

**PRELIMINARY INVENTORY
ACCESSION CA6105
AMERICAN DIALECT SOCIETY RECORDS**

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Dates: 1859-2007

Creator: American Dialect Society

Collection Size: 37.6 cubic feet, 13 audio discs

Introduction

Papers and organizational records of the American Dialect Society. Charged with investigating spoken English of the United States and Canada, the Society was established in 1889 at Harvard University. Includes correspondence, treasurer reports and material, general organizational records, and research on words.

Donor Information

The records were donated to the University of Missouri by Allan Metcalf on behalf of the American Dialect Society on 19 January 2007. Additional material was donated by Allan Metcalf on 12 June 2007 and 22 June 2007; Danielle Kovacs for the University of Massachusetts on 5 December 2007; Megan E. Melancon on 31 July 2013; the Department of English at Georgia College and State University on 10 February 2016; and Joan Houston Hall on 3 December 2019.

Note: Descriptions for boxes 1-9 include original University of Massachusetts (Amherst) folder numbers and series designations. Material in boxes 9-16 was received directly from the ADS. The materials are retained in their original box order, and the contents are listed in alphabetical order.

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Candidates for publication	
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- Distinguished scholars
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- New Books by ADS membership
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- PADS 80
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- Resources for the study of American dialects
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- Annual meetings
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- Words of the Year, 1993-1997
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- Annual meetings
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Correspondence files

Bailey, C.J.
Barnhart, David K.
Baugh, John
Bloomer, Robert
Butters, Ron
Callan, Ed
Clark, Tom
Cunningham, Irma
Davis, Larry
Dill, Lesa
Dumas, Bethany
Finegan, Edward
Frazer, June
Frazer, Tim
Kretzschmar, William
Larmouth, Don
Linn, Michael
MacDonald, Malcolm
Martin, Charles
McMillan, Jim
Metcalf, Alan
Schlerman, B. J.
Smith
Williams, Patrice

DNSA, 1981

Midwest Region—meeting notes and abstracts

MLA joint meeting—Midwest, Wisconsin, Oconomowoc, 1981

NCTE—Committee on the English Language

Pacific Coast Regional meetings, 1972-1973

PADS

Algeo, John (2 folders)
Birns, William
Carver, Craig
Chaski, Carole
Christian, Donna
Christian, Wolfram
Delfanian
Editorial
Hartman, Jim
Heap, Norman (2)
Heatherington, M.S.
May, Elizabeth
Meyer
Miller, Mike
Miscellaneous correspondence

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Miscellaneous rosters
Preston
Reese, Jay Robert
Schrock
Scott, Ann Martin
Sen, Ann
Slotkin, Alan R.
Woods, Gordon
Zwilling, Leonard
Summer meeting—Albuquerque, 1980
Ward, Bill—Visit, June 1982
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ACLS

Annual meeting—Washington, DC
Communications with
American Speech, 1989, 1990
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Financial records
Tax materials, 1963-1976, 1982-1988
Gifts, 1989
Linguistic Society of America (LSA)
Annual meetings
Philadelphia, 1992
PADS, 1983-1988
SIDG (International Society for Dialectology and Geolinguistics)
Annual meeting—Bamberg, 1990

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ACLS

Annual meeting—Washington, DC, 1981
Conference of Administrative Officers—Philadelphia, 1990
Council of Secretaries

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Philadelphia, 1980
Bermuda, 1981
Chicago, 1985
New Orleans, 1986
Seattle, 1987

American Speech, 1991

Annual meetings (ADS)

Los Angeles, 1982
Chicago, 1985—party planning
New Orleans, 1988
Toronto, 1993
San Diego, 1994
Chicago, 1995, 1997
New York, 1981, 1983, 1984, 1998

Centennial publications

Conference of Secretaries

DARE—Conference at NHC (Never happened)

