

# REEVES, OLIVER FRANKLIN, 1889-1963.

## Oliver Franklin Reeves papers, 1936-1961

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### Descriptive Summary

**Creator:** Reeves, Oliver Franklin, 1889-1963.  
**Title:** Oliver Franklin Reeves papers, 1936-1961  
**Call Number:** Manuscript Collection No. 467  
**Extent:** .5 linear ft. (1 box)  
**Abstract:** Papers of Oliver Franklin Reeves, former Poet Laureate of Georgia, including manuscripts, speeches, scripts, poetry, notes, photographs, clippings, and correspondence.  
**Language:** Materials entirely in English.

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### Administrative Information

#### Restrictions on Access

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#### Source

Gift, 1965.

#### Citation

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### Collection Description

#### Biographical Note

Oliver Franklin Reeves (1889-1963) was born in Lookout Mountain, Tennessee, and spent over forty years working as a marble contractor in Atlanta, Georgia. He wrote poetry which was published regularly in the *Atlanta Constitution* and was named Poet Laureate of Georgia in 1944 and of Atlanta in 1952.

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**Scope and Content Note**

The collection consists of the papers of Oliver Franklin Reeves from 1936-1961. The papers include manuscripts of Reeves' writings (both published and unpublished); poems; addresses to various civic clubs and schools; scripts of plays; short stories and other works of prose; program materials for Atlanta (Ga.) radio station WAGA; and Lions Club materials pertaining to a newsletter he edited.

The papers also include photographs; biographical notes; clippings related to his writing career, particularly his column in the *Atlanta Constitution*; several magazines in which his writing appeared; correspondence relating to his efforts to have his poetry published (1936-1947) in such periodicals as the *Saturday Evening Post* and other letters (1938-1961) pertaining to his efforts to encourage the writing of other poets.

**Arrangement Note**

Arranged by record type.

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## Container List

### Biographical Information

Box	Folder	Content
1	1	Biographical notes

### Correspondence

1	2	Correspondence, Wightman Melton, Archibald Rutledge, Alice Austin Sheffield, Robbie Donaldson, also copies of Reeves' letters
1	3	Correspondence regarding poetry submissions to the <i>Saturday Evening Post</i> , <i>Good Housekeeping</i> , etc.
1	4	Miscellaneous correspondence, Christmas cards, personal notes, etc.

### Writings and Speeches

1	5	Manuscripts, poetry
1	6	Manuscripts, prose
1	7	Manuscripts, stories
1	8	Manuscripts, miscellaneous
1	9	Plays
1	10	Talks, etc, to Lions, Rotary, Church, Schools, D.A.R., etc.
1	11	Radio program materials used on "Yellow River Farm" of Channing Cope, Radio Station WAGA

### Writings by Others

1	12	Writings by O'Henry, Roy Robert, Kipling, Robert Bascom Harris, Nat L. Ulman, etc.
1	13	Georgia Poets Laureate: Sidney Lanier, Ernest Neal, Wightman Melton, Frank L. Stanton

### Photographs

1	14	Photographs, Reeves bust by Johnny Williamson, Reeves and Carl Sandburg
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### Printed Material

1	15	Clippings of, by, and about Ollie Reeves. Includes Dudley Glass, Morgan Blake, Mildred Seydell, Wightman, Ramundo de Ovies columns
1	16	Lions Club material; Lionews, edited by Reeves, etc.
1	17	Miscellaneous brochures, printed poems
1	18	Reeves, Ollie. "The great stone serpent of Swamp Valley." <i>Georgia Magazine</i> , Volume 4, no. 3, November, 1960, p. 22-23

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