

# Guide to the William Clyde De Vane Papers

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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 1114

**CREATOR:** DeVane, William C. (William Clyde), 1898-1965

**TITLE:** William Clyde De Vane papers

**DATES:** 1908-1968

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 5 linear feet (11 boxes, 1 folio)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Professional papers relating to De Vane's research, teaching, and other activities at Yale University. Included are correspondence, writings, speeches, lecture notes, research materials (particularly on Robert Browning), biographical material, and photographs. The academic papers of his wife, Mabel Phillips De Vane, are also part of the collection. They consist chiefly of essays written while she was a graduate student at Yale University, ca. 1925, together with memorabilia and biographical material.

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b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Milton De Vane, 1980.

## **Conditions Governing Access**

The collection is open for research.

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William Clyde De Vane Papers. Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library.

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## **Scope and Contents**

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## **Arrangement**

Arranged in three series: I. William C. De Vane. II. Mabel Phillips De Vane. III. Photographs.

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## Collection Contents

### Series I: WILLIAM C. De VANE, 1908-1968, undated

3 linear feet (7 boxes)

*Correspondence* is arranged primarily by individual correspondent, in alphabetical order. The remainder is arranged alphabetically in general files. Most of the correspondence consists of incoming letters.

*Writings and Speeches* is filed chronologically where a date could be assigned. Undated material is filed alphabetically by the title. Untitled and undated material will be found at the end of the section.

*Class Lecture Notes* is arranged alphabetically by subject.

*Writings of Others* is arranged alphabetically by author.

*Subject Files* is arranged in two sections. Robert Browning material, including various types of research material and correspondence, is arranged by type of material. The publications section consists of correspondence, clippings and an unidentified manuscript fragment. It is arranged by type.

*Honors and Citations* is arranged chronologically.

*Biographical Material* is foldered by type of material, and arranged chronologically.

*Memorabilia* is arranged by type of material.

#### Correspondence

b. 1, f. 1	Angell, James Rowland	1937, undated
b. 1, f. 2	Carroll, Richard C.	1950
b. 1, f. 3	Davis, Gladys	
b. 1, f. 3	Davis, Herbert	1937-1963, 1967, undated
b. 1, f. 4	Farrand, Livingston	1934
b. 1, f. 5	Furniss, Edgar S.	1936-1938, undated
b. 1, f. 6	Hemingway, Mary Dimock	
b. 1, f. 6	Hemingway, Samuel Burdett	1937-1939, undated
b. 1, f. 7	Keller, Albert Galloway	1934-1938
b. 1, f. 8	[Menner?], Bob English	1939-1950
b. 1, f. 9	Nettleton, George H.	1937-1938
b. 1, f. 10	Notestein, Wallace	1934-1950, undated
b. 1, f. 11	Seymour, Charles	1937-1939, undated

## Correspondence (continued)

b. 1, f. 12	Spahr, Mary	1939
b. 1, f. 13	Strunk, W.	1934
b. 1, f. 14	Sterling, J.E. Wallace	1951-1953
b. 1, f. 15	Thurber, James	1953
b. 1, f. 16	[Tinker, Chauncey Brewster] English	1934-1938
b. 1, f. 17	White, E.B.	
b. 1, f. 17	White, Katharine S.	1948-1949
b. 1, f. 18	A - G	1934-1966, undated
b. 1, f. 19	H - P	1934-1966, undated
b. 1, f. 20	R - W, unidentified	1934-1966, undated
<u>Writings and speeches</u>		
b. 1, f. 21	List, 1937-1964	undated
Published texts, notes and drafts		
b. 1, f. 22-26	1933, 1937, 1939, 1940-1945, 1947	1933, 1937, 1939, 1940-1945, 1947
b. 2, f. 27-37	1948-1953, 1955-1963	1948-1953, 1955-1963
b. 3, f. 38-39	1962-1965	1962-1965
b. 3, f. 40	Final Report as Dean, manuscript and typescript, two parts	[1963]
b. 3, f. 41	Titles, A - D	undated
b. 3, f. 42	Titles, E - L	undated
b. 3, f. 43	Titles, M - P	undated
b. 3, f. 44	Titles, R - S	undated
b. 3, f. 45	Titles, T - Y	undated
b. 3, f. 46	George Washington University Radio Forum, 896, magnetic tape	undated
b. 3, f. 47	Untitled	undated
b. 3, f. 48	Notes	undated

