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Manuscript Collections

<p>Name of collection:</p> <p>Streeter, Thomas Winthrop, Papers, 1920-1965</p>	<p>Location:</p> <p>Mss. Boxes "S"</p>
<p>Size of collection:</p> <p>20 mss. boxes</p>	<p>N.U.C.M.C. number:</p> <p>72-847</p>
<p>Binding aids:</p> <p>For biography of Streeter, see AAS Newslipping File. For biography of Henry R. Wagner, see AAS <u>Proceedings</u>, vol. 67, pp. 6-10.</p>	
<p>Source of collection:</p> <p>Gift of Ruth Cheney Streeter, 1970</p>	
<p>Collection Description:</p> <p>Thomas Winthrop Streeter (1883-1965) of Morristown, New Jersey, was an attorney, financier, and businessman before becoming a bibliographer, rare-book dealer, and owner of one of the largest collections of Americana in the country. His collection included early books, pamphlets, and maps, with a concentration on Texas history and Western transportation, 1795-1845. In 1952, Streeter published a bibliography of the items in his collection entitled <u>America--Beginnings</u>. He was president of AAS from 1952 to 1955 and was a member of the boards of many libraries and historical societies.</p> <p>This collection contains 20 Hollinger boxes of Streeter's papers, 1920-1965, comprised of 4 boxes of correspondence, 3 boxes of donations lists, and 13 boxes representing a Catalogue of his American Library. Included in the correspondence is information on Streeter's friendship with Henry Raup Wagner (1862-1957) of Berkeley, California, a noted bibliographer and authority on early explorations of the West. The letters refer mainly to the buying and selling of Americana between the two collectors and from booksellers, such as Edward Emory Eberstadt (1883-1958) of New York City. There are occasional comments on the distress of the Great Depression and the Presidential leadership of Franklin Delano Roosevelt (1882-1945), as well as much family news. Also included is Streeter's correspondence with Lawrence Counselman Wroth (1884-1971), librarian of the John Carter Brown Library, Providence, R.I. Their letters contain many references to Streeter's wish to extend his work on Joseph Sabin (1821-1881) and his enlistment of Wroth's help. There are also comments on the proceedings at the meetings of a number of historical societies.</p>	

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Collection Description (con't.) Streeter, Thomas Winthrop

The boxes of Donations contain lists of books and other items sent to various societies and libraries from 1940 to 1965, such as AAS, University of Virginia, Yale University, and the Library of Congress. These include appraisals made by Eberstadt and others.

Streeter's Catalogue of his collection is organized by subject in alphabetical order and includes correspondence with many dealers, bibliographers, and librarians at institutions, lists of his acquisitions, exhibition lists, assessments and appraisals, loan lists, several auction catalogues, pamphlets pertaining to a particular subject in his collection, his and others' "want" lists, many photostats of acquisitions and sale items, and photographs of portraits.

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Thomas Winthrop Streeter Papers, 1920 - 1965

Box 1: Subject Catalog "A"

- Folder 1: Adirondacks - books
- 2: Alabama - Flint River Association of Baptists, Huntsville, Ala.
  - 3: Alabama - printing
  - 4: Alaska and the North Pacific: lists of books, pamphlets, and maps
  - 5: Alaska and the Klondike - misc. pamphlets
  - 6: Alaska - Western Union map of Alaska, 1867, and other maps
  - 7: Alaska and the Pacific
  - 8: American literature - bibliography (e.g., Edgar Allan Poe (1809-1849))
  - 9: American Railroad Journal
  - 10: American Revolution
  - 11: Arizona (including notes of Henry Raup Wagner on Arizona and New Mexico)
  - 12: Arkansas - books
  - 13: Arrington, Alfred W. (1810-1867) - works
  - 14: Atlases - Arrowsmith, Aaron
  - 15: Atlases: Atlantic Neptune
  - 16: Atlases: Bermuda
  - 17: Atlases: Burr Atlas
  - 18: Atlases: Dudley, Sir Robert (1574-1649)
  - 19: Atlases: Faden maps (William Faden, 1750-1836) and Thomas Jefferys, 1720-1771, American Atlas
  - 20: Atlases: Mercator, Gerardus (1512-1594)
  - 21: Atlases - William Norman, A Pilot for the West Indies
  - 22: Atlases: Corneille Wytfliet, Descriptionis Ptolomaicae Augmentum

Box 2: Subject Catalog "B"

