

American Antiquarian Society

Manuscript Collections

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| Name of collection: | Location: |
| Welch, d'Alté A., Papers, c. 1920's; 1949-1969 | Stacks Folio volumes "W" |
| Size of collection: | N.U.C.M.C. #: |
| 2 manuscript boxes; 2 folio volumes | RLIN id: MAAR91-A263 |

Sources of information on collection:

Biography of Taylor, see DNB, LV (1898), 431-438.

Biography of Stone, see Proceedings of the American Antiquarian Society, 52 (1943), 9-11.

Biography of Welch, see Proceedings of the American Antiquarian Society, 80 (1971), 20-23.

Source of collection:

Correspondence, the gift of Mrs. d'Alté A. Welch via UCLA Special Collections, 1986 and 1988

Essay and notebook, the gift of the estate of Welch, ca. 1970

Collection description:

James d'Alté Aldridge Welch (1907-1970) was born in New York City, the son of Charles James and Elizabeth (Livingston) Welch. He earned a master's degree in the biological sciences in 1931 and a degree of doctor of philosophy in 1937, both from Johns Hopkins University. He served as Assistant Malacologist in the Bishop Museum at Honolulu, and was a member of the faculty of John Carroll University from 1942 to his death. He died tragically on 4 January, 1970 after being wounded during an attempted robbery near the Cleveland Racquet Club on 10 December, 1969.

Welch was also an avid collector of English and American children's books and the author of A Bibliography of American Children's Books Printed prior to 1821 ([Barre, Mass.]: American Antiquarian Society and Barre Publishers, 1972). His personal collection was a major one and he left to the AAS the American books not present in its collection.

The two boxes of correspondence deal not only with his work on the bibliography, but also with the publication of the bibliography. Welch corresponded with fellow collectors, librarians (including staff at the AAS), and booksellers, in both North America and England, usually requesting either the loan of books or photocopies or microfilm of books. He also corresponded with staff at the AAS in regard to the publication of the bibliography. Correspondents included Clarence S. Brigham, Marcus A. McCorison, Clifford K. Shipton, James E. Mooney, and Avis Clarke, all of the AAS; Michael Papantonio, of the Seven Gables Bookshop; Howell J. Heaney, of the Free Library of

Philadelphia; Forrest Bowe; John Alden, of the Boston Public Library; Goodspeed's Book Shop; Benjamin Tighe; Edwin Wolf, 2nd, of the Library Company of Philadelphia; Sinclair Hamilton, of Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy; Lewis M. Stark, of the New York Public Library; and Ludwig Ries, among others.

The 38-page essay in folio folder #1 was given to Welch in 1927 by Wilbur Macey Stone (1862-1941), a noted book collector and authority on early children's books. The handwritten essay by Stone is titled "The Verbum Sempiternum of John Taylor." Taylor (1580-1653) was an English minor poet and Verbum Sempiternum was

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Collection description (continued):

his summary of the Bible in verse form. It was written for children. Stone also lists in his essay holdings of the miniature book in Britain and America.

The essay was published by the LXIVMOS Club as The Thumb Bible of John Taylor by Wilbur Macey Stone (New York City: Lingel Publishing Corp., 1927).

Folio volume #2 is a ringed-notebook containing additions and corrections to Welch's bibliography of children's books. These emendations were made by Welch between serial publication of the bibliography in the AAS Proceedings and publication of the bibliography in book form in 1972. Evidently, not all the additions and corrections were incorporated into the printed volume. The notebook also includes one 1968 letter from Welch to the American Antiquarian Society which discusses his work and the corrections.

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 - Folder 2 1962 January - March
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 - Folder 6 1962 December
 - Folder 7 1963 January
 - Folder 8 1963 February
 - Folder 9 1963 March
 - Folder 10 1963 April
 - Folder 11 1963 May
 - Folder 12 1963 June
 - Folder 13 1963 July
 - Folder 14 1963 August - September
 - Folder 15 1963 October
 - Folder 16 1963 November
 - Folder 17 1963 December
 - Folder 18 1964 January - May
 - Folder 19 1964 June - December 1964

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| Folder 20 | 1965 January - February |
| Folder 21 | 1965 March - April |
| Folder 22 | 1965 May - June |
| Folder 23 | 1965 July - August |
| Folder 24 | 1965 September |
| Folder 25 | 1965 October |
| Folder 26 | 1965 November - December |

2 Correspondence Regarding American Imprints and English Imprints;
Correspondence with AAS Staff

American Imprints

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| Folder 1 | 1966 |
| Folder 2 | 1967 January - April |
| Folder 3 | 1967 May - June |
| Folder 4 | 1967 July |
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| Folder 6 | 1967 September - December |
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| Folder 8 | 1965 |
| Folder 9 | 1966 |
| Folder 10 | 1967 January - May |
| Folder 11 | 1967 June - July |
| Folder 12 | 1967 August - September |
| Folder 13 | 1967 October - December |

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Correspondence with staff members of the AAS

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| Folder 14 | 1967 January - September |
| Folder 15 | 1967 October - December 1967 |
| Folder 16 | 1968 January - May |
| Folder 17 | 1968 June - December |
| Folder 18 | 1969 January - March |
| Folder 19 | 1969 April - July |
| Folder 20 | 1969 August - September |
| Folder 21 | 1969 October - December; 1970 |
| Folder 22 | Newspaper clippings regarding the AAS, 1963-1970 |

Folio Volume

1 Handwritten essay entitled "The Verbum Sempiternum of John Taylor"

by Wilbur Macey Stone

- 2 Ringed notebook containing additions and corrections to Welch's
bibliography of children's books

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List of Correspondents

Adams, Fred B., Jr. director, Pierpont Morgan Library
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 Wandsworth, Battersea District Library
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 Kilbourne, John D. Historical Society of Pennsylvania
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 Read, Reg Elkin Mathews Ltd
 Reissman, Milton Victoria Book Shop
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 collections, Princeton University
 Ries, Ludwig
 Rigney, Eugene D. director, Ross County Historical Society
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Sherman, Stuart C. librarian, Providence Public Library
Sherrard, Elizabeth M. curator of rare books, Dartmouth College Library
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