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# Guide to the William I. Thomas Papers 1908-1974



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## Descriptive Summary

<b>Identifier</b>	ICU.SPCL.WITHOMAS
<b>Title</b>	Thomas, William I., Papers
<b>Date</b>	1908-1974
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**Abstract** William I. Thomas, sociologist, author, teacher. The William I. Thomas Papers consist of primarily of correspondence. The Papers also include reprinted articles, a lecture outline, and a draft of a book introduction.

## Information on Use

### Access

No restrictions.

### Citation

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

## Biographical Note

William I. Thomas was born in Russell County, Virginia on August 13, 1863. He attended the University of Tennessee (B.A., 1884), (Ph.D. in Literature, 1886). Thomas was awarded a Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Chicago in 1896.

Thomas was a Professor at Oberlin College (1889-1894). In 1900 he moved to the University of Chicago where he became Assistant Professor (1900-1910), and Professor of Sociology (1910-1918). Thomas was a lecturer at the New School for Social Research (1923-1928), and Harvard University (1936-1937). He also served as the Director of the Helen Culver Fund for Race Psychology, (1908-1918), and the President of the American Sociological Society, (1927).

Among Thomas' published works are: *Sex and Society: Studies in the Social Psychology of Sex* (1907), *The Origins of Society and the State* (1915), *The Polish Peasant in Europe and America* (1918-1920), *Old World Traits Transplanted* (1921), *The Child in America: Behavior Problems and Programs* (1928), and *Primitive Behavior: An Introduction to the Social Sciences* (1937).

Thomas was also the subject of *Social Behavior and Personality: Contributions of W.I. Thomas to Theory and Social Research* (1951).

William I. Thomas died on December 5, 1947.

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### **Related Resources**

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

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

### **Subject Headings**

- Thomas, William Isaac, 1863-1947
- Thomas, Dorothy Swaine
- Jakubczak, Franciszek
- Janowitz, Morris
- Marden, Elizabeth
- Tate, Leland B.
- Wacker, R. Fred
- Young, Kimball, 1893-1972
- Wiley, Norbert
- Sociologists

### **INVENTORY**

#### **Box 1**

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##### Correspondence

- WT to William Jones, 1908 (photocopy)
- WT to "Dear Sirs," Berlin, 1912 (German with English translation, original in Samuel N. Harper Papers)
- Kimball Young to WT, 1930
- WT to Kimball Young, 1930
- WT to Dorothy Thomas, 1935
- E. B. Wilson to P. A. Sorokin, 1935
- Morris Janowitz to DT, 1965
- Morris Janowitz to DT, 1966
- Elizabeth Marden to DT, 1966
- DT to Elizabeth Marden, 1966
- DT to Morris Janowitz, 1966

- Franciszek Jakubczak to DT, 1967
- J. C. Winter to DT, 1968
- DT to J. C. Winter, 1968
- Leland B. Tate to DT, 1970
- DT to Leland B. Tate, 1970
- Norbert Wiley to DT, n.d.
- DT to Norbert Wiley, 1971
- Edward T. James to DT, 1971
- DT to Edward T. James, 1971
- R. Fred Wacker to DT, 1973
- DT to R. Fred Wacker, 1973
- R. Fred Wacker to DT, 1974

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**Folder 2**

Miscellaneous Works

- Article, "Race Psychology: Standpoint and Questionnaire with Particular Reference to the Immigrant and the Negro," 1912
- Article, "The Relation of the Medicine-Man to the Origin of the Professional Occupations," n.d.
- Lecture outline for "Social Organization and Social Personality," n.d.
- "Introduction," n.d.