## Writings and speeches (continued)

	"Forty years of Education at Yale," Yale Chapter, American Association of University Professors, poster English See: <a href="#">box 12</a>	undated
<u>Class lecture notes</u>		
b. 4, f. 49	Browning and Art	undated
b. 4, f. 50	Metaphysical Poets	undated
Seventeenth Century English Literature, with assignments		
b. 4, f. 51	January – May, n.y.	January – May, n.y.
b. 4, f. 52	undated	undated
b. 4, f. 53-54	Literature	1936, undated
<u>Writings of others</u>		
b. 4, f. 55	B - C	1938-1965, undated
b. 4, f. 56	D - H	1938-1965, undated
b. 4, f. 57	J - P	1938-1965, undated
b. 4, f. 58	R - W	1938-1965, undated
b. 4, f. 58	Unidentified play, "The Ghost of Wimpole Street," typescript	undated
<u>Subject files</u>		
Robert Browning		
b. 4, f. 59	Correspondence	1911, 1938–1964, n.d
b. 4, f. 60	"Elizabeth Barrett Browning," by William C. De Vane, typescript with annotations English	undated
b. 5, f. 61	Copies of reviews of Browning's works, manuscript	undated
b. 5, f. 62	Book reviews and pamphlets	1918-1960, undated
b. 5, f. 63	Comments on a M.L.A. paper on Browning material, includes correspondence	undated
b. 5, f. 64	Manuscript copies of Browning's correspondence, photostats, notes	undated
b. 5, f. 65	"The Browning Collections," auction catalogue English	1913

## Subject files &gt; Robert Browning (continued)

b. 5, f. 66	Book sale list, manuscript	undated
b. 5, f. 67	Manuscript sale catalogue	undated
b. 5, f. 68	Hodell, Charles W., <i>Old Yellow Book, Source of Browning's The Ring and The Book</i>	1908 July
	Chronology of Robert Browning's life, 1845-1846 See: <a href="#">box 12</a>	undated
	Publications	
b. 5, f. 69	Correspondence	1955-1965
b. 5, f. 70	Clippings	1928-1965
b. 5, f. 71	Fragments of unidentified manuscript	undated
	<u>Honors and citations</u>	
	Yale University, Ph.D. See: <a href="#">box 12</a>	1926
b. 5, f. 72	Phi Kappa Phi, certificate	1936
b. 5, f. 73	University of Chicago, commencement program	1937 August 27
b. 5, f. 74	College of Wooster (Ohio), honorary degree, commencement program	1944 October 21
	Washington and Lee University, Doctor of Humane Letters See: <a href="#">box 12</a>	1948
b. 5, f. 75	Washington and Lee University, commencement programs	1949 April 12
	Ordre Nationale de la Legion d' Honneur, Chevalier See: <a href="#">box 12</a>	1949
b. 5, f. 76	Chevalier of the Legion of Honor, correspondence	1949
b. 6, f. 77	Furman University, honorary degree, correspondence, printed material	1950 June 5, 1949-1950
b. 6, f. 78	Brown University, honorary degree	1951 January 30
	University of North Carolina, Doctor of Laws See: <a href="#">box 12</a>	1951
b. 6, f. 79	Middlebury College, honorary degree	1952 August 11
	Tufts College, Doctor of Literature See: <a href="#">box 12</a>	1953
b. 6, f. 80	Tufts College, commencement program, correspondence, press release	1953 May-June
b. 6, f. 81	Loyola University, honorary degree	1960 June 7
b. 6, f. 82	Williams College, honorary degree, citation	1962 June 10



