
Hope College
Abstract

Personal papers of John G. Winter, instructor of Latin and Greek at Hope College and the University of Michigan, and director of the Museum of Art and Archaeology in Ann Arbor. Includes articles, book reviews, valedictory speech, and a sculpture. Major subjects are classical history, archaeology, and papyrology.

Biography

John Garrett Winter was born in Holland, Michigan, in 1881. He graduated as valedictorian of Hope College in 1901 and was an instructor of Greek and Latin in the Hope College Preparatory Department from 1901 to 1903. Winter received both his A.M. and Ph.D. from the University of Michigan (UM) in 1904 and 1906 respectively. He then taught Latin and Greek at UM, became a full professor in 1919, and served as chairman of the Latin Department from 1928 to 1946.

When the Museum of Art and Archaeology (now known as the Kelsey Museum of Archaeology) was established in 1929, Winter was appointed as the first director and served in that capacity until his retirement in 1950. He was also Director of Fine Arts at the university from 1928 to 1946. Winter was a member of many professional and scholarly societies, highlighted by his term as president of the American Philological Association in 1944.

Winter was especially noted for the citations which he wrote and read at all commencement and other university ceremonial occasions.

John G. Winter died in 1956 and is buried in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Scope and Content

The personal papers of John Garrett Winter consist of materials from 1901 to 1972 which primarily document his publication activities. Included are articles, book reviews, a valedictory speech, University of Michigan periodicals, and a sculpture. Primary subjects of this collection are classical history, archaeology, and papyrology. The copies of The Michigan Alumnus contain Winter’s commencement remarks, and the copy of Research News contains a discussion of the validity of classical studies in the modern world. The materials have been arranged alphabetically by topical heading.

Container List

Articles by J. G. Winter, 1909-1944 (5 folders)
“Another Instance of ... (Greek word),” 1941
“Browning’s Epilogue to The Two Poets of Croisic,” 1909
“Cotton in Greco-Roman Egypt,” 1944
“The Division of Fine Arts and Its Work,” 1931
“Dorpfeld’s Excavations in Corfu,” 1915
“A Fragment of Demosthenes’ Third Philippic in the University of Michigan Collection,” 1925
“Francis Willey Kelsey: May 23, 1858 - May 14, 1927,” 1927
“The Golden House of Nero,” 1914
“Greek and Latin in the Schools of Belgium,” 1913
“Homeric Reminiscences,” 1921
“An Illiterate Letter of the Second Century,” 1933
“In the Service of Rome: Letters From the Michigan Collection of Papyri,” 1927
The Myth of Hercules at Rome, 1910
“A New Fragment on the Life of Homer,” 1925
“Papyrology: Its Contributions and Problems,” 1936
“A Point in Boswell’s Favor,” n.d.
The Prodromus of Nicolaus Steno’s Dissertation Concerning a Solid Body Enclosed by Process of Nature Within a Solid, 1916 (includes plate proofs and pictures) (2 folders)
“Some Literary Papyri in the University of Michigan Collection,” 1922
“Some Roman Ruins in Tunisia,” 1912
“A Walk Through Ostia,” 1913
Book Reviews, 1909-1944
Donation of Personal Library to the Van Zoeren Library, 1969
Letters to Edward Dimnent, 1920-1921
Robbins, Frank Egleston. “Posidonius and the Sources of Pythagorean Arithmology,” 1920
University of Michigan Publications, 1917-1972
The Michigan Alumnus, 1917, 1921, 1923, 1925 (commencement issues)
Research News, 1972
Valedictory Speech, 1901

Objects

Bust of John Garrett Winter sculpted by Anna R. Winter, n.d. (located in Van Wylen Library Rare Book Room)