

**RAINEY, GLENN W. (GLENN  
WEDDINGTON), 1907-1989.**  
**Glenn W. Rainey papers, 1917-1974**

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**Creator:** Rainey, Glenn W. (Glenn Weddington), 1907-1989.  
**Title:** Glenn W. Rainey papers, 1917-1974  
**Call Number:** Manuscript Collection No. 471  
**Extent:** 9.25 linear feet (19 boxes), 1 oversized papers box (OP), 9 bound volumes (BV), and AV Masters: .25 linear feet (CLP2)  
**Abstract:** Papers of Glenn W. Rainey, Georgia educator and activist, including correspondence, manuscripts, notes, articles, and subject folders.  
**Language:** Materials entirely in English.

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## Collection Description

### Biographical Note

Glenn Weddington Rainey was born in Atlanta, Georgia on April 7, 1907, the son of James G. Rainey and Minnie Weddington Rainey. He attended elementary schools in Atlanta and graduated from the city's Boys' High School in 1924. From 1924-1929, he attended Emory University where he received the A.B. and M.A. (History) degrees. Mr. Rainey was an instructor at the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta for one year (1929-1930) where he held a Teaching fellowship in political science for two years (1930-1932). In 1932, he turned to Georgia Tech to reassume his former teaching position in the Department of English. He remained in the Department until he retired as Professor of English in 1974.

Throughout his career, Mr. Rainey was active as a public speaker and as a member of many political, social, civic and professional organizations. He was particularly active in civil rights groups which flourished during the 1940's, such as the Georgia Commission on Interracial Cooperation (the parent Organization of the Southern Regional Council). He served as president of the Committee for Georgia, an affiliate of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare. He also worked with the Citizens' Fact-Finding Committee of Georgia. Other liberal causes which attracted Mr. Rainey during these years include the early fights waged against Georgia's county unit system, the poll tax, and political influence in the State's University System. Additional groups with which Mr. Rainey has been prominently associated over the years include: the Atlanta Christian Palestine Committee, the Atlanta Chapter of the American Association of the United Nations, the Atlanta Community Planning Council, and the Northside branch of the Atlanta Y.M.C.A. At Georgia Tech, Mr. Rainey was actively associated with the Y.M.C.A., the Wesley Foundation, and many other student groups over the years. He was a founder of the Georgia Tech Chapters of the American Association of University Professors and the Georgia Education Association. He was at various times a member of the Executive Committee and the Administrative and Faculty Councils of Georgia Tech.

Mr. Rainey is the author of numerous articles which have appeared in newspapers, popular magazines, and journals. His poetry has been published in various literary journals, anthologies, and newspapers. Two of his more prominent friends in Georgia literary circles were Ernest Hartsock, an Atlanta poet, and Lillian Smith, novelist and co-editor (with Paula Snelling) of a Southern literary journal (variously titled *Pseudopodia*, *The North Georgia Review*, and *South Today*) which flourished circa 1938-1945. Mr. Rainey was a regular contributor to this publication in its early years.

Mr. Rainey's wife, the former Dorothy Quattlebaum of Columbia, S.C., was for many years a teacher in the Atlanta Public Schools. During the 1940's, Mrs. Rainey was active in Democratic Party politics in Georgia. In 1942, she ran Ellis Arnall's gubernatorial campaign against Eugene Talmadge in Fulton County. For her efforts, she was appointed by Governor Arnall to the State Democratic Executive Committee. Mr. and Mrs. Rainey were married on February 3, 1940. They have four children.

### Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of the papers of Glenn Weddington Rainey from 1917-1974. The papers include correspondence; Mr. Rainey's manuscripts, notes, and published articles, etc.; and a

series of subject folders. The correspondence dates from 1917-1974. Its greatest period of concentration is circa 1933-1949. The majority of the correspondence dealing with Mr. Rainey's organizational activities is filed in this section. Earlier correspondence is generally personal in nature, and later correspondence deals largely with Georgia Tech affairs. Letters of Ernest Hartsock (3 items, 1925-1930) and Lillian Smith (54 items, 1936-1948) are included here. There is also an exchange of letters between Mr. Rainey and his longtime friend, the historian C. Vann Woodward (213 items, 1929-1938).