## Honors and citations (continued)

b. 6, f. 83	Rockford College, honorary degree	1963 February [7]
b. 6, f. 84	New York University, honorary degree, convocation programs	1963 April 9
	University of Toronto, Doctor of Laws See: <a href="#">box 12</a>	1963
b. 6, f. 85	University of Toronto, citation, luncheon speech	1963 May 31
	Harvard University, Doctor of Laws See: <a href="#">box 12</a>	1963
b. 6, f. 86	Harvard University, commencement programs, tickets and invitations, correspondence, photographs	1963 June 3, 1963
b. 6, f. 87	Association of American University Professors, citation	undated
	<u>Biographical material</u>	
b. 6, f. 88	<i>Yale Daily News</i> , articles	1941-1965
b. 7, f. 89	Clippings	1945-1965, undated
	Magazine articles	
b. 7, f. 90	1962-1963	1962-1963
b. 7, f. 91	1963-1965	1963-1965
b. 7, f. 92	Notes and draft of sketch, [by Mabel Phillips De Vane]	undated
b. 7, f. 93	Draft of sketch, [by Mabel Phillips De Vane] including some original speech material	post-1965
b. 7, f. 94	Draft of sketch, [by Mabel Phillips De Vane], electrostatic copy, research material	post-1965
b. 7, f. 95	Notes and drafts of sketch, [by Mabel Phillips De Vane], includes correspondence	1966
b. 7, f. 96	Sketches, data sheets	undated
b. 7, f. 97	Obituaries	1965
b. 7, f. 98	Memorials	1965-1968, undated
b. 7, f. 99	Hendel, Charles W., Dean De Vane and Yale College in War Time, typescript, includes correspondence	1968 February 14
b. 7, f. 100	Sketch by Mabel Phillips De Vane, edited electrostatic copy, includes correspondence	1968
	<u>Memorabilia</u>	
b. 7, f. 101	"Hillhouse Avenue From 1809 to 1900," pamphlet English	1907 October

## Memorabilia (continued)

b. 7, f. 102	Yale College, semi-annual examinations	1918-1919, 1921
b. 7	<i>Observation Post</i> , Y.C. 1917, no. 11 English	1976 July
	Charles Seymour, Jr., "An Ode in Commemoration of the Four Hundredth Anniversary of the Birth of Queen Elizabeth," printed by Carl Purington Rollins Jun See: <a href="#">box 12</a>	1933 June
	Membership pins	
b. 7, f. 103	Phi Kappa Phi	
b. 7, f. 103	Pundits	
b. 7, f. 103	<i>Yale Daily News</i> , honorary	1960
b. 7, f. 103	Beta Theta Phi	1920
b. 7, f. 103	Two unidentified pins	undated

**Series II: MABEL PHILLIPS De VANE, 1905-1968***.75 linear feet (2 boxes)*

There are five major types of material.

- Graduate papers
- Writings and speeches
- Honors and citations (1 folder)
- Biographical material (1 folder)
- Memorabilia

Graduate papers are arranged alphabetically by title of the papers, as few are dated. Writings and speeches are arranged alphabetically by title. Untitled material is at the end of the section. Memorabilia is arranged by type of material.

Graduate papers

b. 8, f. 1	"Bibliography of the Works of Jonathan Swift," typescript English	undated
b. 8, f. 2	"A Bill for Divorcement," English	undated
b. 8, f. 3	Chaucer, short papers on various topics notes	undated
b. 8, f. 4	"A Consideration of Old English Prose," typescript English	undated
b. 8, f. 5	"Doubtful and Supposititious Works of Jonathan Swift," typescript English	undated
b. 8, f. 6	"Elements of Realism in the <i>Knights' Tale</i> ," manuscript, includes notes on Chaucer English	undated
b. 8, f. 7	"Elizabeth Drama, Paper on Thomas Heywood," typescript English	1922 June 1
b. 8, f. 8	English drama, notes	undated
b. 8, f. 9	"An Essay in the Theory of Poetry," two copies, includes correspondence English	1922
b. 8, f. 10	"Matthew Prior," typescript English	undated
b. 8, f. 11	"Poems of Jonathan Swift," typescript, draft and notes English	undated
b. 8, f. 12	"Rebecca and Rowena: A Romance upon Romance," typescript English	undated
b. 8, f. 13	Royal Society, notes	undated
b. 8, f. 14	Shakespeare, short papers on various topics, notes	1922 October - December
b. 8, f. 14	Examination papers	1923 April 18

