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#### INTRODUCTION

The Robert Ramsay Papers includes correspondence, 1918-1953; notes, rough drafts, revisions, and proof sheets for the Place Name series, with emphasis upon the Missouri Place Names; newspaper clippings about Ramsay and newspaper clippings of the Place Name articles. Small volumes of notes and a variety of prints pertaining to his academic classes are included as well as sample themes and bibliographies submitted by his students.

#### DONOR INFORMATION

The Robert Ramsay Papers were donated to the University of Missouri by Mrs. Robert L. Ramsay on May 14, 1954 (Accession No. 3200).

#### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Robert L. Ramsay was born in Sumter, South Carolina, December 14, 1880. His parents were Franklin Pierce and Margaret Ramsay. Ramsay received his A.B. from Fredericksburg, Virginia, College in 1899 and his Ph.D from John Hopkins in 1905. Ramsay came to the University of Missouri to become an English professor in 1911 and is highly recognized for his work on Missouri Place Names. He died in 1953.

#### SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The papers of Robert Ramsay have been arranged into the following six series: **Correspondence, 1918-1953; Place Names Material; Lecture Notes; Newspaper Clippings; Miscellaneous Papers; and Scrapbooks.** More information about the series can be found in the folder list.

#### FOLDER LIST

f. 1-37	Correspondence, 1918-1953
	Business, personal, and departmental letters. Most of the correspondence relates directly or indirectly to Ramsay's Place Names material or to departmental affairs. The 1918-1933 period is limited in correspondence.
f. 38-67	Place Names Articles by Ramsay
	1970 A composite of notes, rough drafts, and revisions of Missouri Place Names articles; includes progress reports and the tentative plan for a Missouri Place Names Volume. f. 67 Contains place name articles by other authors.
f. 68-85	Lecture Notes
	Typed and handwritten copies of class lectures and speeches; a

		wide range of topics such as “Morality in Milton,” “The Color of Modern Poetry,” and “The Passing of the Short Story,” Includes the Peter Wilkins plates and a variety of prints used by Ramsay in his studies and classes. f. 79 “Suggestions for Students of Place Names.”
f. 86-99	Newspaper Clippings	
		Clippings of articles printed in local newspapers throughout Missouri. Also includes reviews of <i>Missouri Place Names</i> and <i>A Mark Twain Lexicon</i> .
f. 100-105	Miscellaneous Papers	
		Miscellaneous place names material including notes, rough drafts, and typed first drafts of such material as “New York’s Name and What It Might Have Been” and “The Study of American Place Names.”
v. 1-50	Scrapbooks	
		Copies of <i>Place Names Paragraphs</i> , the series of articles published in the <i>St. Louis Globe-Democrat</i> ; <i>Progress in the Survey of Missouri Place Names</i> , a presentation to the General Session of the Missouri Academy of Science, April 18, 1941, Columbia, Missouri; a notebook containing a handwritten list of students working with place names, 1937-1945; and <i>An Introduction to a Survey of Missouri Place Names</i> , in an issue of the <i>University of Missouri Studies</i> , January 1, 1934-the entire issue is devoted to Missouri Place Names. Place Name articles clipped from newspapers and mounted in scrapbooks. Personal copies of Bodlin (German) and Rembrandt (French Handwritten lectures and /or notes in separate volumes; includes those on Sanskrit, Greek, French, Old English, English, <u>Magnificence</u> , etc. Also, one volume (Vol. 24) doubled as a diary while another (Vol. 23) served as a grade book.

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