



**Allen Walker Read Papers
(C4033)**

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Creator: Read, Allen Walker, 1906-2002

Abstract: The papers of Allen Walker Read contain the personal and professional papers of a prominent etymologist, including correspondence, photographs, diaries, teaching and research materials, published writings, and records pertaining to his involvement in linguistic organizations and conferences.

Collection Size: 82 cubic feet
(2127 folders, 11 oversize items, 2 audio tapes, 6 cassette tapes)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Biographical Note:

Allen Walker Read, etymologist, lexicographer, and professor of English, was born on June 2, 1906, in Winnebago, Minnesota, to Orlan B. and Bessie Allen Read. He had one sister named Mary Jo who became a professor of geography at Eastern Illinois University. The family moved to Cedar Falls, Iowa, so that Orlan Read could teach at the Iowa State Teacher's College (now the University of Northern Iowa). Read's father encouraged him to pursue an academic career as well. Read received a Bachelor's of Arts in Education at the Iowa State Teacher's College in 1925, and a Master of Arts degree in 1926 from the State University of Iowa. His thesis was on Iowa place names. Upon completion of this degree, Read took a job at the University of Missouri teaching English and worked with well-known Missouri place name scholar Robert Ramsay. He did not stay in Missouri long. In 1928 Read became a Rhodes Scholar and resided at Oxford, England, until 1931.

After returning to the United States, Read accepted a research position at the University of Chicago and worked on the *Dictionary of American English* with Sir William Craigie. In 1938 he won a Guggenheim fellowship to pursue work on a Dictionary of Briticisms. This work was interrupted by World War II, when Read decided it might be too dangerous for him to stay in Europe. For his World War II service, he was sent to New York City in 1942 to work with the Military Intelligence Division on an *American Military Definition Dictionary* and *Military Phrase Books*. Read stayed in New York and took a job teaching English at Columbia University. He taught there from 1945 to 1974.

Read married Charlotte Schuchardt on November 1, 1953. Charlotte was the director of the Institute of General Semantics in Lime Rock, Connecticut, and was significant in her own right, researching and writing on the theories of Alfred Korzybski's General Semantics. They had no children.

Allen and Charlotte were involved in virtually every organization dealing with language, including: The American Name Society, Dictionary Society of North America, American Dialect Society, Semiotic Society of America, International Linguistic Association, International Society of General Semantics, American Humanist Association, Modern Language Association, American Society of Geolinguistics, and the New York Folklore Society. While teaching English at Columbia University, Read was actively engaged in the study of words and language. The bulk of his work centers on this research, which he presented at conferences and in language journals.

Read's initial venture into language was during road trips in the 1920s with his parents. During these trips he would document bathroom graffiti, which resulted in a book titled *Classic American Graffiti, Lexical Evidence from Folk Epigraphy in Western North America*, published in Paris in 1935. His major life's work, however, never actually came to fruition. Beginning in the 1930s, Read began to collect thousands of Briticisms, which he planned to turn into a dictionary. He turned his collection of word slips over to John Algeo, professor of English at the University of Georgia, who intended to take over the dictionary project with Read's assistance.

Although Read is largely known for his work on the origin of the word "OK," he spent his career investigating numerous words and phrases, including, "Podunk," "Blizzard," "Rebel Yell," and "Yankee." He never abandoned his enthusiasm for folklore and place names in the United States, having written extensively on the place names of Missouri, Iowa, Illinois, New York, and Connecticut. He continued to write on obscenity words and even though his collection of

Briticisms did not result in a full-fledged dictionary, Read produced numerous articles on the differences between American and British English.

Allen and Charlotte Read were engaged and productive in the exploration of language and General Semantics during their entire marriage. They died within months of each other—Charlotte on July 25, 2002, and Allen on October 16, 2002.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following 15 series with 19 subseries:

Family

- Photographs
- Genealogy
- O. B. and Bessie Read Papers
- Mary Jo Read Papers
- Charlotte Read Papers
- M. Kendig Family Papers

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Institute of General Semantics (IGS)

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The Word "OK"

Poetry

Obscenity Words/Graffiti

American Speech

Place Names

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Audio files

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Scope and Content Note:**Family series**

This series contains an extensive collection of Read family photographs that include Read, his parents, family and friends, wife Charlotte, and sister, Mary Jo. Also included is information on the Read family genealogy. Allen came to have the papers on different segments of the family, so the papers of O.B. and Bessie Read, Mary Jo Read, Charlotte (including her writings on General Semantics), and the previous director of the Institute of General Semantics, M. Kendig are included here. The papers are mostly arranged in date order, 1911-1990s.