Prominent persons represented in the main file of Correspondence include: Ivan Allen, Jr., Jessie Daniel Ames, Mary C. Barker, Jonathan Daniels, Josephus Daniels, Walter F. George, Marvin Griffin, William B. Hartsfield, Maynard H. Jackson, Sr., Ralph McGill, James A. Mackay, Helen Douglas Mankin, Lucy Randolph Mason, Karl A. Menninger, I.N. Ragsdale, Arthur F. Raper, Eurith Dickinson Rivers, Richard B. Russell, Hardy Scott, Paula Snelling, Joel Elias Spingarn, Dorothy Rogers Tilly, Oswald Garrison Villard, Robert Penn Warren, Josephine Wilkins, Thomas Wolfe, Comer McDonald Woodward, and Emily B. Woodward.

Subject folders in the collection cover a wide range of Mr. Rainey's activities. Folders with the greatest concentration of material include those concerned with the following: Commission On Interracial Cooperation, Committee for Georgia, Emory University, Georgia Education Association, Georgia Tech (78 folders), miscellaneous material, the poll tax, Lillian Smith and Paula Snelling, Southern Conference for Human Welfare, and the Southern Regional Council.

**Arrangement Note**

Arranged by record type.

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## Container List

### Correspondence

Box	Folder	Content
1	1	1917 July-1929 December
1	2	1930
1	3	1931, January-May
1	4	1931, June-December
1	5	1932
2	6	1933
2	1	1934
2	2	1935
2	3	1936
2	4	1937
2	5	1938
2	6	1939
2	7	1940, January-June
3	1	1940, July-December
3	2	1941, January-May
3	3	1941, June-December
3	4	1942
3	5	1943, January-May
3	6	1943, June-December
3	7	1944
4	1	1945, January-May
4	2	1945, June-December
4	3	1946, January-April
4	4	1946, May-August
4	5	1946, September-December
4	6	1947, January-May
4	7	1947, June-December
4	8	1948
4	9	1949
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5	14	1967
5	15	1968
6	1	1969
6	2	1970
6	3	1971
6	4	1972
6	5	1973-1974
6	6	Hartsock, Ernest, ca. 1925-1930 (32 letters)
6	7	Smith, Lillian, 1936-1948 (52 items)
6	8	Woodward, C. Vann to Glenn Rainey, 1929-1968 (96 items)
6	9	Woodward, C. Vann to Glenn Rainey, n.d. (42 items)
6	10	Woodward, C. Vann to "Jack," 1937-1938, (2 items)
6	11	Rainey, Glenn to C. Vann Woodward, 1929-1966 (74 items)
6	12	Rainey, Dorothy, 1942-1960, re Georgia Democratic Executive Committee
6	13	Rainey family correspondence, n.d.
7	1	Rainey family correspondence, n.d.
7	2	Rainey family correspondence, n.d.
7	3	Rainey, Glenn outgoing correspondence, n.d.
7	4	Rainey, Glenn Georgia Tech, n.d.
7	5-9	General correspondence, n.d.
8	1	Greeting cards, n.d.

**Writings by Rainey**

8	2	Published articles, 1926-1939
8	3	Published articles, 1940-1973
8	4	Manuscripts, A-C
8	5	Manuscripts, D-K
8	6	Manuscripts, L-N
8	7	Manuscripts, O-S

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| 9  | 1 | Manuscripts, T-W                         |
| 9  | 2 | Manuscript, "Black Pawns and White"      |
| 9  | 3 | Manuscript, "Race Riot of 1906"          |
| 10 | 1 | Manuscript, [untitled] re Letter-writing |
| 10 | 2 | Book reviews                             |
| 10 | 3 | Debates                                  |
| 10 | 4 | Miscellaneous, untitled, n.d.            |
| 10 | 5 | Notes (from speeches)                    |
| 10 | 6 | Notes                                    |
| 10 | 7 | Notes                                    |
| 10 | 8 | Radio interviews                         |