- Folder 1: Bibliography - correspondence regarding general information
- 2: Bibliography - correspondence with Albert Henry Allen (1875-1953)
  - 3: Bibliography - correspondence with various institutions (e.g., Princeton University)
  - 4: Bibliography - information on terms, rules, etc.
  - 5: Binding - information
  - 6: Book finishings and repair - information
  - 7: Books for disposal
  - 8: Books - items ordered reported sold or returned as not appropriate for collection
  - 9: Books - early books - correspondence
  - 10: Books - list relating to bibliography and history in Streeter's library - checklist and appraisals

Box 2 (continued): Subject Catalog "B"

- Folder 11: Books in Streeter's library - accessions and lists, 1920-1922,  
including rare books lists and purchases
- 12: Books - Streeters list of books from specific sales
- 13: Books loaned out temporarily, 1943-1947
- 14: Books regarding book thieves, i.e., Borden Clarke, Old Authors' Farm
- 15: Booksellers - desiderata, etc.
- 16: British Columbian imprints
- 17: Buache, Philippe (1700-1773), and Jean Nicolas (1741-1825) - their books
- 18: Burr - Wilkinson Conspiracy (including Wagner's notes for bibliography)

Box 3: Subject Catalog "C - CAT"

- Folder 1: California - Bear Flag
- 2: California - Castanares Coleccion, 1845
- 3: California - Hutchings' California Magazine and Pioneer Magazine
- 4: California - Gold Rush - regarding Streeter's loans to the New-York  
Historical Society exhibition, 1948-1950
- 5: California - imprints and stamp covers
- 6: California - maps, prints, and manuscripts
- 7: California - newspapers and magazines
- 8: California playbills
- 9: California - quotes from booksellers, etc.
- 10: California - secularization of missions
- 11: California - miscellaneous subjects
- 12: California - railroad pamphlets with maps
- 13: California - regional information
- 14: California State Library - correspondence
- 15: California - Henry Raup Wagner - his list
- 16: Cambridge Platform - correspondence with Rev. J. A. Harrer ( - ),  
Congregational Library of the American Congregational Association,  
Boston, Massachusetts
- 17: Canada - miscellaneous
- 18: Canada - Selkirk settlement
- 19: Canada - western and northwestern
- 20: Canada - canal items
- 21: Carolinas - books
- 22: catalog - Streeter's subject headings
- 23: Cattle, etc. - Streeter's "want" list
- 24: cattle and Wyoming brand books

Box 4: Subject Catalog - "CH - CONS"

- Folder 1: Cherokee alphabet
- 2: Cherokee items - rough notes
- 3: Cherokee items - James A. Tyson ( - ) - his list and correspondence
- 4: Chicago, Illinois - see Illinois
- 5: Classification lists
- 6: College libraries and their books sought by Streeter
- 7: "Colophon" file in Streeter's collection
- 8: Colorado - imprints and maps

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- Folder 9: Columbus, Christopher and his letter regarding first voyage, 1493
- 10: Confederate Constitution and imprints
- 11: Connecticut - books
- 12: Considerant, Victor Prosper (1808-1893) - correspondence between Streeter Arthur E. Bestor, Jr. (1908- ) of Stanford University re: Consideran
- 13: Constitution - U.S.-and Bill of Rights
- 14: Constitution - U.S. - Streeter's copy of list of pamphlets with locations

Box 5: Subject Catalog - "CONT - E"

- Folder 1: Continental Congress - Beresford and Jefferson, Report on Indian Affairs
- 2: Continental Congress - 1784 - Draft of Ordinance of 1785
- 3: Continental Congress - Jefferson's Reports on Western Territory - 1784
- 4: Cook, Capt. James - materials
- 5: Cortés Society - materials
- 6: Cresap, Michael (1742-1775)-concerning Jefferson papers on Cresap
- 7: Dakota - Black Hills
- 8: Dakotas - imprints, including notes on Bismarck Directory of 1879
- 9: DeBow's Review
- 10: Declaration of Independence - materials
- 11: Directories in Streeter's collection
- 12: Discovery and exploration period - U.S.
- 13: Duplicates (misc. grade "A") - lists of February 1946 and April 1947
- 14: Duplicates (Texas grades "A" and "B") - lists of February 1946 and April 1947
- 15: Duplicates (grade "B") - railroads to the Pacific - lists of April 1947
- 16: Duplicates - July 1950
- 17: Duplicates - information
- 18: East - regional material
- 19: Echaniz Lot - lists
- 20: Mary Baker Eddy (1821-1910), Papers - correspondence
- 21: Mary Baker Eddy (1821-1910), Papers - " "
- 22: Mary Baker Eddy, Papers - Carpenter Foundation correspondence
- 23: Engraving - early American
- 24: Engraving - Mexico