Personal series

The Personal series contains records pertaining to Read's education as well as his financial and property documents. The largest segment of this series is Read's personal diaries, which cover the years 1917 to 1971. Read consistently documented all aspects of his life from the mundane to his feelings on life, relationships, and his career.

Correspondence series

Read initially organized his correspondence alphabetically and eventually switched to a chronological order. He kept both incoming and his outgoing letters. The letters range in date from 1906 to 2002 and document his relationships with family, friends, and his many colleagues in the field of linguistics. Letters to and from family members are included in virtually every folder, especially to his parents and sister, Mary Jo. In the early 1940s, much of the correspondence regards Read's efforts to obtain employment as well as correspondence with publishers for his articles. Read's more professional correspondence begins largely after joining Columbia University in 1945. In the early years of their courtship and after 1953, letters to and from Charlotte can be found in most folders. Read regularly corresponded with other linguists and students who had questions regarding his research on words.

Professional series

The majority of the Professional series contains Read's files regarding the numerous organizations he belonged to and date from 1940 to 1994. These files mostly contain correspondence and information about conferences and meetings as well as some meeting minutes and official organizational records. The records are arranged alphabetically by organizational name and then chronologically. Records pertaining to Read's work as an English professor can be found here, including assignments, syllabi, and some early student papers. Read's interest in street language prompted him to collect the handbills he found around the Columbia campus. In addition, some initial research on words and language related topics are here. The office files are arranged chronologically and include correspondence, committee work, reports, grants, research proposals, and information on different projects Read was working on.

Talks and Publications series

Read produced a massive amount of work on all aspects of language throughout his career. The Talks and Publications series is organized chronologically and spans from the earliest period in his career to the mid-1990s. Most of this work can be found in printed linguistic journals. Much of this writing began as a presentation at a conference or meeting and then ultimately became

published. Also included in this series are some research folders on future talks that may not have come to fruition as well as research and correspondence pertaining to the subject. Read kept his talks and conference information together, such as travel plans, programs, and correspondence with the event coordinators. Of special note is a small collection of original Joe Strickland correspondence from 1835. Strickland was an early 19th century humorist and Read wrote an article about him titled “The World of Joe Strickland.”

General Semantics series

Allen and Charlotte both wrote a great deal on the topic of General Semantics. Charlotte spent her career working for the Institute of General Semantics with its founder, Alfred Korzybski. This series includes Read’s writings on the topic as well as some correspondence and organizational material from the Institute of General Semantics. The series is arranged chronologically, 1942-1993.

Briticisms series

Read began toying with the idea of a Briticisms (English words found in England but not in America) dictionary very early in his career. He received a Guggenheim fellowship to work on this project in 1938 and had to abandon this effort in 1939 when the war made staying in Europe too dangerous. Read’s goal was to create a dictionary that addressed the English language from the perspective of American users. This series is arranged chronologically from 1938 to 1989 and includes Read’s research, proposals, correspondence, and writings on Briticisms. Read eventually gave his research and word slips to Professor of English, John Algeo, of the University of Georgia so that he might continue the project.

The Word “OK” series

Read researched and wrote about numerous words, but the etymology he is most famous for regards the history of the word “OK.” This series includes research material, correspondence, and Read’s writings on the subject. It is arranged chronologically, 1941-1994.

Poetry series

As a young man, Read became interested in writing poetry. The series is undated and the original file order is maintained.

Obscenity Words/Graffiti series

Read began documenting graffiti words as a young person during family vacations in the 1920s. His collection turned into a published work titled, “Lexical Evidence of Epigraphy in Western North America: A Glossarial Study of the Low Element in the English Vocabulary.” This series includes correspondence, research material, and Read’s writings on the topic of obscenity words and is arranged chronologically, 1934-1990.

American Speech series

Read was managing editor of *American Speech* in the mid-1940s to 1951. Included in this series is correspondence with potential authors and manuscript submission ideas, 1946-1951.

Place Names series

Read continued to be interested in the study of place names throughout his career. This series includes some of his writings on the topic of place names as well as some of his proposals for a national place names study in the United States, 1937-1991.

Funk & Wagnalls series

This series reflects Read's work on the Funk & Wagnalls Dictionary editorial advisory board, 1956 to 1961. Included is correspondence, style guides and some of Read's article contributions to the dictionary.

