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Abstract: Correspondence and manuscripts of articles, books, poems and plays, relating to his career as professor of medieval history, University of California, and to the publication of his works. Some biographical and genealogical material included.
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**Provenance**
The James Westfall Thompson papers were given to the Main Library in May 1964 by Miss Cornelia Beall, were transferred to the Bancroft Library in March 1965.

**Biography**
James Westfall Thompson, professor of medieval history at the University of California, was born in Iowa, attended Rutgers and graduated in 1892. He took his doctoral work at the University of Chicago, where he later became a full professor. He came to Berkeley as Sidney Hellman Ehrman professor of European history in 1932, and retired in 1939. He wrote *The Living Past, Economic and Social History of the Latter Middle Ages, The Medieval Library, Feudal Germany, The Last Pagan*, as well as various text books, and was also author of poems and plays.

**Scope and Content of Collection**
Included is correspondence concerning Thompson's career as professor and the publication of his writings; manuscripts of books, poems, plays and articles; notes; letters of condolence to Mrs. Thompson; and some biographical and genealogical information. A key to arrangement follows, and a partial list of correspondents may be found at the end.

**box 1**
- **Outgoing letters, 1906-1941**
- **Incoming letters.**
  - Note
    - Single letters have been placed in an A-Z Miscellany, preceding folders containing two or more letters. Arranged alphabetically

**box 2**
- **A-L**
- **M-Z**
- **Letters of condolence to Mrs. Thompson, and obituary notices**
- **Biographical information**
- **Genealogical information**

**box 3**
- **Manuscripts**
  - *The Education and Learning of the Laity in the Middle Ages*
  - *Eight Lectures in the Spread of Ideas and the Diffusion of Culture in the Middle Ages*
  - **Plays**
    - *The Balance of Power: A Drama of the Balkans. Time: 1896 June 29, 1905*
    - *Check to the King*
    - *Cromwell*
    - *A Drama of Napoleon*
      - Note
      - Note
        - *The Man of Destin* 1930 edition

**box 4**
- **Luther: A Drama in 5 Acts**
- **When Henry IV was King: A Comedy in 5 Acts**
- **White Hall: A Comedy of Love and Tobacco**
Poems
Articles: A-M
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Miscellaneous Manuscripts

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Notes, mainly about history of Bruges, translation of Galbert's Traditions, and student papers
Notes on John Dee
Printed items
Miscellany, including a few clippings

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