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Summary Information

Repository:	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
Creator:	Greet, William Cabell, 1901-1972
Creator:	Ayres, William Louis, 1874-1947
Creator:	Stanley, Oma, 1897-
Title:	American Speech Recordings collection
ID:	4079611
ID:	AmericanSpeechRecordings
Date [inclusive]:	1930s
Physical Description:	circa 730 phonograph records approximately 10 boxes
Language of the Material:	English

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Scope and Contents

A series of recorded samples of American dialects from the 1930s. The project was primarily conducted by Barnard professor William Cabell Greet and Columbia professor Harry Morgan Ayres.

Many of the recordings are of people speaking standard texts that were used for linguistic analysis, in particular the "Arthur the Rat" text.

Many records with similar linguistic content are also found in the Speech Laboratory Archives collection.

Several items in this collection contain language that can be considered offensive or harmful.

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Custodial History

Records were donated to the Brander Matthews Dramatic Museum. Transferred from the Brander Matthews Dramatic Museum to RBML, 1971.

Conditions Governing Access

This collection is located onsite.

Conditions Governing Access

Access to the audio is only possible through digitized surrogates, which are linked in the finding aid. Only a small portion of the collection has been digitized. If you wish to see the physical item, please email rbml@columbia.edu for more information.

Existence and Location of Copies

Many of these discs were transferred to audio tape, and/or digitized. For details please see the series and item level description below.

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Related Materials

Related Materials

This is one of four collections of recorded audio that was managed at the Brander Matthews Dramatic Museum, and from 1971 at the RBML, under the loose heading of "Speech Recordings." The four groupings are the American Speech Recordings collection (phonograph records, primarily of specific texts, made in the 1930s to show dialect differences in American English); the Speech Laboratory Archives (phonograph records, primarily experimental and non-commercial, made in the 1930s, with widely varying content but mostly prominent people such as politicians, authors, poets, and academics); the Speech Recordings Collection (phonograph records, primarily commercial recordings and radio broadcast transcriptions, made between 1925 and 1965, with a very wide variety of content); and the Tape Recordings Collection (audiotape recordings, consisting of both transfers from phonograph records from the other three groups, as well as original content recorded on tape. Content varies widely and includes 160 reels of tapes of radio broadcasts on Hungarian radio stations during the 1956 revolution.).

The Linguistics Dialects records (<https://findingaids.library.columbia.edu/archives/cul-18336139>) also contain similar materials.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Phonograph records
- Sound recordings
- Dialects
- English language -- Dialects -- United States
- Linguistics -- United States

Other Finding Aids

A card catalog is found in the RBML at Ref 42G. The card catalog arranges dialects geographically by state and subdivides by local place names.

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Collection Inventory

Series: "R" records, circa 1929

Scope and Contents

This series consists of 7-inch, 10-inch, and 12-inch aluminum phonograph records cataloged with the prefix "R", which most likely stands for "Rat" in reference to the standard linguistic text "Arthur the Rat." The records are numbered R-1 to R-282, with some gaps.

The first portion, around 150 records, numbered R-20 to R-174, are almost exclusively 7-inch discs. They were likely made in 1929 at the Columbia Summer School, which attracted thousands of people from across the country: "The Columbia Summer School, however, draws together some fourteen thousand people from all parts of the United States. This vast body of linguistic material was unpremeditatedly assorted and arranged for us by the Director of the Summer Session, who customarily assigns a tree on the campus, one to each of the states. It was thus possible to select a thoroughly representative linguistic specimens..." (Ayres, 1930). Many of the original envelopes that held the records included two-page questionnaires that include the respondent's full name, address, places lived, perceived influences on language, and thoughts on what constitutes good speech. There are also a few copies of the texts read by the speakers, including one in "Gullah" dialect, one written in a "colored" dialect, and one written in Pennsylvania German. The questionnaires and texts were removed and placed in labeled folders. The original envelopes often contain some notes about the content of the records as well. After the records were rehoused into new sleeves, the envelopes were placed in labeled folders. It appears that race was also noted at least sometimes, with "colored" written on either the sleeve or questionnaire.

Researchers wishing to understand more about the individual speaker should the questionnaire and envelope for biographical and linguistic details.