Audio Files series

This series contains audio tape and cassette tapes of Read presentations at various conferences as well as a few recordings pertaining to language and usage.

Oversize series

This series contains oversize material largely of a personal nature or pertaining to Read's family, including diplomas and certificates.

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Bell, Teresa	637	
Bell, Whitfield J.	848	
Bentley, Harold W.	660, 691, 727	
Berger, Morroe	699, 700	
Bethel, Pete	675	
Blackwell, Jr. , Joseph W.	675	
Blair, Walter	839	
Blau, Bernard	666	
Bloch, Bernard, 1907-1965	654, 732, 743	
Boise, Idaho--Capitol	23	Yes
Bolinger, Dwight L.	672, 677, 678, 688, 689-691, 693, 707, 715, 770	
Bonnema, Helen Dr.	802	
Borden family--Genealogy	84	
Borkin, Ann	853	
Botkin, Ben A.	729	
Bourland Jr., D. David, 1928-2000	145	Yes
Bousios, Basil Nicholas Hellenagoras	644	
Bowers, Ed	589	
Bowman, Walter	855, 861, 862	
Boyd, Julian P.	681	
Brand, Florence A.	830	
Brinton, Crane	666	
Briticisms	1060-1068	
British Museum, London, England	198	Yes
Bronx Society of Science and Letters	1228	
Brothels	220	
Brown, Rebecca	850, 851	
Bryant, Margaret M.	280, 281, 681, 698, 716, 728, 731-733, 863	
Bryant, Margaret M.	145, 679	Yes
Bryant, William Cullen, 1794-1878	881	
Bryce Canyon National Park, Utah	23	Yes
Buck, Harold D.	720	
Buckley, G. T.	631	
Burke, W. J.	647, 649	
Burkett, Eva M.	637	
Bush, George	870	
Caldwell, Robert H.	647, 650	
California--Description and travel	10-12, 15, 16, 19, 23	Yes
Camping	1, 9, 12, 22, 36	Yes
Canada--Description and travel	9, 10, 15, 16, 260	Yes

Canadian Society for the Study of Names	1229	
Cannon, Garland	828, 848, 850	
Carrison family	59, 789	Yes
Carroll, John B.	760	
Carter, Elton S.	760	
Casey, Edmund J.	818	
Cassidy, Frederick G.	857, 859, 862	
Cedar Breaks, Utah	8	Yes
Center for Adirondack Studies	1230	
Century of Progress Exposition--Chicago	4, 25, 212, 220, 231	Yes
Century of Progress Exposition--Chicago	212, 219-221, 230, 231	
Chacos, Anthony	729	
Chamberlain, Daisy Ethel	589	
Charles, Dorothy	280, 570, 571, 597	
Charles, Mabel M.	589, 624, 634	
Chicago--Description and travel	4, 5, 24, 25, 211, 220	Yes
Chicago--Description and travel	209-221, 226-231, 236-238, 242-246, 249-253, 255-257, 271	
Chicago--Description and travel	6, 279	Yes
Chigaco Linguistic Society	760	
Childers, Dorothy Nell, 1912-	20, 206, 208, 209	Yes
Childers, Dorothy Nell, 1912-	206-209, 241, 246, 252	
Childers, Mabel S., 1887-	252, 582, 583, 599, 609-611, 621, 622, 624, 633, 636, 639, 640, 670, 671, 673, 675	
Childers, Mabel S., 1887-	207	Yes
Civil defense	269, 270	
Clark, Donald L.	707, 711, 721	
Clifford, Jim	731	
Cohen, Gerald Dr.	406a, 850	
Collett family	85, 86	
Collett family	1, 3, 32, 79	Yes
Collins, John H.	699, 796	
Colorado--Description and travel	12, 13, 18, 23	Yes
Columbia University, New York	766, 770, 1416	
Combs, Josiah	690	
Communism	237, 238	
Coney Island, New York	221, 239	
Coney Island, New York	72	Yes
Congleton, Ed	848	
Congleton, J. E.	792, 848	
Connecticut--Description and travel	260	Yes
Coolidge Dam, Arizona	22	Yes

