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Summary Information

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| Repository: | Rare Book and Manuscript Library |
| Creator: | Williams, Albert Rhys, 1883-1962 |
| Title: | Albert Rhys Williams Papers |
| ID: | 6517282 |
| ID: | MS#1695 |
| Date [inclusive]: | circa 1910s-1990s |
| Physical Description: | 25 linear feet 15 record storage cartons, 1 flat box, 7 glass lantern slide boxes of various sizes |
| Language of the Material: | Material is primarily in English, with a small amount of correspondence and published materials in Russian. |

Preferred Citation

Identification of specific item; Date (if known); Albert Rhys Williams Papers; Box and Folder; Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Columbia University Library.

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Biographical / Historical

Albert Rhys Williams was a minister, labor organizer, journalist, and communist political activist. Williams was born in Greenwich, Ohio on September 28, 1883 to David Thomas Williams, a Congregationalist minister, and Esther Rees (Rhys). Williams attended Marietta College in Marietta, Ohio, graduating in 1904 before moving on to study at the Hartford Theological Seminary. While in University, and later through his work as a journalist and minister, Williams became involved in Socialism, including a stint working on Eugene Debs's 1908 presidential campaign. He travelled to the Soviet Union where he witnessed the Russian Revolution. Williams, along with American Communist John Reed, worked for Leon Trotsky composing propaganda and editing the newspaper *Die Russische Revolution in Bildern* (The Russian Revolution in Pictures). He later befriended Lenin, whom he continued to admire throughout the remainder of his life. Williams returned to North America in 1929, but continued to write widely on Russia. Albert Rhys Williams died in 1962.

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Summary

Collection includes material by and related to Albert Rhys Williams. The bulk of the materials in the collection appear to be Albert Rhys Williams' writings and published materials (in English and Russian). A small amount of correspondence, photographs, and other materials is also present in the collection.

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- Williams, Albert Rhys, 1883-1962