DSNA

Annual meetings

Philadelphia, 1987
Cleveland, 1989

Joint meeting with ADS—Summer, 1985

E-mail

Kurath Fund, 1983-1987

LSA Annual meeting—Los Angeles, 1993

Methods V—Victoria, British Columbia, Canada, 1984

Methods VI—Wales, 1987

New members, 1990-1992

PADS—Editorship

Society for Caribbean Linguistics—Trinidad, 1986

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ADS historical files

ACLS annual meeting—New York, 1982

ADS/DSNA, summer meeting, 1983

ADS/MLA—Cincinnati, 1982

ADS/MMLA—Minneapolis, 1980

ADS/NCTE, 1981-1984

American Speech, quarterly publication, 1981-1988

Annual meetings

Washington, D.C., 1989

Chicago, 1990

Columbia University Press (2), 1978-1982

Glossarch

Library of Congress—correspondence, 1981-1985

Missouri Modern Language Association (MMLA)—Minneapolis, 1983

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NCTE—Committee on English Language, 1981-1985
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 Correspondence, 1978-1993
 Project—glossary of truck driver terms, 1968
 Read, Allen Walker—correspondence, 1979-1984
 Requests for information, 1982-1985
 Speech Archives survey
Regional meetings (except Midwest), 1976-1984
Regional meetings—Midwest, 1978-1984
Telephone directory—spiral notebook, 1994
University of Alabama Press, 1966-1973, 1978-1980 (2 folders)

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 Correspondence, 1972-1975, 1981-1985
 Correspondence—CAL, through 1980
 Correspondence—McDavid to Reed, 1977-1984
 Correspondence—Wilson, Rex, 1976-1980
 Correspondence—Wilson, Rex with editors, 1978-1980
 Council memoranda and votes, 1981-1983
 Executive Secretary, 1980
 LAMSAS—Advisory board, 1981-1985
 National Humanities Alliance/NEH, 1981
 National Humanities Alliance/NEH—budget, 1981

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ADS historical files
 American Speech, 1987-1997 (11 rolls of microfilm)
 “Celebrating the Centennial: The American Dialect Society, 1889-1989”
 Membership list, 1908
 Newsletter of the American Dialect Society, 1969-2007

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 Miscellaneous correspondence
 Clippings
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Among the New Words series

3 ring binders (3)
Computer disks (24)
Zip disk
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Among the New Words series

Envelopes—Dr. Nuessel [University of Louisville] to Dr. Wayne Glowka
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Envelopes—miscellaneous, slang
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Miscellaneous word envelopes, B—R

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ADS Historical Sketch by Louise Pound, 1951

Correspondence files, 1940s-1980s

Meredith, Mamie (1 folder)

Russell, Willis (4 folders)

Sledge, Mailande Cheney (1 folder)

Dissertation—*The Representation of the Gullah Dialect in Francis Griswold's A Sea Island Lady* by Mailande Cheney Sledge, 1985

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Among the New Words series, Miscellaneous word envelopes (5 folders)

Correspondence, Wayne Glowka, 1984-1988

Miles Hanley material

“Examples of Rime from Early American Verse”

“Spellings from Diaries and Town Records,” 20 June 1935

Transcript, Green Farms Parish Records

WPA bibliography

ADS correspondence and miscellaneous material

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“Criminals’ Cant from Vacaville, 1961-62,” Peter Tamony
Word Study, Sept. 1925-Oct. 1969 (2 folders)
Simplified Spelling
Minutes and miscellaneous material, The Simpler Spelling Society, 1921
Correspondence, Funk & Wagnalls vs. G&C Merriam re: pronunciation key, 1911
Vocabulum, or, The Rogues’s Lexicon by George W. Matsell, 1859

Box 38 (partially full)

Words, Oct. 1934-April 1942
E.O. Vaile material
Books, pamphlets, and government documents on spelling, punctuation, etc.
The Nursery and Our Little Ones, 1877-1885 (incomplete)

Audiovisual Material

a.d. 1-7 Orthophonic Recordings of American Speech, Victor Records, 1927-1928

a.d. 1	65-A: Oklahoma; 65-B: Macon, GA [2 copies]
a.d. 2	66-A: Northern New York State; 66-B: Columbia, SC [2 copies]
a.d. 3	67-A: Southern Ontario; 67-B: Neighborhood of Boston, MA [2 copies]
a.d. 4	68-A: Newburyport, MA; 68-B: Ellsworth, ME
a.d. 5	69-A: Lancaster, NH; 69-B: Meriden, CT [2 copies]
a.d. 6	73-A: Lancaster County, PA; 73-B: North Philadelphia, PA [2 copies]
a.d. 7	76-A: New York City (1); 76-B: New York City (2) [2 copies]