This contemporaneous article contains more information about these items, in particular R-20 to R-174: Ayres, Harry Morgan, and W. Cabell Greet. "American Speech Records at Columbia University." *American Speech*, vol. 5, no. 5, 1930, pp. 333–58. JSTOR, <https://doi.org/10.2307/452813>

Conditions Governing Access:

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This series is being prepared for digitization, spring 2026. Additional description is being added, and box numbers may change.

Subseries 1: Recordings

Title/Description	Instances	
McGill, Esther. The Rat. Washington (State), circa 1929 <u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc	box 2	item R-20
Garfinkel. The Rat. New York City, circa 1929 <u>Physical Description:</u> 4 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc	box 2	item R-21
Thirwall, John C. The Rat. Brooklyn, New York, circa 1929	box 2	item R-22

Physical Description: 2 phonograph records 7-inch
aluminum disc

Jones, Stephen. The Rat. Carmarthen, England, circa 1929 box 2 item R-23

Physical Description: 3 phonograph records 7-inch
aluminum disc

Marshall, Jessie. The Rat. England, circa 1929 box 2 item R-24

Physical Description: 2 phonograph records 7-inch
aluminum disc

Davis, Erin. The Rat. Montgomery, Alabama, circa 1929 box 2 item R-25

Physical Description: 1 phonograph records 7-inch
aluminum disc

Hutton, Eleanor. The Rat. Bennington, Vermont, circa 1929 box 2 item R-26

Physical Description: 2 phonograph records 7-inch
aluminum disc

Williamson, Lily. The Rat. Dovesville, South Carolina, circa 1929 box 2 item R-27

Physical Description: 1 phonograph records 7-inch
aluminum disc

Clark, Eunice Jordan. The Rat. Weldon, North Carolina; Virginia, circa 1929 box 2 item R-28

Physical Description: 1 phonograph records 7-inch
aluminum disc

Jones, William H. The Rat. Lynchburg, Virginia, circa 1929 box 2 item R-29

Physical Description: 1 phonograph records 7-inch
aluminum disc

Scope and Contents

Includes the note "Colored" on the envelope

Jordan, Lawrence V. The Rat. Washington, D.C.; Ohio; New York, circa 1929 box 2 item R-30

Physical Description: 1 phonograph records 7-inch
aluminum disc

Scope and Contents

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The Rat. New England, circa 1929 box 2 item R-31

Physical Description: 2 phonograph records 7-inch
aluminum disc

Scope and Contents

Also includes conversation

Adams, R. B. The Rat. Lincoln, Nebraska, circa 1929 <u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc	box 2	item R-32
Scope and Contents		
Also includes conversation		
Diamond, K. H. The Rat. Charlotte, North Carolina, circa 1929 <u>Physical Description:</u> 2 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc	box 2	item R-33
Scope and Contents		
Includes the note "Colored" on the envelope		
Treacy, Edward P. The Rat. County Monaghan, Ireland, circa 1929 <u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc	box 2	item R-34
May, Stacy. The Rat. Hanover, New Hampshire, circa 1929 <u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc	box 2	item R-35
Fellmy. The Rat. Indiana, circa 1929 <u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc	box 2	item R-36
Keller, C. E. The Rat. Indiana, circa 1929 <u>Physical Description:</u> 2 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc	box 2	item R-37
Eldrige, Eliza. The Rat. Richmond, Virginia, circa 1929 <u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc	box 2	item R-38
Cuthbertson, Stuart. The Rat. Bunker Hill, Illinois, circa 1929 <u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc	box 2	item R-39
Cuthbertson, Helen M. The Rat. Bunker Hill, Illinois; Boston, Massachusetts, circa 1929 <u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc	box 2	item R-40
The Rat. County Monaghan, North of Ireland, circa 1929	box 2	item R-41

