

Dewey, Godfrey, 1887-1977, compiler.

Records, [ca. 1906]-1946.

51 linear ft (ca. 23,600 items in 92 boxes).

Biography: Secretary of the Simplified Spelling Board, 1921-1946, and the Spelling Reform Association, 1932-1946.

Summary: A collection of correspondence, minutes, reports, other documents, publications, and clippings relating to English spelling reform. The papers, documenting the activities of the Simplified Spelling Board and the Spelling Reform Association, were compiled and arranged by Godfrey Dewey. Publications of the Simplified Spelling Society of Great Britain are also included.

Organization: Arranged.

Finding aids: Contents list, 11p.

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1. Simplified Spelling Board. 2. Spelling Reform Association. 3. Simplified Spelling Society of Great Britain.
4. Spelling reform. 5. Addresses. 6. Bylaws. 7. Minutes. 8. Reports.

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87. SSB. Minutes of annual meetings, 1921-30/Minutes of trustees meetings: 1921-30/
Annual report of secretary: 1921-26/Treasurer's reports: 1921-30/Treasurer's records: 1914-34/Membership lists. **Shelved off-site**
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SIMPLIFIED SPELLING BOARD (Publications) TO COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
(one copy, except where noted)

- Simplified Spelling Bulletin. Vol I, no 1 (June 1909) through Vol V, no 5 (June 1914). Quarto size.
- Simplified Spelling Bulletin. Vol VI, no 1 (Sept 1914) through Vol VII, no 1 (June-July-Aug 1915). Octavo size.
- Simplified Spelling Board. Numbered circulars. Nos. 1-26 (Mar 21, 1906-Mar 24 1913). Lacking number 13.
- Handbook of Simplified Spelling. 1920.
- Simplified Spelling: addresses delivered at a meeting of the Board of Educ. of the City of New York. Nov. 28, 1906.
- Addresses delivered before the Committee of Studies and Text-Books of the Board of Ed. of the City of New York. Oct. 24, 1906.
- "Spelling Without Tears" 10 leaflets, 3 copies each.
- Simplified Spelling for the Use of Government Departments. Octavo w/card & list
- SSB. Local Agents (special circular). June 26, 1909.
- To the Signers of the Promise. March 12, 1909.
- SSB. List of publications in circulation. April 1915.
- 1906+1916: Ten Years of Organized Effort for Simplified Spelling. (pamphlet)
- One Hundred Specimen Words in Simplified Spelling. March 24, 1913.
- Reform of German Spelling (repr from Educ. Review) Sept. 1907.
- Spelling of College Students, by Foster. (repr from JEP). April 1911.
- Numeric Reform in Nescioubia, by Grandgent. (repr from SSBulletin) Sept. 1914
- Progress of Simplified Spelling, by Matthews. (repr NYTimes) Oct. 14, 1912.
- Spelling in the East Side Schools of New York. (repr EducRev) Feb. 1908
- Walter William Skeat Pan Appreciation, by Scott. (repr NYEvePost) Oct. 28, 1912.
- Simplified Spelling: a list of signers in Philadelphia and Suburbs. June 1908.
- SSB. List of the signers in Milwaukee, Wis. Nov. 15, 1911.
- Simplified Spelling from the Scholarly Standpoint and With Reference to the Masses, by Gideon and Seerley. (NEA repr). July 1911.
- Life and its Ways: Opinions and Filosofies of Isaac Pitman and other Reformers: New York. Jan. 4, 1913.

1907-1917

SSB. Bylaws. As adopted Oct. 23, 1917 and as amended Apr. 5, 1910; Apr. 2, 1913;
May 4, 1915 and Mar. 26, 1917.

SSB. Proposed additional rules for the simplification of English spelling
(confidential report). Jan. 31, 1912.

What has been done can be done: A Comparison. [1931?]