**Subject files**

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| 11 | 1  | American Association for the United Nations                             |
| 11 | 2  | American Association of University Professors                           |
| 11 | 3  | American Committee for Democracy & Intellectual Freedom                 |
| 11 | 4  | American Palestine Committee  |
| 11 | 5  | American Veterans Committee   |
| 11 | 6  | Army Reserve  |
| 11 | 7  | Arnall, Ellis   |
| 11 | 8  | Association of Southern Women for the Prevention of Lynching            |
| 11 | 9  | Atlanta Committee on Workers Education                                  |
| 11 | 10 | Atlanta Council of Negro Women  |
| 11 | 11 | Atlanta Defense Committee for Class War Prisoners - Angelo Herndon Case |
| 11 | 12 | Atlanta English Club  |
| 11 | 13 | Atlanta Forum Association   |
| 11 | 14 | Atlanta Intercollegiate Council   |
| 11 | 15 | Atlanta League of Women Voters  |
| 11 | 16 | Bicker Club of Atlanta  |
| 11 | 17 | Biographical Sketch - Glenn Rainey                                      |
| 11 | 18 | B'nai B'rith Gate City Lodge  |
| 11 | 19 | Boys' High School   |
| 11 | 20 | Boys' High School - Clippings   |
| 11 | 21 | Boys' High School The Tattler (newspaper)                               |
| 11 | 22 | Child Welfare League  |
| 11 | 23 | Citizen's Fact-Finding Movement   |
| 11 | 24 | Commission on Interracial Cooperation                                   |
| 11 | 25 | Committee for Georgia (Southern Conference on Human Welfare)            |
| 11 | 26 | Committee on Equity Before the Law                                      |
| 12 | 1  | County Unit System  |

12 2 Community Planning Council  
12 3 Communism  
12 4 Davison, Hal  
12 5 Emory University  
12 6 Emory University - Clippings  
12 7 Emory University - Debate Team  
12 8 Emory University - Model Assembly  
12 9 Fair Employment Practices Committee  
12 10 Ficklen, Edward B.  
12 11 Foreign Policy Association, Atlanta Branch  
12 12 Fulton-DeKalb Committee on Interracial Cooperation  
12 13 Georgia Academy of Social Sciences  
12 14 Georgia Citizens' Council  
12 15 Georgia Committee on the Cause & Cure of War  
12 16 Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation  
12 17 Georgia Conference on Social Welfare, Atlanta  
12 18 Georgia Council of Church Women  
13 1 Georgia Education Association  
13 2 Georgia League of Women Voters  
13 3 Georgia Speech Association  
13 4 Georgia Tech: Administrative Council  
13 5 Georgia Tech: Advanced Planning Committee  
13 6 Georgia Tech: Alumni Association  
13 7 Georgia Tech: American Association of University Professors  
13 8 Georgia Tech: American Institute of Chemical Engineers  
13 9 Georgia Tech: American Veterans Committee  
13 10 Georgia Tech: Annual Reports Faculty Members  
13 11 Georgia Tech: Athletic Association, 1969-1971  
13 12 Georgia Tech: Calendar Committee  
13 13 Georgia Tech: Committee on Co-Education  
13 14 Georgia Tech: Contracts, 1937-1974  
13 15 Georgia Tech: Cosmopolitan Club  
13 16 Georgia Tech: Counseling and Guidance  
13 17 Georgia Tech: Debate Teams  
13 18 Georgia Tech: English Dept.  
14 1 Georgia Tech: English Dept. - Bibliography  
14 2 Georgia Tech: English Dept.- Committee on Special Courses  
14 3 Georgia Tech: English Dept. - English 100 Series  
14 4 Georgia Tech: English Dept. - English 200 Series

- 14 5 Georgia Tech: English Dept. - English 315
- 14 6 Georgia Tech: English Dept. - English 318
- 14 7 Georgia Tech: English Dept. - English 320
- 14 8 Georgia Tech: English Dept. - English 323
- 14 9 Georgia Tech: English Dept. - Final Grades
- 14 10 Georgia Tech: English Dept. - Foster, Edward
- 14 11 Georgia Tech: English Dept. - Special Ad Hoc Committee
- 14 12 Georgia Tech: English Dept. - Student Relations Committee
- 14 13 Georgia Tech: Excellence in Teaching Award, 1968
- 14 14 Georgia Tech: Faculty - General
- 14 15 Georgia Tech: Faculty Club
- CLP2 - Georgia Tech: Faculty Dinner, 1948 May 8 [1 of 2] [original: phonograph]  
[Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id s0wn3][Digital/  
digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id s0wmz]
- CLP2 - Georgia Tech: Faculty Dinner, 1948 May 8 [2 of 2] [original: phonograph]  
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- 14 16 Georgia Tech: Fiftieth Anniversary
- 14 17 Georgia Tech: Foreign Students
- 14 18 Georgia Tech: General
- 14 19 Georgia Tech: Georgia Highway Conference
- 14 20 Georgia Tech: Glee Singers
- 14 21 Georgia Tech: Griffith, George Clayton
- 14 22 Georgia Tech: Holy Week
- 14 23 Georgia Tech: Honors Committee
- 14 24 Georgia Tech: "Human Relations in a Metropolis"
- 14 25 Georgia Tech: Independent Student Organization
- 14 26 Georgia Tech: Industrial Management College
- 14 27 Georgia Tech: Insurance
- 14 28 Georgia Tech: Instruction Manual, 1947
- 15 1 Georgia Tech: Interfraternity Council, 1962
- 15 2 Georgia Tech: Martin Luther King Memorial Scholarship
- 15 3 Georgia Tech: Library Search Committee for a Director, 1970-1971
- 15 4 Georgia Tech: Miscellaneous
- 15 5 Georgia Tech: New Degree Committee
- 15 6 Georgia Tech: Non-Fraternity organization
- 15 7 Georgia Tech: Oak Ridge Conference
- 15 8 Georgia Tech: Off-Campus Speakers Policy Committee
- 15 9 Georgia Tech: Omicron Delta Kappa
- 15 10 Georgia Tech: Phi Kappa Phi, Phi Eta Sigma
- 15 11 Georgia Tech: Public Relations Committee