Box 6: Subject Catalog - "F - H"

- Folder 1: Files taken concerning the upstairs of Streeter's library
- 2: Florida - photostats, correspondence
- 3: Benjamin Franklin - bibliography
- 4: Thomas Freeman, An Account of Red River, 1807
- 5: French and Indian War
- 6: French and Indian War - Robert Auchmuty's Importance of Cape Breton to the British Nation; plus correspondence concerning the war
- 7: Fur Trade - government documents and Wagner's notes
- 8: Georgia - books
- 9: Haiti - books
- 10: Richard Hakluyt, Principall Navigation, 1589
- 11: Hawaii - books

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- Folder 12: Historical Society of Pennsylvania - concerning Quaker epistles
- 13: Rev. William Hubbard, Narrative of 1677 - The Troubles with the Indians in New England
- 14: Hudson Bay Company vs. U.S. - U.S. Checklist
- 15: Hunting and sport

Box 7: Subject Catalog - "I - L"

- Folder 1: Icarian material - concerning Etienne Cabet's (1788-1856) communistic society in Nauvoo, Illinois
- 2: Idaho - maps
- 3: Idaho - Nez Perces and Lapwai - imprints
- 4: Illinois - Chicago bibliography
- 5: Illinois and Chicago printing
- 6: Imprints, early - notes
- 7: Indian captivities in Streeter's collection
- 8: Indian treaties - material
- 9: Indiana - books
- 10: Iowa - books
- 11: Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826) - his library
- 12: Thomas Jefferson - Plan for the Temporary Government of the Western Territory, 1784 - photostats
- 13: John Carter Brown Library - copy of an address delivered by Streeter there
- 14: Kansas - printing
- 15: Kentucky - Daniel Boone map, Filsom map, et al.
- 16: Latter Day Saints - Millennial Star
- 17: Library of Congress - Duane pamphlets - notes of Henry Raup Wagner
- 18: Abraham Lincoln ( -1865) - address at Gettysburg
- 19: Abraham Lincoln - Emancipation Proclamation
- 20: Abraham Lincoln - Republican Standard broadside; also, general items
- 21: Louisiana - printing - Henry Raup Wagner's notes
- 22: Louisiana Purchase; Lewis & Clark expedition

Box 8: Subject Catalog - "MA - MATH"

- Folder 1: Manuscripts - mending
- 2: Maps - American Revolution
- 3: Maps - Drake, Sir Francis
- 4: Maps - lists and correspondence
- 5: Maps - Mason and Dixon map
- 6: Maps - Melish map - correspondence with Col. Lawrence Martin (1880-1955), Library of Congress, Washington, D.C., 1937-1941
- 7: Maps - Melish map - correspondence with Col. Lawrence Martin, Library of Congress, 1937-1963
- 8: Maps - Melish map - correspondence with Col. Lawrence Martin, Library of Congress, 1942-1945
- 9: Maps - New England, including Sellers map
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- 13: Massachusetts - seventeenth-century material
- 14: Massachusetts - books
- 15: Cotton Mather, Magnolia... - watermarks

Box 9: Subject Catalog - "MAX - MIS"

- Folder 1: Maximilian Alexander Philipp, prinz von Wied-Neuwied (1782-1867),  
Travels in America
- 2: Maximilian Alexander Philipp, prinz von Wied-Neuwied - memoranda, misc.
- 3: Maximilian Alexander Philipp, prinz von Wied-Neuwied - H.J.H.[?] notes
- 4: Mexican War - materials
- 5: Mexico - books
- 6: Michigan - books
- 7: Miscellaneous notes
- 8: Miscellaneous subjects
- 9: Mississippi - books
- 10: Mississippi Valley - books
- 11: Missouri - correspondence with R. F. Perotti ( - ) of Kansas City,  
Missouri, concerning imprints, 1956-1963
- 12: Missouri - notes on Missouri Gazette, extracted from Albert H. Allen's  
notes; also, Missouri imprints and correspondence with Missouri  
Historical Society

Box 10: Subject Catalog - "MONT - O"

