1904
Tinsley, William, 1877-1879

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Edwin Booth’s Early Days in California, 1852  Container 3.20
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Love’s Labour’s Lost, undated  Container 3.36
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Sol Eytinge, undated  Container 3.38
Vagrant Memories, chapter on Edwin Booth, undated  Container 3.39
The Wallet of Time, article about Modjeska, undated  Container 3.40
Wee Willie Winkie, 1870

Unidentified, undated

Subseries B. Other Papers, 1885-1917, undated

Clippings

- Notices of Maude Adams, 1899
- Notices of Viola Allen, 1905
- Notices of Blanche Bates, undated
- Notices of Mrs. Fiske, 1901-1906
- George Holland Testimonial, 1871
- Notices of Mrs. Langtry, undated
- Notices of Ada Rehan, 1892-1898
- Notices of Ellen Terry, 1906

Obituaries for William Winter, 1917

Photographs and prints of William Winter, 1885, undated

Testimonial to William Winter, program, 1916
Series III. Works and Papers of Others, 1870-1921, undated

Brougham, John. Life, Stories, and Poems of John Brougham, holograph fragment, 1881

Daly, Joseph Francis. The Life of Augustin Daly, advance sheets, 1917

Duval, Georges. Frederick LeMaitre et Son Temps, 1800-1876, holograph fragment, English translation, 1876

Falconer, Edmund. A List of the Dramatic Works of Edmund Falconer, holograph list, 1870

Winter, Jefferson

Correspondence to Dorothy M. Nolan, 1920

In Memory of Frank Worthing, Actor, 1911

Published item; holograph of Cypress, an Elegy for Frank Worthing; holograph of Prefatory Note, 1911

Correspondence re Worthing from Viola Allen, Blanche Bates, Acton Davies, Louis V. DeFoe, Julia Marlowe, Hale McAllister, Henry Miller, S. Morris Pentland, Tyrone Power, Augustus Thomas, Frank Worthing, 1911

The Library of the Late William Winter, Anderson Galleries catalog, 1921