Cowan, J. M.	727, 734	
Cox family--Genealogy	84	
Craigie, Lady	244, 247	Yes
Craigie, Sir William Alexander, 1867-1957	232, 238, 244, 247, 621, 629, 638, 644, 645, 648, 651, 656, 657, 660, 668, 687, 716, 719, 730, 733, 734, 860, 1490, 1532	
Craigie, Sir William Alexander, 1867-1957	232, 238, 244, 247	Yes
Criswell, E. H.	645, 650, 651, 719, 720, 730	
Cronin, Grover J., Jr.	681	
Crow, Michael	683	
Cuba, Guantanamo Bay	36	Yes
Culver-Stockton College, Canton, Missouri	187	Yes
Darrow, Clarence, 1857-1938	218	
Davidson, Levette J.	695, 725	
Davis, Albert	731	
Davis, Dorothy May	595	
Dayton, Weldon Bruce	774	
Denison, Merrill	736	
Derby family	51, 60	Yes
Derby family	85, 116	
Dewey, Godfrey	802	
Dickson, Paul	856	
Dictionary of American Regional English	1231-1233	
Dictionary Society of North America	853, 1234-1243	
Dobbie, Elliott V. K.	799	
Dolezal, Fredric	859	
Downey, Drew	864	
Duckert, Audrey R.	864	
Eagleson, Robert D.	818	
Eaton, Helen S.	695	
Ebersole family	1, 4-7, 31-33, 35, 36, 41, 44	Yes
Ebersole family	86, 700	
Eble, Connie C., 1942-	850	
Edmonds, James M.	725, 805, 828, 853	
Edwards, Willard E.	802	
Ehrensperger, Edward C.	656, 670, 855, 1463	
Eisenhower, Dwight David, 1890-1969-- Parade, June 19, 1945	32	Yes
Eldridge, Obadiah	84, 85	
Ellis, Milton	659	
Ellyson, Craig	602, 603	
Emsley, Bert	630	
England, London--Description and travel	191, 192, 197, 200	Yes

England, London--Description and travel	191-193, 196-200, 221-225, 232-235, 247, 265-270	
England--Description and travel	2, 193, 194, 197, 198, 201, 202, 222	Yes
England--Description and travel	194, 197-203, 248	
England--Description and travel	43	Yes
English family	65	Yes
English-only movement	1420, 1421	
European Association for Lexicography	1244	
Farrell, Katherine	589	
Federal Education Act, 1965	812	
Finley, Hetty	818	
Fisher, Fred	654	
Flexner, Stuart B., 1928-1990	863, 867, 869	
Florida--Description and travel	7, 34, 35, 42	Yes
Foch, Ferdinand, 1851-1929--funeral of	192	
Fowler, H. W.	1244	
France, Paris--Description and travel	193	Yes
France, Paris--Description and travel	193, 194, 235, 699	
France--Description and travel	2, 699	Yes
Franklin, Norman	760	
Frazier, Virgil H.	797	
Fredman, Alice G.	859	
Freighters--Kafiristan	661	
Friend, Albert	857	
Fullington, James F.	670	
Furnivall, Frederick James	621	
Gadpaille, Warren J., M.D.	832	
Gafford, Lucile	276, 280, 653	
Gafford, Lucile	280	Yes
Gasque, Thomas J.	856	
Gates, Edward Lynn, -1979	144, 841, 849, 856, 859, 862, 1270	
Gates, J. E.	865	
Gay, Stewart Irwin	681	
Gedney, Bill	281, 698, 725, 751, 768, 771, 774, 776, 781, 782, 784, 795, 852	Yes
General Semantics	134-142	
Gerard, Elise	815	
Germany--Description and travel	2, 198, 590	Yes
Germany--Description and travel	191, 198, 699	
Gewirth, Alan, 1912-2004	279	Yes
Gibson, William M., 1912-1987	245, 246	Yes
Gilman, Wilbur E.	725	
Glacier National Park	9	Yes