(one copy each, except where noted)

Proposals for a simplified spelling, by Rippmann & Archer	1910 (outside)	
"	1910 (pocket ed)	
The Pioneer of simplified spelling, 1st series, 1912-1918	vol I	no 1
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Bulletin of the SSS announcing suspension of Pioneer, March 1919		
The Pioneer of simplified spelling, 2nd series, 1926-1928	vol I	no 1
"	I	2
"	I	3
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"	II	1
"	II	2
"	II	3
The Pioneer, 3rd series, vol I no. 1		Summer, 1952

Simplified Spelling Society pamphlets:

1. On the history of spelling, by Skeat.
2. I hav lurnt to spel, by Archer
3. Dhe etimolojikal arguement, by Archer
4. Dhe eesthetik arguement, by Archer
5. A breef history of English speling.
6. Dhe proez and konz ov rashonal speling (by Archer)
7. The best method of teaching children to read and write
8. Dhe fonetik aspekt ov speling reform, by Jones
9. The use of simplified spelling in teaching infants . . . , by Harrison
10. Spelling reform and our schools, by Reed.

Advantages of a Rational Spelling (pamphlets)

1. The saving of time
2. Teaching would be rational
3. The gain to the teaching of our language and literature
4. English as the language of universal intercourse.

Objections to Changing the Spelling (pamphlets)

1. The etymological argument
2. The "write, right, rite" argument
3. The "no-standard" argument
4. The "constant change" argument
5. The aesthetic argument

House of Commons, March 6, 1952. Simplified English Spelling.

Views on Spelling Reform, by Ripman et al. 1944

A Reeder in Simplifyd Speling, Book I. n.d.

Dhe Litl Red Hen. n.d.

Dhe Star, by H.G.Wells. n.d.

Shaeksperr'z Hamlet, trans. by P.A.D. MacCarthy. n.d.

A Teachers' Manual to accompany SSS series of readers, by Harrison. n.d.

A Short Account of New Spelling. 1940

New Spelling, by Ripman and Archer (6th ed.) n.d.

Dictionary of New Spelling, by Ripman n.d.

SSSGB. Miscellaneous pamphlets

Simplified Spelling Society, Station Road, Wallsend-on-Tyne. Prospectus. n.d.

Case for the Improvement of Spelling. Correspondence with the president of
the (National) Board of Education. 1933?

English Spelling is Bad Spelling. n.d.

- Spelling Reform: Its Benefits to Commerce. n.d.
- The Proez and Konz ov Rashonal Speling: An Intervyu. March 1, 1912 (repp.
from the London Daily Chronicle)
- Lifting the Burden from the School Child. n.d.
- The Commercial Advantages of an Intelligent Spelling, by Broderick. Feb 2, 1917
- A Scheme of Simplified Spelling, briefly described. Dec. 1911
- To Teachers: "Clear Speech and Clean Spelling" Dec. 1911
- A Reform That Pays, by R.W. Macan n.d.
- A Business Man's Views, by Sir G.B. Hunter. No.13. n.d. (repr., North Mail)
- Address by the Rev. Professor Skeat. Sept.18, 1908.
- Brief History of English Spelling. Mar. 1, 1913.
- The Best Method of Teaching Children to Read and Write: a report of an
experiment conducted in 16 schools. Oct.1924.
- Report of a School Experiment in Teaching Reading: Rational and Conventional
Spelling Compared. n.d.
-) Bulletin of the Simplified Spelling Society. April 1920.
- Why Does the English Child not "Explode into Reading and Writing"? n.d.
- Experiments with Simplified Spelling. n.d.
- Petition for a Royal Commission to Examine the Question of English Spelling.
Meeting of the SSS at the Conf. of Educ. Assns. Jan. 3, 1925.
- Memorial on Spelling Reform. Presented to the Rt.Hon. C.P. Trevelyan. Sept 24, ~~1924~~
1925
- Insist Upon It: A Word to Workers. n.d.
- Report of Proceedings of the SSS at the 10th Annual Conference of Educational
Associations. Jan. 4, 1922.
- The Cais against Simplificaishon. No. 2. Mar. 29, 1912.
- Simplified Dutch v. Complicated English in South Africa, by Joseph Hogarth.
No. 8. Mar. 29, 1912.
- Simplified Spelling, by Prof. Walter Rippmann. No. 9. March 1912.
- The Imperial Education Conference and the Simplification of English Spelling
by Prof. Walter Rippmann. June 1911.

