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Summary Information

Repository:	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
Creator:	Woodberry, George Edward, 1855-1930
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Biographical / Historical

Poet, critic, educator. Woodberry was professor of English at the University of Nebraska, 1877-1878. 1880-1882 professor in the Columbia University Dept. of Comparative Literature. 1891-1904 Woodberry was chairman of Columbia University Dept. of Comparative Literature until 1904. In 1904, he became lecturer in English literature at Amherst College and in 1908 professor of English literature at Cornell University.

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Summary

Correspondence, manuscripts, documents, photographs, and printed materials of and relating to Woodberry. Included are letters from Woodberry to Melville H. Cane, John Erskine, John S. Harrison, Robert Underwood Johnson, and Joel E. Spingarn. There are 330 letters from Woodberry to Harry Harkness Flagler telling of Woodberry's daily life in Beverly, Mass. and of his travels in Europe and Africa. Additional correspondence, notes, and printed materials relate to Woodberry's life, writings, teaching career, retirement, the controversy in 1902 that led to his resignation from the Columbia University faculty in 1904, the bequest of his books to Harvard University and Phillips Exeter Academy, the Poetry Room dedicated in his honor at Harvard University, an exhibit of Woodberriana at the New York Public Library and the Woodberry Society. There are more than fifty manuscripts of his essays and poems. Among the printed materials are his poems, essays, and book reviews, most of which have been cut from THE ATLANTIC MONTHLY. Other printed materials are about Woodberry, reviews of his books, obituaries, memorials, and books, many inscribed.

2000 addition: Letters, transcripts and copies of letters, manuscripts, documents, card files, microfilms, photographs, and printed materials compiled by Joseph Doyle for his biographical and critical thesis on Woodberry in 1947.

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Arrangement

Cataloged and arranged.

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Revision Description

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Processing Information

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Processed by Bernard Crystal and DH, 8/1978; HR, 9/2001.

Accruals

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gifts of various donors.

Gift of Mary Flagler Cary Charitable trust, 1968.

Gift of Katherine Doyle, 2000.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Decedents' estates
- American literature -- 19th century
- American literature -- 20th century
- Europe -- Description and travel
- Africa -- Description and travel
- Beverly (Mass.) -- Social life and customs
- Poems
- Photographic prints
- Poets, American
- College teachers
- Educators
- Critics
- Cane, Melville, 1879-1980
- Erskine, John, 1879-1951
- Harrison, John Smith, 1877-
- Johnson, Robert Underwood, 1853-1937
- Spingarn, Joel Elias, 1875-1939
- Flagler, Harry Harkness, 1870-
- Woodberry Society
- Harvard University
- Columbia University -- Faculty
- Phillips Exeter Academy
- New York Public Library

Collection Inventory

Series I: Cataloged Correspondence	
Title/Description	Instances
Correspondence of George E. Woodberry, [n.d.] & 1874-1884	box 1
Correspondence of George E. Woodberry, 1885 - 1899	box 2
Correspondence of George E. Woodberry, 1900-1903	box 3
Correspondence of George E. Woodberry, 1904 - 1907	box 4
Correspondence of George E. Woodberry, 1908 - 1911	box 5

Correspondence of George E. Woodberry, 1912 - April 1914	box 6
Correspondence of George E. Woodberry, May 1914 - 1915	box 7
Correspondence of George E. Woodberry, 1916 - April 1918	box 8
Correspondence of George E. Woodberry, May 1918 - 1919	box 9
Correspondence of George E. Woodberry, 1920 & 1921	box 10
Correspondence of George E. Woodberry, 1922 & 1923	box 11
Correspondence of George E. Woodberry, 1924 - 1926	box 12
Correspondence of George E. Woodberry & typescripts, 1927 - 1929	box 13
Correspondence to George E. Woodberry	box 16
Correspondence about George E. Woodberry	box 17
Correspondence about George E. Woodberry	box 18

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Series II: Arranged Correspondence

Title/Description	Instances
Correspondence of George E. Woodberry, 1874 - 1899 <u>Physical Description:</u> Typescripts & copies	box 13A
Correspondence of George E. Woodberry, 1900 -1915 <u>Physical Description:</u> Typescripts	box 14
Correspondence of George E. Woodberry, 1916 - 1929 <u>Physical Description:</u> Typescripts	box 15
Miscellaneous correspondence & notes	box 19

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Series III: Cataloged Manuscripts and Documents

Title/Description	Instances
Manuscripts & documents	box 20
Manuscripts & documents	box 21

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Series IV: Printed Material

Title/Description	Instances
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Poems	box 23
Poems	box 24
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Prose	box 26
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Book reviews	box 28
Obituaries & memorials	box 29
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Miscellaneous printed material	box 31
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Series V: Books

Title/Description	Instances
Books inscribed to H.H. Flagler	box 33
Books inscribed by George E. Woodberry to Melville H. Cane	box 34
Books by George E. Woodberry signed by Melville H. Cane	box 35
Books by George E. Woodberry signed by Melville H. Cane	box 36
Books by George E. Woodberry signed by Melville H. Cane	box 37
Books with contributions by George E. Woodberry signed by Melville H. Cane	box 38
Books with contributions by George E. Woodberry signed by Melville H. Cane	box 39
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Series VI: Joseph Doyle Research Materials

Title/Description	Instances
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Microfilms of material in other libraries	box 47

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