## Graduate papers (continued)

b. 8, f. 15	Short papers for George H. Nettleton's class, typescripts	undated
b. 8, f. 16	[Swift, dissertation?], includes correspondence English	1925
<u>Writings and speeches</u>		
b. 8, f. 17	"And Tell Old Tales," manuscript, notes English	undated
b. 8, f. 18	<i>Androcles and the Lion</i> , typescript notes English	undated
b. 8, f. 19	James Rowland Angell (President 1921-1937), typescript	undated
b. 8, f. 20	<i>Anything Can Happen</i> , review, manuscript English	undated
b. 8, f. 21	Jane Austen, manuscript notes	undated
b. 8, f. 22	Challenge and Quest, typescript	undated
b. 8, f. 23	Challenge to Change, manuscript	undated
b. 8, f. 24	Gulliver, manuscript draft and notes	undated
b. 8, f. 25	[Gulliver and Swift], manuscript English	undated
b. 8, f. 26	Halley, Edmond, research materials and notes	undated
b. 8, f. 27	"In Our Day," typescript English	undated
b. 8, f. 28	Integrity: J.B. Again, manuscript	undated
b. 8, f. 29	League of Women Voters, Workshop on Charter Revision, City Planning, including Zoning and Housing	undated
b. 9, f. 30	Maladjustment, manuscript	undated
b. 9, f. 31	The Mind's Construction, drafts and notes	undated
b. 9, f. 32	Miscellaneous short pieces, manuscript	undated
b. 9, f. 33	Overture, manuscript	undated
b. 9, f. 34	Yale Newcomers speech, manuscripts	undated
b. 9, f. 35	Yale Then and Now, typescript	undated
b. 9, f. 36	Yale University Women's Organization, notes for speech, manuscript	undated
b. 9, f. 37	Untitled speech on idioms, manuscript	undated
b. 9, f. 38	Introduction to an unidentified paper, manuscript	undated
b. 9, f. 39	Unidentified notes on the back of galley proofs	undated

## Writings and speeches (continued)

b. 9, f. 40	Unidentified fragments, notes	undated
b. 9, f. 41	Honors and citations	1919, 1966, undated
	Westfield High School, diploma See: <a href="#">box 12</a>	1915
	Wells College, B.A. See: <a href="#">box 12</a>	1919
	Yale University, Ph.D. See: <a href="#">box 12</a>	1925
b. 9, f. 42	Biographical material, includes correspondence	1968
	Memorabilia	
b. 9, f. 43	Wells College	1919-1968
b. 9, f. 44	Postcards, miscellaneous	1905-1937, undated

**Series III: PHOTOGRAPHS, 1944-1965***1.5 linear feet (2 boxes)*

Photographs are not fully processed. They consist primarily of formal and informal photographs of William C. De Vane. They are arranged by subject.

De Vane, William Clyde		
b. 10, f. 1	Formal portraits	undated
b. 10, f. 2	Informal portraits	undated
b. 10, f. 3	Groups	undated
b. 10, f. 4	De Vane, Mr. & Mrs.	undated
b. 10, f. 5	De Vane, Mrs. Mabel Phillips	undated
b. 10, f. 6	Seymour, Charles	1950 September 15
b. 10, f. 7	World War II, naval photographs	1944 Jul, undated
b. 10, f. 8	Seascapes taken from the "Vulcania,"	1964 February
b. 10, f. 9	Reproductions of Italian art	undated
Early family		
b. 10, f. 10	[Eckley, Sophia Tuckesmore]	undated
b. 10, f. 11	Lincoln, Abraham and son	undated
b. 10, f. 12	Unidentified	undated
b. 10, f. 13	Aerial view of New Haven	Circa WW II?
b. 11	Oversize photographs	
De Vane, William Clyde		
b. 11, f. 14	Formal portrait	undated
b. 11, f. 15	Informal groups	1949-1965, undated

**OVERSIZE MATERIAL (FOLIO)**

## William C. De Vane

## Writings and speeches

b. 12	"Forty Years of Education at Yale," Yale Chapter, American Association of University Professors, poster English	undated
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## Subject files

b. 12	Chronology of Robert Browning's Life, 1845-1846	undated
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## Honors and citations

b. 12	Yale University, Ph.D.	1926
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b. 12	Washington and Lee University, Doctor of Humane Letters	1948
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b. 12	Ordre Nationale de la Legion d'Honneur, Chevalier	1949
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b. 12	University of North Carolina, Doctor of Laws	1951
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b. 12	Tufts College, Doctor of Literature	1953
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b. 12	University of Toronto, Doctor of Laws	1963
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b. 12	Harvard University, Doctor of Laws	1963
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## Memorabilia

b. 12	Charles Seymour, Jr., "An Ode in Commemoration of the Four Hundredth Anniversary of the Birth of Queen Elizabeth," printed by Carl Purington Rollins	1933 June
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## Mabel Phillips De Vane

## Honors, and citations

b. 12	Westfield High School, diploma	1915
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b. 12	Wells College, B.A.	1919
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b. 12	Yale University, Ph.D.	1925
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## **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**

Educators

Literature -- History and criticism

### **Names**

Browning, Robert, 1812-1889

DeVane, Mabel Phillips, 1899-1979

DeVane, William C. (William Clyde), 1898-1965

### **Corporate Bodies**

Yale University. Department of English

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