

Elliott Van Kirk Dobbie papers4078826

This finding aid was produced using ArchivesSpace on July 10, 2025.

Description is written in: English.

Describing Archives: A Content Standard

Rare Book and Manuscript Library

Butler Library, 6th Floor
Columbia University, Mail Code 1127
535 W. 114th St.
New York, NY 10027
Business Number: (212) 854-5153
Fax Number: (212) 854-1365
rbml@libraries.cul.columbia.edu
URL: <http://www.columbia.edu/cu/lweb/indiv/rbml/index.html>

Table of Contents

Summary Information	3
Biographical / Historical	3
Summary	3
Arrangement	4
Administrative Information	4
Controlled Access Headings	5
Collection Inventory	6
Series I: Correspondence	6
Series II: Manuscripts	6
Series III: Notes	7
Series IV: Printed Materials	7
Series V: Printed books	7
Unprocessed materials	8

Summary Information

Repository:	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
Creator:	Dobbie, Elliott Van Kirk, 1907-1970
Title:	Elliott Van Kirk Dobbie papers
ID:	4078826
ID:	MS#0351
Date [inclusive]:	1929-1969
Physical Description:	10 linear feet 12 boxes 8 flat boxes
Language of the Material:	English .

Preferred Citation

Identification of specific item; Date (if known); Elliott Van Kirk Dobbie papers; Box and Folder; Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Columbia University Library.

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

Biographical / Historical

Columbia College, 1927; M.A., 1928; Ph.D. 1937. Instructor Long Island University 1928-1929. Faculty of Columbia University 1934-. Professor of English 1951-1970.

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

Summary

Correspondence, manuscripts, notes, course materials, and printed matter relevant to the teaching and research of Elliott V. K. Dobbie, Professor of English. Correspondence files contain materials on various publications including *American Speech*, *Modern American Usage*, *Word* as well as letters with students and colleagues. The manuscripts include

Columbia University English Department files, course materials on the history of the English language, examinations, lectures given by others and notes thereon; texts of sagas, materials on *Short History of English Grammar* and West Frisian language. The notes are primarily on *Anglo-Saxon Poetic Records*. Printed matter includes numerous offprints inscribed to Dobbie and materials used in his research.

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

Arrangement

Arranged. Collection is in 5 series.

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

Administrative Information

Publication Statement

Rare Book and Manuscript Library

Butler Library, 6th Floor

Columbia University, Mail Code 1127

535 W. 114th St.

New York, NY 10027

Business Number: (212) 854-5153

Fax Number: (212) 854-1365

rbml@libraries.cul.columbia.edu

URL: <http://www.columbia.edu/cu/lweb/indiv/rbml/index.html>

Revision Description

PDF replaced with full finding aid, YH August 2020

Restrictions on Access

This collection has no restrictions.

Restrictions on Access

This collection is located off-site. You will need to request this material at least three business days in advance to use the collection in the Rare Book and Manuscript Library reading room.

Terms Governing Use and Reproduction

Reproductions may be made for research purposes. The RBML maintains ownership of the physical material only. Copyright remains with the creator and his/her heirs. The responsibility to secure copyright permission rests with the patron.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Source of acquisition--Dobbie, Mrs. Elliott. Method of acquisition--Gift; Date of acquisition--12/28/1988. Accession number--M-88-12-28.

Ownership and Custodial History

Gift of Mrs Elliott Dobbie, 1988.

Processing Information

Processed HH 06/27/1989.

Accruals

Materials may have been added to the collection since this finding aid was prepared. Contact rbml@columbia.edu for more information.