Glicksberg, Charles I.	698, 700	
Gold, David	884	
Gordon, Barbara	762	
Graham, Martha, 1894-1991	245	
Grand Canyon--Description and travel	12, 13, 22	Yes
Green, Archie, 1926-2009	869	
Green, Ina May	589, 596, 598, 619, 639	
Greet, W. Cabell	637, 670, 678, 681, 697, 699, 712, 716, 829, 837, 1439	
Greeting cards--Anniversary	44-48	
Gregory, Horace, 1898-1982	270	
Grieshaber, G. J.	850	
Grogan, Colonel Stanley J.	689	
Grupper, Samuel M.	859	
Guthe, Alfred K.	708	
Haber, Molly Nelson	859	
Haines family--Genealogy	84, 819	
Hall, Alice and Bob	861	
Hamp, Eric	1553	
Hanley, Miles L.	655, 658, 673, 683	
Hart, Laurance	802	
Hartmann, Reinhard	850	
Haugen, Einar	861	
Haverstick, Iola S.	811	
Hayashi, Tetsuro	839	
Hayawaka, Samuel I. (Don), 1906-1992	276, 278, 279	Yes
Hayawaka, Samuel I. (Don), 1906-1992	276-279, 670, 823, 829, 853, 862	
Haynes, Jim	848	
Heap, Norman A.	855	
Heflin, Donald L.	848	
Heflin, Woodford	658, 848	
Heindel, Richard H.	678	
Helena, Montana--Capitol	9, 15	Yes
Hench, Atcheson L.	644, 666, 669, 672, 681, 682, 709-711, 719, 721, 729, 733	
Herbert Quick School House, Iowa	3, 28	Yes
Hill, Archibald A., 1902-1992	731, 735	
Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, Michigan	97, 98	
Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, Michigan	61, 76	Yes
Hinkle, Douglas and Rose	855, 856	
Hirsch, Jean K.	707	
Hoak family--Genealogy	84, 88	
Hoeltze, Hubert	798	

Hofstadter, Albert	848	
Hogrefe, Pearl	848	
Holt, Alfred H.	645	
Holtzhauer, Genevieve	230, 231	Yes
Homey Haven Trailer Court, Pinellis Park, Florida	7	Yes
Horwood, Kym	649	
Hospital--Cedar Falls, Iowa	4	Yes
House, Elizabeth	2	Yes
Hughey, Ruth	192, 205	
Huir, Kenneth	630	
Humanist Society of Greater New York	1245, 1246	
Huntley, Frank Livingstone, 1902-1998	245, 246, 649	Yes
Huntsman, Jeffrey F.	851	
Ichikawa, Sanki	731	
Idaho--Description and travel	23	Yes
Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, Illinois	276-278	
Illinois Name Society	1247-1250	
Illinois, Galesburg	6, 7, 34, 37-41, 44, 49, 53	Yes
Illinois, Macomb	42, 43	Yes
Illinois--Description and travel	188	
Illinois--Description and travel	36, 53	Yes
Illinois--Description and travel	7, 21, 40-42, 277	Yes
Ibson, Robert Frederick	848	
Imperial Airways airplane	235	Yes
Indexing	853	
Ingram family	62	Yes
Institute of General Semantics	143, 144, 276, 279, 280, 811, 858, 1252-1280	
Institute of General Semantics	145, 850, 854, 1274-1328	Yes
International Congress of Onomastic Sciences	1357, 1358	
International Linguistics Association	1281-1297	
Iowa State Teachers College, Cedar Falls, Iowa	230	
Iowa State Teachers College, Cedar Falls, Iowa	2, 63, 67	Yes
Iowa, Cedar Falls	32, 35-37, 54	Yes
Iowa, Cedar Falls	1-7, 15, 20, 26-29, 54, 258	Yes
Iowa, Ft. Madison	26	Yes
Iowa--Description and travel	25, 29, 36, 253	Yes
Iowa--Description and travel	187, 204	
Jubilee College State Park, Illinois	277	Yes

Kagan, Janet Megson	836	
Kaldegg, Gustav	711	
Kansas--Description and travel	14, 18	Yes
Karten, David	770	
Kaye, Kenneth B.	608, 616	
Keeley, Mary Paxton, 1886-1986	205, 208, 209, 230, 231, 624, 630, 632, 633	
Kendig, Jane Mercer	702	
Kendig, Marjorie, 1892-1981	145, 279, 730, 731, 735	Yes
Kendig, Marjorie, 1892-1981	143, 144, 146, 276-279, 281, 678, 685, 719, 737, 747, 760, 811, 822	
Kennedy, Robert F., 1925-1968	815, 823	
Kent, Roland G.	670	
Kentucky Military Institute, Venice, Florida	7	Yes
Kepke, John	643	
King, Wayne G.	722, 723, 725	
Kinsey, Alfred Charles, 1894-1956	743	
Kloesel, Christian J. W.	861, 865	
Knox College, Galesburg, Illinois	280	
Korean War, 1950-1953--Attitudes toward	728, 732	
Korzybski, Alfred, 1879-1950	145	Yes
Korzybski, Alfred, 1879-1950	143, 277, 280, 1306, 1447, 1511, 1542	
Kuhn, John G.	811	
Kurath, Hans	703, 713	
LaBrant, Lou	1466	
Lacy, John	1467	
Lambert, Mary Lou	26	Yes
Larson, Cedric	714, 722, 725	
Lawrence, Cecil G.	606	
Lawrence, Donald B.	855	
Laycock, Don	848	
Leake, Edna R.	643, 646, 652, 668, 701	
Legman, G.	737, 745	
Levine, David	145	Yes
Levitt, Jesse	866-868, 877, 878, 880, 883, 887, 889	
Linguistic Association of Canada and the United States	1300-1304	
Linguistic Circle of New York	1305	
Linguistic Society of America	1306-1308	
Lippert, Paul	859	
Long Ralph B.	845	
Low, Cecile	866	

