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# Guide to the William Warren Sweet Papers 1927-1946



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## Descriptive Summary

<b>Identifier</b>	ICU.SPCL.SWEET
<b>Title</b>	Sweet, William Warren. Papers
<b>Date</b>	1927-1946
<b>Size</b>	1.5 lineae feet (3 boxes)
<b>Repository</b>	Special Collections Research Center University of Chicago Library 1100 East 57th Street Chicago, Illinois 60637 U.S.A.

**Abstract** William Warren Sweet, Professor of American Church History at the University of Chicago, 1927 to 1946. Among his many books on church history are *Story of Religion in America*, *Religion on the American Frontier*, and *American Culture and Religion*. The papers include professional and personal correspondence, manuscripts, reports and other administrative documents.

## Information on Use

### Access

No restrictions

### Citation

When quoting material from this collection, the preferred citation is: Sweet, William Warren. Papers, [Box #, Folder #] Special Collections Research Center, University of Chicago Library

## Biographical Note

William Warren Sweet, Professor of American Church History at the University of Chicago, was born in Baldwin, Kansas, in 1881. He attended Ohio Wesleyan University, A.B., 1902; Drew Theological Seminary, B.D., 1906; Crozer Theological Seminary, M.Th., 1907; the University of Pennsylvania, A.M., 1909; Ph.D., 1912. Ohio Wesleyan awarded Sweet a D.Litt. in 1935 and DePauw University a L.H.D. in 1956. Sweet taught at Ohio Wesleyan, 1911-1912, DePauw University, where he was professor and chairman of the Department of History, 1913-1927, and Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, 1926-1927. He was Professor of American Church History at the University of Chicago from 1927 to 1946. From 1946 to 1952, Sweet taught at Garrett Biblical Institute and Southern Methodist University, and was president of the American Society of Church History in 1932. Among his many books on church history are *Story of Religion in America*, *Religion on the American Frontier*, and *American Culture and Religion*. Sweet died in Texas in 1958.

## Scope Note

The papers deposited in the University of Chicago Archives, comprising three manuscript boxes, cover Sweet's career at the University of Chicago. They deal with both personal and professional matters. The correspondence, which makes up roughly half of the material, deals with a variety of subjects-correspondence with publishers, letters concerning inaccuracies and criticisms of Sweet's books, recommendations for Sweet's students, affairs of the Methodist Episcopal Church, University of Chicago affairs, and others. The remainder of the papers are made up of reports, official documents-such as contracts, licenses, speeches, and several manuscripts by Sweet. Box III contains term papers written by Sweet's students.

## Related Resources

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

<http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/spl/select.html>

## Subject Headings

- Sweet, William Warren, 1881-1959
- United States-Church history
- Christianity-United States

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