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

Controlled Access Headings

- English language -- United States
- Great Britain -- History -- Anglo-Saxon period, 449-1066 -- Poetry
- Examinations (documents)
- Lectures
- Notebooks
- Theses
- College teachers
- Course materials
- Correspondence

- Manuscripts (documents)
- Linguistics
- Research notes
- Inscriptions
- Dissertations
- English poetry -- History and criticism
- Columbia University -- : Faculty
- Krapp, George Philip, 1872-1934
- Columbia University. Department of English and Comparative Literature

Collection Inventory

Series I: Correspondence

Title/Description	Instances
American Speech, 1960-1969	box 1
With his students, A-G, 1940-1969	box 1
With his students, H-Z, 1940-1969	box 2
Miscellaneous correspondence, 1964-1969	box 3
<i>Modern American Usage</i> , 1964-1969	box 3
Progress of his students, 1964-1969	box 3
Columbia University English Department practices, 1964-1969	box 3
<i>American Speech</i> , 1964-1969	box 3
<i>Word</i> , 1964-1969	box 3
General correspondence with his colleagues, 1964-1969	box 3

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

Series II: Manuscripts

Title/Description	Instances
Ph.D. dissertations directed by him	box 3
Columbia University English Department Files, 1932-1969	box 4
Linguistic exams	box 4
Course notes	box 4
Course materials	box 5
Examinations	

	box 5
Course materials/examinations	box 6
Other peoples' lectures	box 6
History of the English language	box 6
History of the English language	box 7
Notes from others' lectures	box 7
Texts of sagas	box 7
History of the English language	box 8
Texts of sagas	box 8
<i>Short History of English Grammar</i>	box 8
West Frisian language	box 9
Texts of sagas	box 9
Summer 1935 notebook: <i>Anglo-Saxon Poetic Records</i> , Summer 1935	box 9

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

Series III: Notes

Title/Description	Instances
<i>Anglo-Saxon Poetic Records</i>	box 10

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

Series IV: Printed Materials

Title/Description	Instances
Inscribed offprints	box 11
Inscribed offprints	box 12

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

Series V: Printed books

Title/Description	Instances
35 envelopes containing photostats and EVKD notes for various volumes of the <i>Anglo-Saxon Poetic Records</i> , including those bearing G.P. Krapp's name as editor. EVKD served as Krapp's assistant from 1929 or 30 and did much of the manuscript research abroad for him.	cmibox 13

1 notebook containing notes related to above materials, Summer 1935	cmibox 13
bound volume: Browne, G. F. <i>The Ancient Cross Shafts at Bewcastle and Ruthwell</i> . Cambridge University Press, 1916	cmibox 13
bound volume: Chambers, R. W., Max Forster, and Robin Flower, eds., <i>The Exeter Book of Old English Poetry</i> . Printed and published for the Dean and Chapter of Exeter Cathedral by Percy Lund, Humphries Co., London, 1933	cmibox 14
Bound volume: vol. 2 of above title called Chapters on the <i>Exeter Book</i> , 1933	cmibox 15
Loose folios: Unbound parts of the above <i>Exeter Book</i> , beginning through 87b. Has notations by EVKD, obviously used for his edition, 1933	cmibox 16
Bound volume: Stephens, George, <i>Handbook of Runic Monuments of Scandinavia and England</i> . Williams and Norgate, London, 1884	cmibox 17
Unbound volume: Flower, Robin, and Hugh Smith, eds., <i>The Parker Chronicle and Laws. A facsimile</i> . EET Society. Oxford Univ. Press, London, 1941	cmibox 18
Unbound folio: (Kemp Malone, ed.) <i>The Thorkelin Transcripts of Beowulf</i> . This is the introduction only. Malone loaned the photostats of the Thorkelin manuscript to EVKD while he worked on the edition and as agreed, they were returned to Malone at Johns Hopkins	cmibox 19
Bjorketorp, Bleking, Sweden	cmibox 20

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

Unprocessed materials

Title/Description	Instances
Unprocessed materials	box 14
Unprocessed materials	box 15
Unprocessed materials	box 16
Unprocessed materials	box 17
Unprocessed materials	box 18
Unprocessed materials	box 19
Unprocessed materials	box 20

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)