<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
The Rat. Brooklyn, New York, circa 1929	box 2	item R-42
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
The Rat. Norfolk, Virginia, circa 1929	box 2	item R-43
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Harrison, James G. The Rat. Charleston, South Carolina, circa 1929	box 2	item R-44
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Scope and Contents		
"Gullah" text read by white man		
The Rat. Connecticut, circa 1929	box 2	item R-45
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Havighurst, Walter. The Rat. Appleton, Wisconsin, circa 1929	box 2	item R-46
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Smith, Byron. The Rat; conversation. Pleasant Unity, Pennsylvania; Ohio, circa 1929	box 2	item R-47
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Wells, Margaret. The Rat. East Liverpool, Ohio, circa 1929	box 2	item R-48
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Emery, John P. The Rat. Albany, New York, circa 1929	box 2	item R-49
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Hahn, Conrad. The Rat. Mexico; India; Scranton, Pennsylvania, circa 1929	box 2	item R-50
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Landis, M. H. The Rat. West Alexandria, Ohio, circa 1929	box 2	item R-51
<u>Physical Description:</u> 2 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Wessel. The Rat. New York City, circa 1929	box 2	item R-52

Physical Description: 1 phonograph records 7-inch
aluminum disc

Rodger, Sarah Elizabeth. The Rat. Jackson, Mississippi, circa 1929	box 2	item R-53
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Webb, A. S. The Rat. Concord, North Carolina, circa 1929	box 2	item R-54
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Niederheiser, Floyd John. The Rat. McComb, Ohio, circa 1929	box 2	item R-55
<u>Physical Description:</u> 2 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Sams, Edward Emmett. The Rat. Kingston, North Carolina, circa 1929	box 2	item R-56
<u>Physical Description:</u> 2 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Grigg, Claud. The Rat. Cleveland County, North Carolina, circa 1929	box 2	item R-57
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
The Rat. Western North Carolina, circa 1929	box 2	item R-58
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Sullivan, Anna B. The Rat. Augusta, Georgia, circa 1929	box 2	item R-59
<u>Physical Description:</u> 2 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Scope and Contents		
Includes the note "Colored" on the envelope		
Watson. The Rat. Texas, circa 1929	box 2	item R-60
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Brush, Harriette. The Rat. Austin, Texas; Tennessee, circa 1929	box 2	item R-61
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Free, James S. The Rat. Tuscaloosa, Alabama, circa 1929	box 2	item R-62
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Baker, Alena. The Rat. Justin, Texas, circa 1929	box 2	item R-63

Physical Description: 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc

Richardson, W. Garland. The Rat. Fries, Virginia, circa 1929	box 2	item R-64
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Barnwell, Leila L. The Rat. Charleston, South Carolina, circa 1929	box 2	item R-65
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Porcher, Elizabeth. The Rat. Charleston, South Carolina, circa 1929	box 2	item R-66
<u>Physical Description:</u> 3 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Satterlee, Capers. The Rat. South Carolina, circa 1929	box 2	item R-67
<u>Physical Description:</u> 7 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Scope and Contents		
"Gullah" text read by white man. Written on envelope: "also in manner of negro"; "negro sermon"		
Wilson, Mrs. Fred. The Rat. Union City, Tennessee, circa 1929	box 2	item R-68
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Morse, Edna. The Rat. Charleston, South Carolina, circa 1929	box 2	item R-69
<u>Physical Description:</u> 2 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Savinder, Odell M. The Rat. Roanoke, Virginia, circa 1929	box 2	item R-70
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
The Rat. Virginia, circa 1929	box 2	item R-71
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Bripley, Helen. The Rat. Charleston, South Carolina, circa 1929	box 2	item R-72
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Rush, Polly. The Rat. Enoree, South Carolina, circa 1929	box 2	item R-73