To the Secretary of the Reconstruction Committee. A petition. Jan. 15, 1917
(two copies)

Simplified Spelling: vowel sounds (card) n.d.

How to Write in Simplified Spelling (card) n.d.

Petition to the Prime Minister Praying for the Appointment of a Royal
Commission to Consider the Question of English Spelling:
An Appeal to Overseas Education Departments. n.d.

An Appeal for Signatures to the Petition to the Prime Minister. Part One:
The Case for Spelling Reform. n.d.

Presidential Address, delivered at the first meeting of the SSS. Sept. 8, 1908.
By the Rev. Professor Skeat. October 1908.

To the Rt. Hon. Stanley Baldwin, Prime Minister. Petition. n.d.

Simplified Spelling Society. Membership application blanks. (three copies)

SPELLING REFORM ASSOCIATION/ANGLIC/ETHNOLOGICAL SOCIETY

TO COLUMBIA UNIV.

(one copy, except where noted)

Spelling. Vol I, nos. 1-4. 1887 (cloth)

Spelling. Vol II, no. 5 Apr. 1892. (paper)

" II 6 July 1892 "

" II 7 July 1893 "

" II 8 March 1894 "

" III 9 Sept. 1894 "

Bulletin of the Spelling Reform Association. No. 16

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Sensible Spelling (Home Journal repr) n.d.

Spelling Reform Association. Feb. 1, 1888

Anglic, by Zachrisson. Semi-final revised edition, 1930.

Anglic Edukaeshonal Revue, vol I nos. 1-2 Sept.-Okt. 1930

" I 3 Nov 1930

" I 4 Dec 1930

" I 5 Jan 1931

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" I 10 June 1931

Is Your Pronunciation O.K? n.d.

GODFREY DEWEY - SHORTHAND PUBLICATIONS TO COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
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- Personal Shorthand. 1922
- Personal Shorthand Reader No. 1. 1922
- Personal Shorthand Exercises. 1922
- A Compend of Demotic Shorthand. 1923 (two copies)
- Demotic Shorthand Reader. 1923
- A Summary of General Shorthand. 1924
- General Shorthand: Basic Text. 1936
- The General Shorthand Teacher. 1936
- The General Shorthand Reader. 1936
- Script Shorthand. 1944, c.1938
- Script Shorthand Exercises. 1944, c.1938
- Script Shorthand Teacher. 1938
- Script Shorthand Dictation Course. 1939
- Script Shorthand Dictation Course: Teacher's Handbook. 1939
- Supplementary Dictation Exercises. 1940
- Supplementary Dictation Exercises: Teacher's Handbook. 1940
- Script Shorthand Penmanship. 1942
- Script Shorthand Dictionary (tentative edition) 1941?
- Script Shorthand News and The Scribe vol I Sept 1938-June 1939
- " II Sept 1939-June 1940
- " III Sept 1940-June 1941
- " IV Sept 1941-June 1942
- " V Sept 1942-June 1943
- " VI Sept 1943-June 1944
- " VII Sept 1944-June 1945
- " VIII Sept 1945-June 1946

Summary of the Shorthand Study, by Phillip J. Rulon. 1942

An Experimental Comparison of Two Shorthand Systems, by Deemer and Rulon. 1942

Script Shorthand at a Glance. 1938

Dewey Shorthand. 1947

Dewey Shorthand Teacher. 1947

Dewey Shorthand Dictation Course. 1948

Dewey Shorthand Dictation Course: Teacher's Handbook. 1948

Dewey Shorthand Workbook. Nos. 1-4. 1948

Dewey Shorthand for Personal Use. 1949