

# Guide to the Chauncey Pratt Williams Writings on the American West

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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** WA MSS S-2989

**CREATOR:** Williams, Chauncey Pratt, 1860-

**TITLE:** Chauncey Pratt Williams Writings on the American West

**DATES:** 1916–1953

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 2.5 linear feet (6 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Writings by Chauncey Pratt Williams and others on the history of the American West. Includes research material, correspondence, manuscripts, typescripts, and published works by Williams, as well as published works by other writers. Williams' writings include works on the trappers Antoine Robidoux and Bill Williams; the United States General and United States Senator from New York Philip Schuyler; and the Western frontiersmen John Hoback and John Coulter. Also included are Western history publications, including Overland Monthly and The Old West Series.

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Source unknown.

## Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Conditions Governing Use

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Chauncey Pratt Williams Writings on the American West. Yale Collection of Western Americana, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library.

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## Processing Information

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This collection received a basic level of processing in 2014, including rehousing and minimal organization.

Information included in the Description of Papers note and Collection Contents section is drawn from information supplied with the collection and from an initial survey of the contents. Folder titles appearing in the contents list below are often based on those provided by the creator or previous custodian. Titles have not been verified against the contents of the folders in all cases. Otherwise, folder titles are supplied by staff during initial processing.

This finding aid may be updated periodically to account for new acquisitions to the collection and/or revisions in arrangement and description.

Former call number: Uncat WA MS Williams.

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## Biographical / Historical

Chauncey Pratt Williams (1860-circa 1936) wrote on the history of the American West and collected writings by others on the region.

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## Scope and Contents

Writings by Chauncey Pratt Williams and others on the history of the American West. Includes research material, correspondence, manuscripts, typescripts, and published works by Williams, as well as published works by other writers. Williams' writings include works on the trappers Antoine Robidoux and Bill Williams; the United States General and United States Senator from New York Philip Schuyler; and the Western frontiersmen John Hoback and John Coulter. Also included are Western history publications, including *Overland Monthly* and *The Old West Series*.

## **Arrangement**

Organized into two series: I. Writings by Chauncey Pratt Williams, 1916-1934. II. Writings by Others, 1920-1953.

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## Collection Contents

### Series I: Writings by Chauncey Pratt Williams

<i>Antoine Robidoux</i>		
b. 1	Notes, correspondence, and clippings	1916–1932
b. 1	Typescripts	1934, undated
<i>Bill Williams: The Lone Elk</i>		
b. 1	Correspondence regarding the publication of Old Bill Williams <i>3 Folders</i>	1920–1935
b. 1	Notes and clippings	1927–1933
b. 2	Notes and clippings <i>3 Folders</i>	1927–1933
b. 2	Research notes <i>2 Folders</i>	
b. 3	Typescripts <i>3 Folders</i>	1928, 1931, undated
b. 3	Lone Elk published in The Old West Series	1935–1935
<i>General Philip Schuyler</i>		
b. 4	Typescript	circa 1930
<i>Hoback</i>		
b. 4	Notes and correspondence	1926–1926
<i>John Coulter</i>		
b. 4	Notes and correspondence	1920–1925
b. 4	Typescripts and carbons	1930–1930
b. 4	John Coulter: Discoverer of Yellowstone Park by Stallo Vinton (New York: Edward Eberstadt, 1926)	1926–1926

**Series II: Printed Material**

b. 5	Edward Eberstadt Americana catalogs	1937-1953
b. 5	<i>Kit Carson's Own Story of His Life</i> . Taos, New Mexico: Santa Fe New Mexican Publishing Corporation, 1926.	1926-1926
b. 5	<i>The Old West Series</i>	1934-1936
b. 5	<i>One Hundred Years Ago in Old Taos, Touring Topics</i>	1927, 1930
b. 5	<i>Overland Monthly, The Mentor</i> 2 Folders	1920, 1925-1926
b. 6	<i>Overland Monthly</i> 2 Folders	1926 June
b. 6	Missouri Historical Society publications, <i>The Colorado Magazine, Touring Topics</i>	1923-1930
b. 6	<i>Quarterly Journal of the New York State Historical Association</i>	1928 October
b. 6	<i>Scribners</i>	1927 February

## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Subjects**

French Americans -- West (U.S.)  
Fur traders -- West (U.S.) -- Biography  
Pioneers -- West (U.S.) -- Biography  
Trappers -- West (U.S.) -- Biography

### **Geographic Names**

United States -- Territorial expansion  
West (U.S.) -- Discovery and exploration

### **Names**

Colter, John, approximately 1775-1813  
Hoback, John, -1813  
Robidoux, Antoine, 1794-1860  
Schuyler, Philip John, 1733-1804  
Williams, Bill, 1787-1849  
Williams, Chauncey Pratt, 1860-