Lowery family	1, 64	Yes
Luelf, Amanda	630, 633	
Lynskey, Winifred	636	
Lyon, John, H. H.	699, 705, 706	
Lyson, L. H.	655	
MacArthur, Walter	733	
MacDorman, Lona	586	
MacDougald, Jr., Duncan	688	
Macomb family	2	Yes
MacShane, Frank	822	
Maine--Description and travel	260	Yes
Makers Magazine--Oxford University	160	
Malone, Kemp	664	
Manohar, Dr. M.D.	850	
Marckwardt, Albert H.	834	
Marley, Margaret	2	Yes
Martin, Florentine	2	Yes
Mase, Sadi J.	821, 860	
Mase, Sadi J.	861	
Massachusetts, Boston--Description and travel	240, 253	
Massachusetts--Description and travel	253, 254	Yes
Mathews, M. M.	655, 658, 683, 689, 695, 708, 736, 785	
Matthews, Wilton E.	621	
Maurer, D. W.	644, 647	
Mayo, Mary	644	
McAtee, W. L.	779	
McCalley family	1, 51, 79	Yes
McCanse, Ralph Alan	618, 619	
McGhee, James C.	779	
McKay, Janet Holmgren	839	
McMillan, James B.	719	
McMullen, E. Wallace	727, 741, 749, 868, 870, 886	
Meech, Sanford B., 1903-1981	279	Yes
Meine, Franklin	1700	
Mencken Society	1309-1311	
Mencken, H.L., 1880-1956	258, 259, 262-264, 271, 635, 639, 654, 656, 657, 659, 663, 664, 679, 681, 687-689, 703, 707, 709, 808, 818, 1464, 1664	
Mesa Verde National Park, Colorado	13	Yes
Metropolitan Committee for Religious Liberty	737, 739	
Miller, Charles Townsend	649, 665, 729	

Milne, Robert Scott	802	
Miner family	5	Yes
Minnesota--Description and travel	30, 32	Yes
Minnesota--Description and travel	83	Yes
Mississippi--Description and travel, 1040s	34	Yes
Missouri, Columbia	5, 20	Yes
Missouri, Columbia	204-209	
Missouri, Columbia--Rock Bridge	209	Yes
Missouri, Forsyth--Shadow Rock	36	Yes
Missouri, Hannibal	15	Yes
Missouri, St. Louis--Description and travel	205, 206, 225	
Missouri--Description and travel	188	
Modern Language Association of America	820, 1313-1341	
Moe, Henry Allen	681, 699	
Monroe, B. S.	674	
Montana--Description and travel	9, 15, 16	Yes
Montgomery, Michael B.	867	
Moore, Louis M.	695	
Moore, William I.	760	
Morton, Herbert C.	861	
Mott, Frank Luther, 1886-1964	641, 654, 673, 681	
Moulton, William G.	866	
Mower, Morris L.	802	
Mueller, A. David	863	
Muir, Kenneth	628, 811	
Murley, Margaret	26, 781	Yes
Murray, Elwood	727	
Myers, Dr. Rowland M.	836	
Names Institute	1342	
National Council of Teachers of English	1343-1348	
National Society for the Study of Communication	1349, 1350	
Nazism	223, 266, 691	
Nebraska--Description and travel	14	Yes
Nebraska--Description and travel	15, 19	Yes
Needler, Geoffrey D.	828	
Nell, Dorothy	584, 635, 862	
Nelson, Hally P.	644	
Nelson, Thomas	850	
Nevada--Description and travel	11, 16, 23	Yes
Nevins, Allan, 1890-1971	695	
New Hampshire--Description and travel	260	Yes