<u>Physical Description</u> : 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
The Rat. Texas; Alabama, circa 1929	box 2	item R-74
<u>Physical Description</u> : 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Dortch, Helen. The Rat. Goldsboro, North Carolina, circa 1929	box 2	item R-75
<u>Physical Description</u> : 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Dilzer, Julia. The Rat. New Smyrna, Florida, circa 1929	box 2	item R-76
<u>Physical Description</u> : 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Purvis, Bobbee. The Rat. Dallas, Texas; Arkansas, circa 1929	box 2	item R-77
<u>Physical Description</u> : 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Halcomb, Zula. The Rat. Rusk, Texas, circa 1929	box 2	item R-78
<u>Physical Description</u> : 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Ronka, Wayne. The Rat. Ely, Minnesota, circa 1929	box 2	item R-79
<u>Physical Description</u> : 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Mitchell, L. Standler. The Rat. Waxahachie, Texas, circa 1929	box 2	item R-80
<u>Physical Description</u> : 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Hook, Helen. The Rat. Corsicana, Texas, circa 1929	box 2	item R-81
<u>Physical Description</u> : 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Katz, Lucille. The Rat. Muscatine, Iowa, circa 1929	box 2	item R-82
<u>Physical Description</u> : 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Boston, Alice. The Rat. New York City, circa 1929	box 2	item R-83
<u>Physical Description</u> : 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Jennings, Theresa. The Rat. Waxahatchie, Texas, circa 1929	box 2	item R-84
<u>Physical Description</u> : 2 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Shakin, George. The Rat. New York City, circa 1929	box 2	item R-85

<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
The Rat. New Jersey; New York; Massachusetts, circa 1929	box 2	item R-86
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Loving, Boyce. The Rat. Iron Gate, Virginia, circa 1929	box 2	item R-87
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Kemp, Bryce R. The Rat. Glen Riddle, Pennsylvania, circa 1929	box 2	item R-88
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Treacy, Kathleen. The Rat. County Monaghan, North of Ireland, circa 1929	box 2	item R-89
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Cary, Eloise H. The Rat. DeKalb, Illinois, circa 1929	box 2	item R-90
<u>Physical Description:</u> 2 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Moore, Samuel. The Rat. Lancaster, Pennsylvania, circa 1929	box 2	item R-91
<u>Physical Description:</u> 3 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
The Rat. Mississippi, circa 1929	box 2	item R-92
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Boughtwood, Alice Marion. The Rat. Boston, Massachusetts, circa 1929	box 2	item R-93
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Jerome, Robert L. The Rat. Gatesville, North Carolina, circa 1929	box 2	item R-94
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Baker, Wallace. The Rat. Arkansas; Iowa, circa 1929	box 2	item R-95
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
The Rat. Indiana, circa 1929	box 2	item R-96

<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Jersey, Ellen Heyward. The Rat. Charleston, South Carolina, circa 1929	box 2	item R-97
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Abegglen, Homer N. The Rat. Albia, Iowa, circa 1929	box 2	item R-98
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Harpster, Dorothy E. The Rat. Philipsburg, Pennsylvania, circa 1929	box 2	item R-99
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
The Rat. Fort Worth, Texas, circa 1929	box 2	item R-100
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Latham, Arthur. The Rat. Portsmouth, Virginia, circa 1929	box 2	item R-101
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
True, B. The Rat. Truman, Minnesota, circa 1929	box 2	item R-102
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Swanson, Mrs. C. C. The Rat. Georgetown, Texas, circa 1929	box 2	item R-103
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Palmer, Elsie. The Rat. Antrim, New Hampshire, circa 1929	box 2	item R-104
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Martin, Dorothy M. The Rat. Oswego, New York, circa 1929	box 2	item R-105
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
The Rat. Illinois, circa 1929	box 2	item R-106
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Hamlin, N. H. The Rat. West Point, Mississippi, circa 1929	box 2	item R-107
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Dayton, Mabel Black. The Rat. Plumville, Pennsylvania, circa 1929	box 2	item R-108

<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Murphy, Charles H. The Rat. Macon, Mississippi, circa 1929	box 2	item R-109
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Nield, Saider. The Rat. Walhalla, South Carolina; Mississippi, circa 1929	box 2	item R-110
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Parsons, Marion Geneth. The Rat. Fort Fairfield, Maine, circa 1929	box 2	item R-111
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Coburn, Bessie Street. The Rat. Mississippi, circa 1929	box 2	item R-112
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Laramore, Julius B. The Rat. Washington, Georgia, circa 1929	box 2	item R-113
<u>Physical Description:</u> 2 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Bray, Ethel. The Rat. Brazil, Indiana, circa 1929	box 2	item R-114
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Eiderson, Anna Dorothea. The Rat. Reading, Pennsylvania, circa 1929	box 2	item R-115
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Greiner, Lulu B. The Rat. Lancaster, Pennsylvania, circa 1929	box 2	item R-116
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
The Rat. Cane City, Kentucky, circa 1929	box 2	item R-117
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Wilkerson, Lucille. The Rat. Chicago, Illinois, circa 1929	box 2	item R-118
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Fleming, Marguerite. The Rat. Normal, Illinois, circa 1929	box 2	item R-119