- Folder 1: Montana - books
- 2: Music in American history - materials
- 3: Morristown, N.J. - Morris County newspapers
- 4: Nebraska - printing
- 5: Nevada - books
- 6: New England - general; also, materials on Massachusetts
- 7: New England - books
- 8: New France and the Mississippi Valley to 1763
- 9: New Hampshire - books
- 10: New Jersey - general; also, lot of Harold E. Pickersgill (1872-1943);  
also, correspondence with George C. Rockefeller ( - )
- 11: New Mexico - books
- 12: New York - Novi Belgii maps
- 13: Nootka Sound - materials
- 14: Ohio - materials including Maxwell's Code, Cincinnati, Ohio
- 15: Oklahoma - books
- 16: Old Northwest - books; materials
- 17: Oregon - books
- 18: Overland journeys - expeditions, etc.

Box 11: Subject Catalog - "P - PLA"

- Folder 1: Pacific Northwest - materials
- 2: Pacific voyages - materials
- 3: Pennsylvania - Holme map - correspondence
- 4: Pennsylvania - Holme map - memoranda
- 5: Pennsylvania - imprints
- 6: Pennsylvania - Pennsylvania/Maryland boundary
- 7: Petroleum - materials
- 8: Plains and Rockies - classifications of Streeter
- 9: Plains and Rockies - correspondence with Charles Lewis Camp (1893- ),  
Berkeley, California, 1934-1953
- 10: Plains and Rockies - notes on items and their locations
- 11: Plains and Rockies - Streeter's "want" list
- 12: Plains and Rockies - "want" lists of Graff, Holliday, American Anti-  
quarian Society, et al. - correspondence

Box 12: Subject Catalog - "PLU - R"

- Folder 1: John Plumb, Jr. ( - ) - Pacific railroads
- 2: Presidents of the U.S. - general material
- 3: Prints and Views - material
- 4: Radical literature - Shakers, Oneida community, etc.
- 5: Railroad conventions, 1823-1889 - Bureau of Railway Economics
- 6: Railroads - correspondence regarding checklists with New-York Historical  
Society and with Thomas F. Thomson (1906- ), New York Public Library
- 7: Railroads Checklist - New York Public Library
- 8: Railroads - New York Public Library "want" list
- 9: Railroads - Georgia
- 10: Railroads magazines - rough notes
- 11: Railroads Record - rough notes (pamphlet)
- 12: Railroads - University of Michigan Transportation Library - correspondence
- 13: Railroads - Van Deusen list and Hargrett lot
- 14: Railroads through 1840 - bibliography
- 15: Railroads - Wagner's list
- 16: Railroads - Pacific railroads - correspondence and data
- 17: Regional - miscellaneous (Pacific and Mississippi Valley)
- 18: Rhode Island - books
- 19: Arthur Hiler Ruggles (1881- ) concerning the exhibition at  
Butler Hospital, Providence, Rhode Island, 7 December 1940

Box 13: Subject Catalog - "S - Z"

- Folder 1: Scenographia Americana, 1768
- 2: Capt. John Smith - material
- 3: Spanish Southwest - books
- 4: Sports - Baseball-Football Bibliographic Review
- 5: Sir William Drummond Stewart (1795-1871), Edward Warren; biographical notes

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- Folder 6: Subjects - miscellaneous
  - 7: Tahiti - books
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  - 9: Ulster County Gazette - material
  - 10: Union Catalog at the Library of Congress
  - 11: United States - early years
  - 12: United States - government documents
  - 13: United States - history - general
  - 14: Utah and the Mormons
  - 15: Vault - combination instructions
  - 16: Henry Raup Wagner - miscellaneous notes
  - 17: Henry Raup Wagner, Spanish Southwest
  - 18: War of 1812 - general material
  - 19: Daniel Webster - portraits by Chester Harding (1792-1866); also,  
Rufus Choate portrait by William Willard (1819- ) - photographs
  - 20: Noah Webster - bibliography
  - 21: West - regional - general material
  - 22: The West in fiction
  - 23: West Indies - books
  - 24: Wisconsin - books
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- Box 14: Correspondence with Henry Raup Wagner, 1927-1942
- Box 15: Correspondence with Henry Raup Wagner, 1943-1952
- Box 16: Correspondence with Henry Raup Wagner, 1953-1957; letters concerning  
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- Box 17: Correspondence with Lawrence Counselman Wroth, 1933-1964
- Box 18: Donations made by Streeter to various institutions and societies,  
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- Box 19: Donations made by Streeter to various institutions and societies,  
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- Box 20: Donations made by Streeter to various institutions and societies,  
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