New Mexico--Description and travel	13, 14, 18, 22	Yes
New York Folklore Society	1352-1366	
New York Society of General Semantics	1367-1376	
New York World's Fair, 1939-1940	270-272	
New York World's Fair, 1939-1940	270	Yes
New York, New York City	42, 43, 55, 68, 72	Yes
New York, New York City	50	Yes
New York, New York City	203, 214, 216, 217, 221, 225, 232, 235, 239-242, 244, 246, 248, 250, 252, 254, 258, 259, 261-265, 271-275, 280-289	
New York, New York City	21, 40, 246, 258	Yes
New York--Description and travel	260	Yes
Newton, Marcia	612	
Niagara Falls, New York	191	
Nicolson, Marjorie	760	
Nilsen, Don and Alleen	859	
Norman, Jr., L. Stuart	848	
North Central Name Society	1379	
North Central Names Institute	1377, 1378	
North Dakota--Description and travel	30	Yes
Northeast Modern Language Association	1381	
Nye, Russell B.	665, 666	
O' Brien, Edward	648, 852	
Oberdorfer, Conrad	616	
Ogden, C. K.	1511	
Ogden, Harry	632	
Ogden, Margaret S.	636, 639, 640, 642, 646, 651, 656, 658, 660, 662, 674, 754, 784, 789, 851	
Oklahoma--Description and travel	22	Yes
Oliver, Raymond	801, 802, 853, 860, 863	
Omnigraphics	1502	
Onomastics	856, 1382-1387	
Oregon--Description and travel	10, 15, 16, 23	Yes
Oxford University, Oxford, England	159, 160, 164, 190-192, 194, 196-203, 222, 224	
Oxford University, Oxford, England	2, 191, 193, 194, 197, 198, 200, 201, 222	Yes
Pap, Leo	851, 865	
Paper, Herbert H.	859	
Parker, Peter--Genealogy	84	
Parker, William R.	729, 731	
Parry, Albert	663	
Partridge, Eric	636, 653, 735	
Paul, Joseph A.	585, 586, 591	

Pearce, T. M.	711, 716	
Pearl Harbor (Oahu, Hawaii), Attack on	277	
Pennsylvania Germans	851	
Pennsylvania, Philadelphia--Description and travel	241	
Phi Beta Kappa Association of New York	1388-1394	
Philological Society	1395	
Pigeon, Helen B.	1358	
Pike, Ken L.	863	
Pikelny, Dov B.	751	
Politics	740, 741	
Pound, Louise	655, 658, 663, 667-672, 722, 737	
Powers, Glen C.	659	
Programs and playbills	50, 190-194, 196-281	
Protest movements	822	
Pula, Robert P.	848, 858	
Quirk, Randolph	850	
Raeburn, John	869	
Ramsay, Margaret Prentis	644	
Ramsey, Robert, 1880-1953	277, 599, 607, 624, 626, 631, 636, 638-640, 642, 643, 650, 653, 676, 685, 687, 693	
Rand, Sally, 1904-1979	231	
Randolph, Vance, 1892-1980	653, 654	
Rapoport, Anatol	1316-1319	
Raskin, Victor	853	
Read family	1-7, 14, 18, 32, 33, 37, 43, 65, 800	Yes
Read family	85-88, 91, 92, 96, 113, 116-118	
Read family--Genealogy	84-89, 819	
Read, Allen Walker, 1906-2002	1-2127	
Read, Allen Walker, 1906-2002	1-19, 21, 24-29, 31-37, 39-44, 49, 50, 52-57, 66-69, 72-74, 82, 83, 145, 186, 190, 191, 193, 194, 198-201, 203, 204, 206, 208-212, 215, 217, 220-224, 226-232, 235, 236, 238, 239, 241-246, 247-258, 260, 277-281, 283-286. 604, 616, 622, 864, 895, 896, 1452	Yes
Read, Bessie Allen, 1882-1974	1-7, 9-16, 18, 19, 21-46, 48, 49, 51, 52, 55, 58, 60, 61, 66, 68, 70, 73, 77, 83, 85, 91, 186, 198, 201, 204, 210, 215, 217, 220, 226, 230, 231, 236, 241, 242, 244, 245, 249, 253, 256, 258-260, 277, 279, 280, 678	Yes
Read, Bessie Allen, 1882-1974	91, 95, 96, 99, 108-110, 563-844	