<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Pierpont, Helen. The Rat. Waterbury, Connecticut, circa 1929	box 2	item R-120
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Huelsman, Agnes E. The Rat. St. Louis, Missouri, circa 1929	box 2	item R-121
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Ruderman, Irene. The Rat. Atlantic City, New Jersey; Pennsylvania, circa 1929	box 2	item R-122
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Sweeton, Lucia Malvina. The Rat. Canton, Connecticut, circa 1929	box 2	item R-123
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Haverack, Mary W. The Rat. Rochester, New York, circa 1929	box 2	item R-124
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Smith, Doris Fall. The Rat. Ottawa, Kansas; California, circa 1929	box 2	item R-125
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Stancil, Water M. The Rat. Sale City, Georgia, circa 1929	box 2	item R-126
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Coats, Roscoe J. The Rat. Indiana, circa 1929	box 2	item R-127
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Conklin, Mary Elizabeth. The Rat. Jamesville, New York, circa 1929	box 2	item R-128
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Roach, Marjorie M. The Rat. Dallas, Texas; Virginia, circa 1929	box 2	item R-129
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Callen, Alice. The Rat. Nebraska, circa 1929	box 2	item R-130

Physical Description: 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc

The Rat. Massachusetts, circa 1929	box 2	item R-131
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Herring, Katherine. The Rat. Waxahachie, Texas, circa 1929	box 2	item R-132
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Glare, Mary. The Rat. Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, circa 1929	box 2	item R-133
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Gree, Mary Kaye. The Rat. Austin, Texas, circa 1929	box 2	item R-134
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Noble, Alma. The Rat. Freeport, Pennsylvania, circa 1929	box 2	item R-135
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Elliott, Margaret Allen. The Rat. Latrobe, Pennsylvania, circa 1929	box 2	item R-136
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Gross, Sadye. The Rat. Alexander City, Alabama, circa 1929	box 2	item R-137
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
White, Brenda T. The Rat. Richmond, Maine, circa 1929	box 2	item R-138
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Dothan, Nell Morgan. The Rat. Dothan, Alabama, circa 1929	box 2	item R-139
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
The Rat. Virginia (?), circa 1929	box 2	item R-140
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Scope and Contents		
Includes the word "negro" written on the envelope		
Doss, Leasel Lee. The Rat. Hartselle, Alabama, circa 1929	box 2	item R-141

<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Fields, Lillie W. The Rat. Baltimore, Maryland, circa 1929	box 2	item R-142
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Faulkner, Hallie Mae. The Rat. Ancon County, North Carolina; Florida, circa 1929	box 2	item R-143
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Dolliver, Margaret Miller. The Rat. Kalispell, Montana, circa 1929	box 2	item R-144
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Pelham, Edgar. The Rat. Toronto, Canada, circa 1929	box 2	item R-145
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Young, Prentiss. The Rat. Stephenville, Texas, circa 1929	box 2	item R-146
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Puckett, E. P. The Rat. Summit, Alabama, circa 1929	box 2	item R-147
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Blackman, J. E. The Rat. Lincoln, Nebraska, circa 1929	box 2	item R-148
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Coats, Amy L. The Rat. Allen County, Indiana; Michigan, circa 1929	box 2	item R-149
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Perera, Nina. The Rat. New York City, circa 1929	box 2	item R-150
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Quimby, Mrs. The Rat. Rockford, Illinois, circa 1929	box 2	item R-151
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Zacharias, Mrs. The Rat. New Orleans, Louisiana, circa 1929	box 2	item R-152
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Hauser, Edgar. The Rat. Montgomery, Alabama, circa 1929	box 2	item R-153