15	12	Georgia Tech: Public Speaking Materials
15	13	Georgia Tech: Public Utility Executive Course
15	14	Georgia Tech: References for Students
15	15	Georgia Tech: Retirement Policy
15	16	Georgia Tech: Ring Committee
15	17	Georgia Tech: Selection of a President, 1956
15	18	Georgia Tech: Statutes
15	19	Georgia Tech: Steering Committee, 1950-1952
15	20	Georgia Tech: Student Council
15	21	Georgia Tech: Student Entertainment Series
16	1	Georgia Tech: Student Political League
16	2	Georgia Tech: Student Rights, 1968-1969
16	3	Georgia Tech: Tech Code
16	4	Georgia Tech: Tech Improvement Fund
16	5	Georgia Tech: Tech Today
16	6	Georgia Tech: Thesis Advisory Committee
16	7	Georgia Tech: United Student Christian Council
16	8	Georgia Tech: University System of GA: Suspension from Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, 1941-1942
16	9	Georgia Tech: Van Leer, Blake Ragsdale
16	10	Georgia Tech: Walker, Jack
16	11	Georgia Tech: Wesley Foundation
16	12	Georgia Tech: Woodward, C. Vann - Franklin Foundation Lecturer, February 8, 1968
16	13	Georgia Tech: World War II, General
16	14	Georgia Tech: World War II, Veterans
OPI	2	American Veterans Committee, Charter
16	15	Georgia Tech: YMCA
16	16	Grace Methodist Church
16	17	Hadassah's Golden Jubilee Award, 1967
16	18	Grant Applications
16	19	"Humor - Various Sources and Kinds"
16	20	Jones, Ashton B.
16	21	Labor
17	1	McClatchey, Devereaux
17	2	Mackay, James
17	3	Mankin, Helen Douglas
17	4	Manpower Development and Training Bill
17	5	Miscellaneous
17	6	Miscellaneous Manuscripts (not by Glenn Rainey)

17	7	Miscellaneous Printed Matter
17	8	Miscellaneous Programs, Announcements, etc.
17	9	National Council of Teachers of English
17	10	National Student Association
17	11	Negro Education - Atlanta
17	12	Negro Police
17	13	Northwestern University
17	14	Northwestern University Clippings
17	15	Poll Tax
18	1	Public School Crisis, 1960
18	2	Race Question: Miscellaneous
18	3	Rainey, Dorothy Quattlebaum
18	4	Rainey, Edwin Quattlebaum
18	5	Regional Council for Education
18	6	Rosenwald Fund
18	7	Rugg, Harold
18	8	Scharf, Robert
18	9	Scientific Futurists
18	10	Scott, W. Joe (Principal, Bass Jr. High School, Atlanta)
18	11	Sedition and Subversive Activities
18	12	Smith, Lillian and Snelling, Paula
18	13	Southeastern Conference on the Teaching of English
18	14	Southern Conference for Human Welfare
18	15	Southern Council on Religion in Economics
18	16	Southern Institute of International Relations
18	17	Southern Regional Council
18	18	Southern Speech Association
18	19	Urban League, Atlanta
18	20	White Primary Bill, 1947
19	1	Wolfe, Thomas
19	2	Woman's Society of Christian Service
19	3	Woodward, C. Vann
19	4	Workers Education Conference, Atlanta, 1935
19	5	World War II
19	6	World War II - Air Raid Warden
19	7	YMCA
19	8	YWCA
19	9	X-Ray Technicians Institute, Atlanta

**Artwork**

OP1 1      Portrait of Glenn W. Rainey

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