

# Guide to the A. V. Williams Jackson Papers

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 1009

**CREATOR:** Jackson, A. V. Williams (Abraham Valentine Williams), 1862-1937

**TITLE:** A. V. Williams Jackson papers

**DATES:** 1889-1909

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 0.75 linear feet

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Notes and drafts of A. V. Williams Jackson for articles and speeches, largely on Sanskrit and Avestan grammar and literature and the cultures of India and Iran. Also included is a program for the Joint Meetings of a Philological Societies of the United States (1894).

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchased in 1945.

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## Biographical / Historical

A. V. Williams Jackson was born in New York City, on February 9, 1862. For the majority of his life, Jackson was associated with Columbia University. He received an A.B. there in 1883, an A.M. the following year, an L.H.D. the year after that, and in 1886, a Ph.D. Between 1895 and 1935, he was a professor of Indo-Iranian languages at Columbia. He was the author of many books and travelled extensively in the Near East and South Asia. A. V. Williams Jackson died on August 8, 1937.

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## Scope and Contents

The papers of A. V. Williams Jackson, professor of Indo-Iranian languages at Columbia University (1895-1935), consist of notes and drafts for articles and speeches, many of which were subsequently published. The primary topics are Sanskrit and Avestan grammar and literature and the cultures of India and Iran. Several writings on Classical and western literature are also included. The final items in the collection are a program for the Joint Meetings of the Philological Societies of the United States (1894), with some related materials.

The writings are arranged in chronological order.

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b. 1, f. 1	"Avesta Grammatical Jottings" English	1889
b. 1, f. 1	"Avestan Grammatical Notes" English	1889
b. 1, f. 2	"Avestan Etymologies" English	[1889]
b. 1, f. 3	"The Circle of Sovereignty in the Avesta" English	1889
b. 1, f. 4	"Avesta <i>ayohšusta</i> and Miscellaneous Avestan Notes" English	1890
b. 1, f. 5	"A, the first letter in the English as in almost every known alphabet..." English	1891
b. 1, f. 6	"Notes on Zoroaster and the Zartusht Nāmah" English	1892
b. 1, f. 7	"Ahura Mazda" English	[1894]
b. 1, f. 8	"Amesha Spentas" English	1895
b. 1, f. 9	"Dualism: The Kingdom of Good and the Kingdom of Evil" English	[1895]
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b. 1, f. 14	Pahlavī Version of Vd. 18	1899
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b. 1, f. 16	"Khaiber Pass" English	[pre-1901]
b. 1, f. 17	"A Visit to Buddha's Footprint on Adam's Peak, Ceylon" English	1901
b. 1, f. 18	"Hindu Yogis, Fakirs, or Ascetics" English	1901

b. 1, f. 19	"The Literature of India and Persia" English	1909
b. 1, f. 20	"A Glimpse into the Crater of Vesuvius" English	undated
b. 1, f. 21	"General Concept of the Amesha Spentas" English	undated
b. 1, f. 22	"Sketch of the Syntax" English	undated
b. 1, f. 23	"Some Suggestions for Studying Shakspeare" English	undated
b. 1, f. 23	"Yasna" English	undated
b. 2, f. 24	Writings on syntax	undated
b. 2, f. 25	Miscellaneous fragments	undated
b. 2, f. 26	Program for the Joint Meeting of the Philological Societies of the United States	1894

## **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**

Avestan language  
Educators  
Iranian languages  
Linguistics  
Sanskrit language

### **Geographic Names**

India -- Civilization  
Iran -- Civilization

### **Occupations**

Linguists

### **Names**

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