Physical Description: 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc

Bibb, Lewis. The Rat. Livingston County, Alabama, circa 1929	box 2	item R-154
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Cargill, Norma. The Rat. Pine Bluff, Arkansas, circa 1929	box 2	item R-155
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Spargeon, Caroline. The Rat. England, circa 1929	box 2	item R-156
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Schlosser, R. W. The Rat. Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania, circa 1929	box 2	item R-157
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Scope and Contents		
Pennsylvania German		
Monro, John Douglas. The Rat; impromptu. England, circa 1929	box 2	item R-158
<u>Physical Description:</u> 2 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Galbally, William. The Rat. Alton, Illinois, circa 1929	box 2	item R-159
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Munro, Mrs. The Rat. Baltimore, Maryland, circa 1929	box 2	item R-160
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
MacLeod, Robert Brodie. The Rat. Ontario, Canada, circa 1929	box 2	item R-161
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Fagerstrom, William H. The Rat. South Mississippi; Mobile, Alabama, circa 1929	box 2	item R-162
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Richardson, Creel. The Rat. Ozark, Alabama, circa 1929	box 2	item R-163
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
McMinor, Leon. The Rat. Troup, Texas, circa 1929	box 2	item R-164

<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Waggener, G. E. The Rat. Caruthersville, Missouri; Texas, circa 1929	box 2	item R-165
<u>Physical Description:</u> 2 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Phelps, Ann. The Rat. New York City, circa 1929	box 2	item R-166
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Pitt, Frank R. The Rat. Norfolk, Virginia, circa 1929	box 2	item R-167
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Tollar, J. L. The Rat. Latta, South Carolina, circa 1929	box 2	item R-168
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Tollar, J. L. The Rat. Latta, South Carolina, circa 1929	box 2	item R-169
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Hussey, Harland F. The Rat. Somersworth, New Hampshire; Massachusetts, circa 1929	box 2	item R-170
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Henderson, Helen L. The Rat. St. Paul, Minnesota, circa 1929	box 2	item R-171
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Tetley, Wendell. The Rat. Topsohn, Maine; New Hampshire, circa 1929	box 2	item R-172
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
The Rat. Virginia, circa 1929	box 2	item R-173
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Walker, June Florence. The Rat. Wallace, Idaho, circa 1929	box 2	item R-174
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		
Rice, Alice Eugenia. The Rat. Ossining, New York, circa 1929	box 2	item R-175
<u>Physical Description:</u> 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc		

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Samuels, Elena. The Rat. Poughkeepsie, New York, circa 1929 box 2 item R-176

Physical Description: 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc

Scope and Contents

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Neighbour, Marianna. The Rat. Laurel, Maryland, circa 1929 box 2 item R-177

Physical Description: 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc

Scope and Contents

Includes the note "Barnard" on the envelope

Schwartz, Elberta Margarethe. The Rat. Mount Vernon, New York, circa 1929 box 2 item R-178

Physical Description: 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc

Scope and Contents

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Snow, Martha S. The Rat. Callisoon Center, New York, circa 1929 box 2 item R-179

Physical Description: 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc

Scope and Contents

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Good, Annabelle. The Rat. Union City, New Jersey, circa 1929 box 2 item R-180

Physical Description: 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc

Scope and Contents

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Rothschild, Maxine. The Rat. New York City, circa 1929 box 2 item R-181

Physical Description: 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc

Scope and Contents

Includes the note "Barnard" on the envelope

Samson, V. The Rat. New York City, circa 1929	box 2	item R-182
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Physical Description: 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc

Scope and Contents

Includes the note "Barnard" on the envelope

Akers, Jane. The Rat. Topeka, Kansas, circa 1929	box 2	item R-183
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Physical Description: 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc

Scope and Contents

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Gettinger, S. The Rat. New York City, circa 1929	box 2	item R-184
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Physical Description: 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc

Scope and Contents

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Surr, Betty. The Rat. Minneapolis, Minnesota, circa 1929	box 2	item R-186
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Physical Description: 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc

Scope and Contents

Includes the note "Barnard" on the envelope

Knapp, Mary Etta. The Rat. Wilton, Connecticut, circa 1929	box 2	item R-187
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Physical Description: 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc

