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**Descriptive Summary**

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Thomas, William I., Papers

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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**  
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**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:

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**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.