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Summary Information

Repository:	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
Creator:	Random House (Firm)
Title:	Random House dictionary records
ID:	4079251
ID:	MS#1047
Date [inclusive]:	1947-1970
Physical Description:	176 boxes 189 volumes
Language of the Material:	English .

Preferred Citation

Identification of specific item; Date (if known); Random House dictionary records; Box and Folder; Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Columbia University Library.

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Summary

Note, etymology, and cross reference cards, computer print-outs, page proofs, computer tapes, and bound typescripts. The published dictionaries included in the collection are the AMERICAN COLLEGE DICTIONARY (New York, 1947); the RANDOM HOUSE DICTIONARY OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE (New York, 1966), including the "concise dictionaries" of Spanish, German, French, and Italian; and the RANDOM HOUSE COLLEGE DICTIONARY (New York, 1973). Also, materials relating to the compilation and publication of music, Russian/English, school and junior dictionaries.

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Arrangement

Listed and arranged.

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Source of acquisition--Random House, Inc. Date of acquisition--1970, 1974. Accession number--M-70.

Processing Information

Cataloged Christina Hilton Fenn 08/--/89.

Accruals

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

Accruals

No additions are expected.

Processing Information

There are no boxes numbered 243-273 in the collection. It appears that these box numbers were originally assigned to individual computer tapes that are now housed together in boxes 238-242.

Processing Information

When the collection was prepared to be sent to offsite storage, smaller boxes and volumes were housed together in larger cartons. This is reflected in the container list.

Conditions Governing Access

The data on the computer tapes in Boxes 238-242 is only available on the original tapes, and is not immediately available for use. Please contact the Rare Book & Manuscript Library if you are interested in using the tapes.

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Controlled Access Headings

- English language -- Dictionaries
- Reference books -- Publishing
- Encyclopedias and dictionaries
- Spanish language -- Dictionaries
- German language -- Dictionaries

- French language -- Dictionaries
- Italian language -- Dictionaries
- Music -- Dictionaries
- Publishers and publishing -- New York (State) -- New York
- Russian Language -- Dictionaries -- Translations into English
- English language -- Dictionaries -- Translations into Russian

Collection Inventory

Series I: American College Dictionary, 1947

Subseries I.1: Original Manuscripts

Title/Description	Instances
Pra - Recd	box 1
Recr - Seas	box 2
Seas - Stew	box 3
Saint - Triv	box 4
Triv - Vy	box 5
W - Z	box 6

Subseries I.2: Galley Proofs

Title/Description	Instances
Baugh	
A - F	box 7
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Q - Z	box 9
Copyright	
A - F	box 10
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Scope and Contents	
G is missing	
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A - F	box 13
Etymology	

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S is missing	
Fries	
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E is missing	
Severy	
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Nothing after S

Watt I	
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Weiman	
A - F	box 39
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Defined new main entries on 5 X 8 cards	
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D - F	box 45
G - H	box 46
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Miscellaneous	box 50
Cross-reference entries on 4 x 6 cards	
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A - Z	box 53

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Bb - Black Sea	box 59-62a	box 60a-61a
bridgelamp – Bz	box 59-62a	box 62
Blacksea base – bz	box 59-62a	box 62a
Ca – caruncle	box 63-70	box 63
carunculate - chassis	box 63-70	box 64
chaste – class	box 63-70	box 65
classbook – comintern	box 63-70	box 66
comitative – contourfeath	box 63-70	box 67
contour integration – cra	box 63-70	box 68
Crataeis – Czestochowa	box 63-70	box 69
Dd – democratic	box 63-70	box 70
Democratic party – diplegia	box 71-79	box 71
dipleurula – dorp	box 71-79	box 72
E,e - Emeryville	box 71-79	box 73
emery wheel – esquire	box 71-79	box 74
Esquiline – Ezra	box 71-79	box 75
fimbriate - forced landing	box 71-79	box 76
Forced march - F.Z.S.	box 71-79	box 77

G,g – Goedel	box 71-79	box 78
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Heidnc – Homoousian	box 80-87	box 80
Homopause – hyzone	box 80-87	box 81
li - inofficial	box 80-87	box 82
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Armar - BIG Ledger Scope and Contents 10 notebooks	box 115-116	box 116
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Biology - Botany Scope and Contents 6 notebooks	box 117-118	box 118
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Cards - Chemistry Scope and Contents 7 notebooks	box 119-120	box 120
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Dancing - Etymology Scope and Contents 11 notebooks	box 121-122	box 122
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Histology - Idioms Scope and Contents 8 notebooks	box 125-126	box 125
Idioms - Law Scope and Contents 8 notebooks	box 125-126	box 126
Law - Mathematics Scope and Contents 8 notebooks	box 127-128	box 127
Mechanics - Middle Eastern History Scope and Contents 7 notebooks	box 127-128	box 128
Military - Music Scope and Contents 6 notebooks	box 129-130	box 129
Nautical - Orthinology Scope and Contents 7 notebooks	box 129-130	box 130
Paleotological - Photography Scope and Contents 8 notebooks	box 131-132	box 131
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Conditions Governing Access		
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Computer Tapes		

Physical Description: Approximately 35 Reels

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The computer tapes are Computron 3200 fci-TST TVP2
1/2" magnetic tape.

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Includes RHDC clippings

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E - F	box 309
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H	box 312
H - I	box 313
I - L	box 314
L - M	box 315
M	box 316
N - O	box 317
O - P	box 318
P	box 319
P - R	box 320
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S	box 324
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Series IX: Reverse Spelling Dictionary

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