Scope and Contents

Includes the note "Barnard" on the envelope

Joline, Grace. The Rat. Tottenville, Staten Island, circa 1929	box 2	item R-188
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Physical Description: 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc

Scope and Contents

Includes the note "Barnard" on the envelope

Lembau, Elizabeth. The Rat. Jersey City, New Jersey, circa 1929	box 2	item R-189
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Physical Description: 1 phonograph records 7-inch aluminum disc

Scope and Contents

Includes the note "Barnard" on the envelope

Subseries 2: Associated paper materials

Title/Description	Instances
"Rat" text, circa 1929	box 1
"Gullah" transcription of "The Rat" from R-44, circa 1929	box 1
Transcription of "The Rat" by a Black woman, in 'dialect', from R-59, circa 1929	box 1
Pennsylvania German translation of "The Rat" from R-157, circa 1929	box 1
Original envelopes R-20 -- R-46, circa 1929	box 1
Original envelope R-67, circa 1929	box 1
Questionnaires R-22 -- R-35, circa 1929	box 1
Questionnaires R-38 -- R-49, circa 1929	box 1
Questionnaires R-50 -- R-59, circa 1929	box 1
Questionnaires R-60 -- R-69, circa 1929	box 1
Questionnaires R-70 -- R-79, circa 1929	box 1
Questionnaires R-80 -- R-89, circa 1929	box 1
Questionnaires R-90 -- R-99, circa 1929	box 1
Questionnaires R-101 -- R-110, circa 1929	box 1
Questionnaires R-111 -- R-120, circa 1929	box 1
Questionnaires R-121 -- R-129, circa 1929	box 1
Questionnaires R-130 -- R-142, circa 1929	box 1
Questionnaires R-143 -- R-159, circa 1929	box 1
Questionnaires R-161 -- R-174, circa 1929	box 1
Questionnaires R-175 -- R-189, circa 1929	box 1

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Series: Oma Stanley East Texas records, circa 1935-1936

Physical Description: 10 phonograph records

Scope and Contents

This series consists of ten double-sided phonograph records of the speech of ten East Texans, recorded by Oma Stanley in New York City. The records were given by Stanley to Columbia University in 1936. The recordings all have the same content, a text called "The Story of Morgan," and a text called "Grip the Rat." The latter was a standard linguistic text, related to the "Arthur the Rat," that was used to study English language dialect.

These recordings are described in a series of articles by Stanley, all titled "The Speech of East Texas", published in *AMERICAN SPEECH* in 1936. These articles are derived from Stanley's Columbia Ph.D. thesis. Relevant excerpts describing the material are below.

"The text of all the records is identical. The material of side A and about half of side B of each record was made from words taken from the first three chapters of this study and arranged in the form of a connected story. The second half of side B of each record contains the story of Grip the Rat. This story was used, first because it has proved to be eminently useful, and secondly because many other records of it have been made. It is therefore well known to all students of American speech and these records may be useful later in a comparative study of the speech of different sections of the country."

"The work has been centered in Smith County, Texas, but observations have been made over a much wider territory, including Cherokee, Wood, Van Zandt, Henderson, Anderson, Angelina, Polk, Nacogdoches, Gregg, Hunt, Rusk, Morris, Titus, and Harrison counties."

"The purpose of this study is to describe the common speech of residents of East Texas. This speech may be called a 'Hill Type' of southern speech, a type which is current Virginia, western North Carolina, the hill country of Tennessee and Alabama, and northern Louisiana."

Stanley, Oma. "The Speech of East Texas." *American Speech*, vol. 11, no. 1, 1936, pp. 3–36. JSTOR, <https://doi.org/10.2307/452682>

Title/Description	Instances	
Stanley, Oma: East Texas Speech. Story of Morgan; The Rat, circa 1936 Digital Object: Stanley, Omar: East Texas Speech. Story of Morgan; The Rat, circa 1936	box SL1	item 36 O.S. 1
<u>Conditions Governing Access:</u> Conditions Governing Access		
Physical item closed. Use digital surrogate.		
Braddy, Haldeen, Mrs: East Texas Speech. Story of Morgan; The Rat, circa 1936 Digital Object: Braddy, Haldeen, Mrs: East Texas Speech. Story of Morgan; The Rat, circa 1936	box SL1	item 36 O.S. 2
<u>Conditions Governing Access:</u> Conditions Governing Access		
Physical item closed. Use digital surrogate.		
McJimsey: East Texas Speech. Story of Morgan; The Rat, circa 1936 Digital Object: McJimsey: East Texas Speech. Story of Morgan; The Rat, circa 1936	box SL1	item 36 O.S. 3

Conditions Governing Access:

Conditions Governing Access

Physical item closed. Use digital surrogate.

