Wiksell, Gustave Percival.

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1887-1939

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Descriptive Summary

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Biographical Notes

Gustave Percival Wiksell

Gustave Percival Wiksell (1863-1940) was a Boston dentist who also served as president of the Walt Whitman Fellowship from 1903 until 1919.

Bliss Carman

(William) Bliss Carman (1861-1929) was a prominent Canadian poet whose work was heavily influenced by philosophy, especially that of Emersonian transcendentalism. He attended the universities of New Brunswick, Oxford, Edinburgh, and Harvard, and spent much of his working life writing and editing for American publications. His first collection of poetry, *Low Tide on Grand Pre: A Book of Lyrics* (1893), established him as "a poet of delicate moods and mysterious landscapes."

Franklin Benjamin Sanborn

Franklin Benjamin (F. B.) Sanborn (1831-1917) was an American author, journalist, and philanthropist. He was friend and mentee of Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882) and agent of abolitionist John Brown (1800-1859). Because he refused to testify regarding Brown's actions at Harper's Ferry (which he had only aided after his discouragement had failed), Sanborn was arrested on April 3, 1860, but was released by the orders of the Chief Justice. Much of Sanborn's writing involves biographical studies of the men he had admired in his intellectual circle; this is especially the case with *Recollections of Seventy Years* (1909).

Ralph Waldo Trine

Ralph Waldo (R. W.) Trine (1866-1958) was a philosopher and writer of the New Thought movement, which was heavily influenced by the philosophy of Ralph Waldo Emerson, marked by idealism and the importance of human spirituality. His inspirational texts *What All the World's A-Seeking* (1896) and *In Tune with the Infinite* (1897) gained wide appeal.

Sources:


Scope and Content Note

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Materials related to Canadian-born poet Bliss Carman were originally laid in Wiksell's copies of Poems, Volumes I and II (1905). These materials include newspaper clippings related to Carman as well as letters, both handwritten and typed, mostly from Carman to Wiksell. Some of the letters indicate that they were dictated to Carman's manager, Kate Eastman, and also included are two letters from Eastman to Wiksell.

Materials related to F. B. (Franklin Benjamin) Sanborn were originally laid in Wiksell's copies of Recollections of Seventy Years, Volumes I and II (1909). Most of these materials are clippings or other ephemera related to John Brown, often regarding the fiftieth anniversary, in 1909, of his raid on Harper's Ferry. There is also a letter from Oswald Garrison Villard (the grandson of abolitionist William Lloyd Garrison), who was writing a book on John Brown and was requesting materials from Wiksell. There are also photographs of Sanborn, some of them taken at his family homestead, as well as a letter from Sanborn and a manuscript of his speech, "The Memory of Francisco Ferrer," which was delivered October 13, 1910.

Materials related to R. W. (Ralph Waldo) Trine were originally laid in Wiksell's copy of What All the World's A-Seeking (1896). These materials include handwritten letters from Trine to Wiksell regarding dental work he needed done as well as his upcoming visit to Pueblo, Colorado.

The books have been cataloged with imprints in Special Collections.
Selected Search Terms

Personal Names

Carman, Bliss, 1861-1929.
Sanborn, F. B. (Franklin Benjamin), 1831-1917.
Trine, Ralph Waldo, 1866-1958.
Wiksell, Gustave Percival.

Topical Terms

Authors, American--History--20th century.
Poets, Canadian--History--20th century.

Geographic Names


Form/Genre Terms

Clippings.
Letters (correspondence)
Photographs.
Speeches.

Occupation

Authors.

Personal Contributors


Related Materials in this Repository

This item forms part of MSS 099 Miscellaneous Literary and Historical Manuscripts.
Detailed Description of the Collection

*Poems*, Volumes I and II (1905), by Bliss Carman

Photograph, undated

Verso reads: "[pro]bably the last photo taken of Bliss Carman."

Clippings, undated

Three undated clippings about Carman and his work.

Letters

Bliss Carman to Laurens Maynard, 1900 November 9

Bliss Carman to Gustave Percival Wiksell, 1922 October 11 and October 24

Bliss Carman to Gustave Percival Wiksell, 1927 November 25

Kate Eastman to Gustave Percival Wiksell, undated

Two letters from Eastman to Wiksell.

Dr. Isaac "Hull" Platt to Gustave Percival Wiksell, undated

"Hull" was a Boston surgeon; he told Maynard to send Wiksell "the Carman books."

*Recollections of Seventy Years*, Volumes I and II (1909), by F. B. Sanborn

Clippings, circa 1909

Three newspaper clippings related to abolitionist John Brown and the fiftieth anniversary, in 1909, of his raid on Harper's Ferry.

Cabinet card, 1887 May 7

Book prospectus, 1910

Prospectus of Oswald Garrison Villard's *John Brown, 1800-1859, A Biography, Fifty Years After*, with order card laid in.

Photographs, undated

Four photographs, three labeled as Sanborn visiting his "birthplace."
"The Memory of Francisco Ferrer", 1910 October 13

Manuscript of Sanborn's speech delivered at Faneuil Hall in Boston, portions typed and handwritten.

Letters

J. H. Johnston to Gustave Percival Wiksell, 1910 January 6

Autograph letter informing Wiksell that he had attended a lecture given by Villard regarding his upcoming book and that he had told Villard about Wiksell's collection of John Brown letters.

Oswald Garrison Villard to Gustave Percival Wiksell, 1910 January 27

Typed letter thanking Wiksell for letting him have a copy of one of his John Brown letters.

Franklin Benjamin Sanborn to Gustave Percival Wiksell, 1939 November 20

Autograph letter, Sanborn mentions that he was thinking about moving out to California.

*What All the World's A-Seeking* (1896) by R. W. Trine

Ralph Waldo Trine, letter to Gustave Percival Wiksell, 1901 April 11 and June 18

Two autograph letters, the first regarding dental work he needed done and the second regarding his upcoming trip to Pueblo, Colorado.