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Descriptive Summary

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Abstract Gordon Jennings Laing, Professor of Latin and Roman History. The Gordon Jennings Laing Papers contain teaching materials, lecture notes, translations, students’ papers, and honorary degrees.

Information on Use

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Biographical Note

Gordon Jennings Laing was born in 1869. He received his B.A. from the University of Toronto in 1891 and his Ph.D. from Johns Hopkins University in 1896. Laing had a long academic career, which began with an appointment as Instructor of Latin at Bryn Mawr College from 1897 to 1899. Lange then came to the University of Chicago, where he became Professor in 1913 and chairman of the Latin Department in 1919. Laing left Chicago to become Professor, chairman of Classics Department, and Dean of the Faculty of Arts, at McGill University from 1921 to 1923. He returned to Chicago to serve as Dean of the newly formed Humanities Division between 1931 and 1935, later becoming Dean of Alumni from 1940 to 1943.

In addition, Laing served as General Editor of the University of Chicago Press from 1909 to 1921 and again from 1923 to 1940. He was involved in numerous professional organizations. He served as president of the American Philological Association and was, for many years, vice-president of the Archaeological Institute of America.

Laing’s publications included four textbooks and articles and books about his special fields of interest, Roman social history and Roman religion.
Gordon Jennings Laing died in 1945.

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Related Resources
The following related resources are located in the Department of Special Collections:

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Subject Headings
- Laing, Gordon Jennings, 1869-1945
- University of Chicago. Dept. of Latin Language and Literature
- Latin prose literature
- Latin language-Study and teaching (Higher)
- Latin teachers
- Lecture notes

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Series III: Latin texts for honorary degrees and ceremonial University letters

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