Braddy, Haldeen: East Texas Speech. Story of Morgan; The Rat, circa 1936 box SL1 item 36 O.S.
4

Digital Object: [Braddy, Haldeen: East Texas Speech. Story of Morgan; The Rat, circa 1936](#)

Conditions Governing Access:

Conditions Governing Access

Physical item closed. Use digital surrogate.

Adams, Oscar: East Texas Speech. Story of Morgan; The Rat, circa 1936 box SL1 item 36 O.S.
5

Digital Object: [Adams, Oscar: East Texas Speech. Story of Morgan; The Rat, circa 1936](#)

Conditions Governing Access:

Conditions Governing Access

Physical item closed. Use digital surrogate.

Key, M.S, Mrs.: East Texas Speech. Story of Morgan; The Rat, circa 1936 box SL1 item 36 O.S.
6

Digital Object: [Key, M.S, Mrs.: East Texas Speech. Story of Morgan; The Rat, circa 1936](#)

Conditions Governing Access:

Conditions Governing Access

Physical item closed. Use digital surrogate.

Roots, T.S.: East Texas Speech. Story of Morgan; The Rat, circa 1936 box SL1 item 36 O.S.
7

Digital Object: [Roots, T.S.: East Texas Speech. Story of Morgan; The Rat, circa 1936](#)

Conditions Governing Access:

Conditions Governing Access

Physical item closed. Use digital surrogate.

Braddy, Kenloch: East Texas Speech. Story of Morgan; The Rat, circa 1936 box SL1 item 36 O.S.
8

Digital Object: [Braddy, Kenloch: East Texas Speech. Story of Morgan; The Rat, circa 1936](#)

Conditions Governing Access:

Conditions Governing Access

Physical item closed. Use digital surrogate.

Braddy, Mrs. John: East Texas Speech. Story of Morgan; The Rat, circa 1936 box SL1 item 36 O.S.
9

Digital Object: [Braddy, Mrs. John: East Texas Speech. Story of Morgan; The Rat](#)

Conditions Governing Access:
Conditions Governing Access

Physical item closed. Use digital surrogate.

Carlisle, Judd: East Texas Speech. Story of Morgan; The Rat, circa 1936 box SL1 item 36 O.S.
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Digital Object: [Carlisle, Judd: East Texas Speech. Story of Morgan; The Rat, circa 1936](#)

Conditions Governing Access:
Conditions Governing Access

Physical item closed. Use digital surrogate.

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Series: "W" records

Physical Description: circa 206 phonograph records

Scope and Contents

This series consists of 10-inch and 12-inch phonograph records cataloged with the prefix "W". They contain standard texts ("The Rat"), stories, and songs. The records were made by Meloney and Greet during a 1930 trip to Virginia, as described in this 1931 article:

"In July 1930, Mr. William Brown Meloney and [William Cabell Greet] took a recording phonograph to Williamsburg, Virginia, and made some 170 records of the speech of the Peninsula and the adjacent regions."

Greet, William Cabell. "A Phonographic Expedition to Williamsburg, Virginia." *American Speech*, vol. 6, no. 3, 1931, pp. 161-72. JSTOR, <https://doi.org/10.2307/452157>

Existence and Location of Copies:
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These discs were transferred to audio tape, and found on tapes 77B - 83A, inclusive, of the Tape Recordings collection.

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Series: 1935-1936 records, 1935-1936

Physical Description: circa 230 phonograph records

Existence and Location of Copies:

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These discs were transferred to audio tape, and are found on tapes 95A to 108A, inclusive, of the Tape Recordings collection.

Scope and Contents

The series records the speech patterns of students(?) from different parts of the United States.

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