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 ; 41 containers plus 2 oversize ; 16.4 linear feet
Language: Collection material in English
Repository: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
Abstract: 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 Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

People
Alvord, Clarence Walworth, 1868-1928. Illinois country, 1673-1818. 1920.
Carter family.
Carter, Anna Rogers--Correspondence.
Carter, Clarence Edwin, 1881-1961, ed. Correspondence of General Thomas Gage. 1969.
Carter, Clarence Edwin, 1881-1961, ed. Illinois historical collections.
Carter, Clarence Edwin, 1881-1961, ed. 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.
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.
United States--Territories and possessions.

Occupations
Authors.
Editors.
Educators.

Administrative Information

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The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Clarence Edwin Carter is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).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, *Territorial Papers of the United States*, State Department
1937-1938	President, Mississippi Valley Historical Association
1950	*Territorial Papers of the United States* 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	**General Correspondence and Other Papers, 1811-1955** 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 (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.
BOX 9-15	***Territorial Papers of the United States*, 1929-1955** 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 16-33	***Correspondence of General Thomas Gage*, 1763-1953**
BOX 16-25	**Correspondence and Other Papers, 1906-1953** 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.
BOX 18-33 no symbol	**Transcripts, 1763-1775** Typewritten transcripts with pencil corrections of the letters of General Thomas Gage. Arranged chronologically.
BOX 34	**Miscellany, 1905-1956** 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.
BOX 35-40	**Addition, circa 1761-1961** Correspondence, transcriptions, documents, printed matter, legislative material, reports, and research material. Arranged according to previous series and therein by folder symbol or alphabetically.
BOX OV 1-OV 2	**Oversize, 1936-1955** Index cards, typescript, and documents. Arranged according to the series, folders, and containers from which the items were removed.

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BOX 1	Index cards *See Oversize*
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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
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BOX 3 **FOLDER** C	Grants-in-aid of research, 1909, 1925-1931
BOX 3 **FOLDER** D	Letters of Frederick Jackson Turner, 1908-1923
BOX 3 **FOLDER** E1-12	Research problems of various persons, 1932-1935
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BOX 4 **FOLDER** G1-7	Search for material for various articles, 1927-1952 5
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BOX 5 **FOLDER** J1-5	Term as president of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association, 1937-1939
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BOX 6 **FOLDER** L1-3	Publication of Justin Winsor Prize Essay, 1908-1911
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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
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 Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, 1925
BOX 8 **FOLDER** Y	University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, 1925
BOX 9-15	***Territorial Papers of the United States*, 1929-1955** 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
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BOX 33A no symbol	Letters to Gage from British ministers, 1764-1775
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BOX 35-40	**Addition, circa 1761-1961**
	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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BOX 35 **FOLDER** AD	Delta Upsilon Fraternity, 1956-1958
BOX 35 **FOLDER** AF	World War II letters, 1943-1944
BOX 35 **FOLDER** AI2	Letters concerning family genealogy, 1934-1937, 1956
BOX 35 **FOLDER** AI3	Letters from Anna Rogers Carter, 1932
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BOX 40	Seaver, J. Montgomery, *Carter Family Records*, 1929
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BOX OV 1-OV 2	**Oversize, 1936-1955**
	Index cards, typescript, and documents.
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