Read, Charlotte Schuchardt, 1909-2002	7, 33, 36, 37, 42-44, 49, 50, 55-57, 66, 68, 69, 71-74, 82, 746, 747, 896	Yes
Read, Charlotte Schuchardt, 1909-2002	111-126, 132-144, 170, 172, 181, 182, 183, 743-844	
Read, Mary Josephine, 1911-1998	94, 103, 111-131, 170, 173-180, 201, 204, 219, 271, 276, 527-533, 563-895	
Read, Mary Josephine, 1911-1998	1-19, 21-32, 34-42, 44, 49, 50, 52-54, 66-68, 75, 82, 83, 186, 193, 196, 198, 204, 209-212, 215, 217, 220, 229-231, 234, 236, 241, 242, 244-246, 249, 253, 256, 258-260, 263, 277, 279, 280, 284, 286, 622, 678, 691, 804	Yes
Read, Orland Bertrand, 1871-1960	1-16, 18, 19, 21-46, 48, 49, 52, 55, 61, 66, 68, 73, 76, 77, 83, 194, 198, 201, 204, 210, 215, 217, 220, 226, 230, 231, 236, 241-245, 249, 253, 259, 260, 277, 678	Yes
Read, Orland Bertrand, 1871-1960	47, 86, 94-98, 100, 101, 103-107, 111-114, 194, 204, 219, 252, 259, 260, 266, 271, 276, 279, 280, 563-788	
Read, Samuel Walker, 1839-1908	65	Yes
Read, Samuel Walker, 1839-1908	93, 96	
Redfern, Richard K.	848	
Redpath, Jr., Robert U.	850	
Reibel, D. A.	851	
Reinecke, John E.	635	
Rhynsburger, Donovan	887	
Ridgeville College, Ridgeville, Indiana	101	
Riggs, Fred W.	853	
Robeson, Paul, 1898-1976	241	
Robinson, Mary Jo	53, 54	Yes
Rogers, Alice	719	
Roosevelt Dam, Arizona	12	Yes
Roosevelt, Franklin D., 1882-1945	696, 697	
Roosevelt, Franklin Delano, 1882-1945-- Election, 1936	249	
Ross-Mayper, Irene	145	Yes
Sabre, Mel	794	
Safire, William, 1929-2009	1560	
Sagarin, Edward	804	
Sargent, Epes W.	729	
Saxton, Eugene F.	637	
Schaeffer, Severen L., 1993-	145	Yes
Schick, Joseph S., 1910-1987	227-229, 244, 252, 253, 637, 640, 664, 674, 1496	Yes

Schnucker, Calvin	572, 609	
Schuchardt, Carl	43	Yes
Schuchardt, Charlotte Rosalie, 1909-2002	735	
Schuchardt, Charlotte Rosalie, 1909-2002	145	Yes
Schumann, Herr Detlev	208	Yes
Sealock, Richard B.	695	
Semiotic Society of America	1396-1417	
Shapiro, Karl	859	
Shelley, Jack	853	
Shiple, Joseph T.	858	
Shoemaker, Floyd C., 1886-1972	701	
Shryock, Richard Harrison	699	
Shutts, J. Hervey	627	
Shutts, M. Toreva	599, 603, 604, 619	
Simms, Thomas H.	600	
Slacks, John R.	701	
Slacks, Melvin	820	
Smith, Elsdon C.	735, 749	
Smith, Pattie Sherwood	767, 819	
Smith, Warren H.	685	
Society for Dictionaries and Lexicography	1418	
Sonkin, Robert	1184	
Sovereign, Bess J.	593	
Speech Association of America	757, 774, 1419	
Sperber, Hans, 1885-1963	779	
Stacey, Michelle	869, 1498	
Stageberg, Norman C.	850	
State Teachers College, Milwaukee, Wisconsin	38	Yes
Stein, Gertrude, 1874-1946	237	
Stein, Jess M., 1914-1984	242, 246, 640	
Stein, Jess M., 1914-1984	252	Yes
Stern, Martin	680	
Stevens, Dr. David H.	699, 700	
Stewart, William A.	808	
Stock yards, Chicago, Illinois	5	Yes
Stockwell, Robert P.	760	
Stone, Louise W.	666, 717	
Straumann, Heinrich, 1902-1991	254, 266, 850	Yes
Strickland, Joe	1700, 1701	
Swanson, Don	731	
Synthetic speech	792	Yes

Taft, Kendall B., 1899-1972	631	
Takenaka, Jiro	760	
Tamony, Peter	649, 651, 652, 1489	
Taylor, Archer, 1890-1973	832	
Teachers College High School, Cedar Falls, Iowa	157	
Teall, Edward N.	681	
Terry, Sebrina M.	618	
Texas--Description and travel	22	Yes
The Mencken Society	871, 877	
Thomason, Robert A.	749	
Thomason, Sarah G.	866	
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