

# **Guide to the Barbara D. Simison Papers Relating to Edward Rowland Sill**

**YCAL MSS 696**



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## Collection Overview

**REPOSITORY:** Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library  
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**CALL NUMBER:** YCAL MSS 696

**CREATOR:** Simison, Barbara D. (Barbara Damon), 1907-

**TITLE:** Barbara D. Simison papers relating to Edward Rowland Sill

**DATES:** 1942-1965

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 2.09 linear feet (5 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The collection contains research material and drafts for "The Selected Letters of Edward Rowland Sill," edited by Barbara D. Simison and Stanley T. Williams; Simison and Williams collaborated on publication of Sill's account of his voyage around Cape Horn from December 1861 to March 1862, published as *Around the Horn* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 1944). Materials include the following: correspondence between Simison, Williams, and others relating chiefly to Sill's correspondence; copies (transcriptions) of Sill's correspondence, catalog cards listing correspondence, manuscript notes, and multiple drafts. The bulk of the collection dates from the editors solicitation of information about Sill's correspondence, starting in 1942, to a 1953 draft of "The Selected Letters," though correspondence relating to the work includes a brief 1965 exchange with an academic publisher.

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## Requesting Instructions

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Barbara D. Simison, 1969. For additional information consult the appropriate curator.

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### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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### Conditions Governing Use

The Barbara D. Simison Papers Relating to Edward Rowland Sill is the physical property of the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Yale University. Literary rights, including copyright, belong to the authors or their legal heirs and assigns. For further information, consult the appropriate curator.

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### Preferred Citation

Barbara D. Simison Papers Relating to Edward Rowland Sill. Yale Collection of American Literature, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library.

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### Processing Information

During processing of material formerly classified as Uncat Za Sill, the Barbara D. Simison's papers relating to Edward Rowland Sill were separated from material acquired from other sources.

Former call number: Uncat Za Sill.

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### Associated Materials

Edward Rowland Sill Collection (YCAL MSS 697). Yale Collection of American Literature, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library.

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## Edward Rowland Sill (1841-1887)

Edward Rowland Sill, poet and teacher, was born 29 April 1841 in Windsor, Connecticut to Theodore and Elizabeth Newberry (Rowland) Sill. In 1852 Sill moved to Cleveland, Ohio with his father and, following his father's death in 1853, he went to live with his uncle, Elisha Noyes Sill, in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. He spent one year at Phillips Exeter Academy and one at the preparatory school of Western Reserve College in Hudson, Ohio before entering Yale (1861). After graduating, he travelled around Cape Horn to California and then worked various jobs before settling into education and teaching. He was superintendent of schools in Cuyahoga Falls (1869-1870), taught high school Classics and English in Oakland, California (1871-1874), and then held the chair of English at the University of California (1874-1882). Sill returned to Cuyahoga Falls in 1883 and died on 27 February 1887 following surgery. Posthumous publications include *The Prose of Edward Rowland Sill* (1900) and *The Poems of Edward Rowland Sill* (1902).

Biographical information taken from "Edward Rowland Sill." *Dictionary of American Biography*. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1936. *Gale Biography In Context*. Web. 29 January 2013.

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## Collection Contents

### Papers, 1942-1965

b. 1	Correspondence relating to production of "The Selected Letters of Edward Rowland Sill" <i>5 Folders</i>	1942-1965, undated
b. 1	Copies of Sill's correspondence	undated
b. 2	Copies of Sill's correspondence <i>4 Folders</i>	undated
b. 2	"Letters, early draft + notes"	undated
b. 3	Catalog cards	undated
b. 4	Manuscript notes	undated
b. 5	Drafts, typescript and autograph manuscript, corrected <i>4 Folders</i>	1953, undated
b. 5	Bibliography	undated

## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Subjects**

Authors, American -- 20th Century -- Archives  
Voyages to the Pacific coast

### **Geographic Names**

Horn, Cape (Chile)

### **Occupations**

Authors -- United States -- 20th Century

### **Names**

Sill, Edward Rowland, 1841-1887  
Simison, Barbara D. (Barbara Damon), 1907-  
Williams, Stanley Thomas, 1888-1956

### **Corporate Body**

Yale University Press

### **Contributors**

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