

**WILLIAMS, SAMUEL COLE, 1864-1947.**  
**Samuel Cole Williams papers, 1922-1947**

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**Descriptive Summary**

**Creator:** Williams, Samuel Cole, 1864-1947.  
**Title:** Samuel Cole Williams papers, 1922-1947  
**Call Number:** Manuscript Collection No. 272  
**Extent:** .25 linear ft.(1 box)  
**Abstract:** Papers of writer Samuel Cole Williams, including his historical writings, and writings by persons themselves interested in Tennessee history and genealogy.  
**Language:** Materials entirely in English.

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**Administrative Information**

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**Source**

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## Collection Description

### Biographical Note

Samuel Cole Williams (1864-1947) was born January 15, 1864 in Gibson County, Tennessee and moved to Johnson City in 1897. He was graduated from the Law Department of Vanderbilt University in 1884 and began law practice that year. In 1912 he was appointed chancellor of the First district, and the following year was appointed associate justice of the Tennessee Supreme Court. He served as the first dean of Emory's Lamar School of Law from 1919 to 1924. He returned to Tennessee in 1924 and became chairman of the Tennessee Code Commission which eventually issued the "Williams Annotated Code of Tennessee" in 8 volumes. In 1938 he was appointed by the U. S. Supreme Court as a member of the Advisory Committee on Rules for Civic Procedure. He died in Johnson City on December 14, 1947. Although he had many business interests in and around Johnson City, Tennessee, Judge Williams' later years were largely devoted to historical writing. He was active in various state and regional historical organizations. Williams married Mary T. Mayne of Fairfield County, Ohio. Mary and Samuel had two children, Mayne and Gertrude (Mrs. Robert Rush Miller). Williams married a second time to Isabel Hayes of Nashville, Tennessee. Isabel and Samuel had one daughter, Martha Cole. Gertrude Miller also had two children, Haynes and Mayne Miller. Articles about Judge Williams include: *Emory University Quarterly* v.5, p. 180-186, by W. B. Posey; East Tennessee Historical Society's Publications, No. 20, 1948, by P. M. Fink (with portrait); also in latter publication a Bibliography of the historical writings; *Tennessee Historical Quarterly*, v.7, S. F. Horn and S. J. Folmsbee, (With portrait). A complete list of his writings is in the Bibliography mentioned in the paragraph above. These include: *Beginnings of West Tennessee, 1541-1814* (1930); *Dawn of Tennessee Valley and Tennessee History* (1937); *History of the Lost State of Franklin* (1924); *Tennessee during the Revolutionary War*, (1944); and *William Tatham, Wataugan*, (1947). His edited works include: *Adair's History of the American Indians* (1930); *Early Travels in the Tennessee Country, 1540-1800* (1928); *Lieut. Henry Timberlake's Memoirs, 1756-1765* (1927).

### Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of the papers of Samuel Cole Williams from 1922-1947. The papers include correspondence, clippings from magazines of various book reviews, excerpts from his writings, programs and invitations, receipts, newspaper clippings of his judicial career, obituary articles, photographs of "Plum Grove" home of John Sevier, of Fort Loudoun on the Tennessee River projected and constructed by William Gerard DeBrahm, of J. T. Wilder and Marcus J. Wright, literary manuscripts and typescripts and notes and copies of manuscripts made in the course of historical research and writing, and 1 large folded map of Marion County, South Carolina, original survey 1815 by Harllee enlarged and improved by P. Y. Bethea. The letters in this collection are concerned chiefly with Williams' historical writings and were largely written by persons themselves interested in Tennessee history and genealogy.

### Arrangement Note

Arranged by record type.

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## Container List

### Samuel Cole Williams

Box	Folder	Content
1	1	Correspondence, September 22, 1911-April 8, 1940
1	2	Correspondence, February 26, 1941-December 15, 1947
1	3	Miscellaneous, undated, etc.
1	4	Manuscripts, typescripts, notes, undated
1	5	Letters and papers relating to Williams family genealogy

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