THE MEANING OF DICTIONARIES
MARCH 2007 – JULY 2007

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   Rare Book Collection. PE1620.K36

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   Rare Book Collection. PE1620 .M35

CASE 6  WEBSTER AND 19TH-CENTURY AMERICA

   Rare Book Collection. LT PN4200.B607

2. John Pickering (1777-1846). *A Vocabulary; or, Collection of Words and Phrases, Which Have Been Supposed to be Peculiar to the United States of America*. Boston: Published by Cummings and Hilliard, 1816.
   Rare Book Collection, The William Vaughn Moody Collection. PE2835.P6

   Rare Books Collection, Littlefield Collection. LT PE.1120.B59
4. Noah Webster (1758-1843). *A Grammatical Institute, of the English Language.* Hartford: Printed by Hudson & Goodwin, for the Author, 1784-1785. Rare Book Collection. LT PE1109 .W39


CASE 7 WEBSTER AND AMERICAN NATIONALISM

1. Letter from Noah Webster to Mr. Wells, on various examples of proper usage, February 17, 1842. Miscellaneous Manuscripts Collection.


**CASE 8 WEBSTER’S SPELLERS**


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THE IMPERIAL DICTIONARY

1.
Rare Book Collection. DA687.C9P58 1855

2.
The Encyclopaedia Britannica Collection of Literature for Children. PZ112.C92

3.
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4-5.
Rare Book Collection, Gift of John Stock. PE1625.O31

6.
Reproduction from
Regenstein Library, General Collections. DA18.M89

CASE 10

ENGLISHES

1.
Regenstein Library, General Collections. PE3313.Z5C3 1980

2.
Regenstein Library, General Collections. PE1704.S380 1987

3.
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CASE 11 ILLUSTRATION


CASE 12 POPULARIZING THE DICTIONARY


American Periodicals Series Online.


Rare Book Collection. PE1628.P73 1880z

American Periodicals Series Online.

Regenstein Library, General Collections. PE1628.W4 1909

Regenstein Library, General Collections. PE 1628 .T5

CASE 13  SLANG DICTIONARIES

Rare Book Collection. PE3721.H688

Rare Book Collection. PE372.M3 1859


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**CASE 14  THE POLITICS OF WORDS AND WEBSTER’S THIRD**


CASE 15  TRADEMARKS


CASE 16  PRACTICES OF DEFINING


3-4. Reproductions of dictionary entries for niacin and mystery

5. RHD style manual. [S.l.: s.n., n.d.].
On loan from Erin McKean

Regenstein Library, General Collections. PE2835.L66 2000

On loan from private collection.

CASE 17 THE MAKING OF A DICTIONARY OF AMERICAN ENGLISH


3. Harry E. Shubart to Paul Frigger, letter providing background of select words from DAE, October 9, 1940.


5. “Words Made in America: Skunk,” page proof of original article for Reader’s Digest.

University of Chicago Press Imprint Collection. PE2835.C72 c.1 v.1


CASE 18 MARKETING OF DICTIONARY OF AMERICAN ENGLISH

1. Bookmark advertisement, announcing recent publication of Vol. III of the DAE.


3. Rollin Hemens to Donald Bean, memo on advertising budget for DAE, June 6, 1936.


5. Bookplate used for presentation copies of DAE to President Franklin Roosevelt and King George V, 1934.

University of Chicago Press Imprint Collection, Gift of Donald P. Bean. PE2835.C85

Archival Reference Collection. LH1.C48
CASE 19  A DICTIONARY OF AMERICANISMS


CASE 20  RAW MATERIALS

1. Mitford Mathews in his office Archival Photographic Files, Series I: Individuals. n.d.


9. Flow chart depicting process of adding new word to dictionary. n.d. Contributed by Erin McKeen


CASE 21 UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO LEXICOGRAPHICAL LEGACIES


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CASE 22 LEXICOGRAPHY: THE GROWTH OF A PROFESSION


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CASE 23         PREFACES


2. Reproduction from
   by W. Strahan, for J. and P. Knapton, 1755. Vol. 1.
   Rare Book Collection, Gift of Rena Buck Robinson, Caroline Buck Sauter and Frances
   Buck Taylor. f PE1620.J60 1755

   Law, Longman, [et al], 1811.
   Rare Book Collection. PE1680.A2M7 1811

   Regenstein Library, General Collections. PE 1628.W4 1963 c.2

   Regenstein Library, General Collections. fPE1625.M98

CASE 24  USERS MAKING THE DICTIONARY


2. Snagit print out from *Urban Dictionary* website.

3. Snagit print out from *Wiktionary* website.


5. Snagit print out of online *NY Times* Article with dictionary entry for fathom.


TABLE CASE 1  MINIATURE JOHNSONS


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Rare Book Collection, From the Library of Gwin J. Kolb. PE1628.J6 1844


Rare Book Collection. PE1620.J61 1812

TABLE CASE 2  SPECIALIZED DICTIONARIES


The John Crerar Collection of Rare Books in the History of Science and Medicine. R121.M11 1849


Rare Book Collection. HF1001.D49


Rare Book Collection, Bequest of D. T. Starnes. JA61.B62


Rare Book Collection, From the Library of Gwin J. Kolb. AE5.B79 1853

5.
Rare Book Collection. PE1628 .G85 1856

6.
Regensteine Library, General Collections. PN6231.W64 W45 2002

7.
Regenstein Library, General Collections. ML102.J3 G62 c.1

8.
Rare Book Collection, From the Library of Gwin J. Kolb. PE1153.B4 1845

**TABLE CASE 3**
**HUMOROUS AND SPORTS DICTIONARIES**

1.
Rare Book Collection. PS3515.E62D3 1931

2.
Helen and Ruth Regenstein Collection of Rare Books. PS1097.C9 1906

3.
Regenstein Library, General Collections, Gift of Louise Ohge. PS690.T62

4.
Regenstein Library, General Collections, Gift of Stanley G. Harris, Jr. PS1097.D25 1925

5.
*Comic Dictionary.* [England: s.n., n.d.].
Rare Book Collection. PR4639.E27P6 1886

6.
Rare Book Collection, Arthur W. Schultz Golf Collection. GV965.D37 1992
7.  
Rare Book Collection, Arthur W. Schultz Golf Collection. GV965.S862 1964  

8.  
Rare Book Collection. PE1680.S76B17