

**National Shorthand Reporters Association. Collection**

**Size:** 7.1 linear ft. (8 boxes; 5 cartons)

**Access information:** No restrictions. Advance notice required.

**Source:** Gift of John J. Healey.

**Biographical statement:** The National Shorthand Reporters Association (Stenographers) (N.S.R.A.) was founded in 1899; their objective is to provide excellence and education with regard to shorthand.

**Description:** The collection, 1869-1937, mainly consist of opinions of the Standardization (NSRA) Movement regarding Pitman Shorthand (30 volumes). This section also includes correspondence, 1909-1912, concerned with the Standardization Movement. Other material within the collection is the correspondence, 1916-1935, of the court reporter A.R. Bailey. Drafts are THE REPORTERS PHASE BOOK OF STANDARDIZED PITMANIC SHORTHAND (longhand drafts 1932-1933), based on the opinions and documents of the Standardization Committee. The collection also contains Robert S. Taylor's stenographic notes (1929), the court notes (1869-1870) of William Wesley Osgoodby (recorded in Rochester, New York) and Spencer C. Rodgers stenographic minutes for the trial of the People vs. C. Samuel Barnes (1869). Barnes was tried for murder in Monticello, New York on May 27-28. The minutes are written in longhand.

**Related Material:** The New York Public Library Archives. Director's Office Correspondence. National Shorthand Reporters Association 1935-1955.

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Restrictions

Description

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Special Formats  Photographs  Maps  Audio Tapes  Films  Graphics  
 Artifacts  Machine-readable records  
 Other (list) \_\_\_\_\_

Temporary catalog card added entries

Court records-New York (State)  
Law reporters  
New York (N.Y.)-History 1865-1898; 1898-1951  
Shorthand  
Shorthand-Pitman  
Osgoodby, William Wesley (1834-1916)  
Rodgers, Spencer C.  
Taylor, Robert S (1869-1924)

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## BIOGRAPHY

The National Shorthand Reporters Association (Stenographers) (N.S.R.A.), was founded in 1899; their objective is to promote excellence and education with regard to shorthand.

During the 1920's and 1930's, the N.S.R.A. published the Reporters Phrasebook of Standardized Shorthand (Pitmanic) (1934). This was an accumulation of opinions and knowledge based on experience gathered by the Standardization Committee of the N.S.R.A. The original material along with several drafts of the monograph were donated to the N.Y.P.L. by John J. Healy.

Today, the N.S.R.A. is a national organization which covers independent state regional and local institutions. Membership is over 15,000 which represents verbatim shorthand reporters (using manual or machine method), who work as official reporters for courts and government agencies and as free lance reporters for independent contractors, retired reporters, teachers of shorthand reporting and school official (12,000) and student shorthand reporters (3,000).

The N.S.R.A. holds annual national speed contests. Committees: Approved Reporter Training; Certificates of Proficiency and Vocational Guidance; Public Relations; Student-Reporter Promotion and Vocational Guidance, Publications; The National Shorthand Reporter (10 a year); Annual Proceedings; Membership (annual) and they also publish Professional Education Series and other guides and booklets. In 1970, the N.S.R.A. absorbed the Associated Stenotypists of America. A Convention is held annually.

Location: 118 Park Street., S.E. Vienna, VA 22180

DESCRIPTION

The collection, 1869-1937, mainly illustrates the continual changes of shorthand interpretations by shorthand reporters through letters, drafts and court notes.

The bulk of the collection is opinions of the Standardization Committee (NSRA), 1927-1937, regarding Pitmanic shorthand (23 volumes). Other correspondence, 1909-1912, in this section, concerns the Standardization Movement. Consult the two page index for a brief description.

Other letters are correspondence to and from the court reporter A.R. Bailey, 1916-1935. The drafts are The Reporters' Phase Book of Standardized Pitmanic Shorthand (longhand drafts 1932-1933), based on the opinion and documents of the Standardization Committee.

Stenographic notes and court notes of reporters are Robert S. Taylors' stenographic notes 1929; court notes, 1869-1870, by William Wesley Osgoodby, of trials. Osgoodbys' notes are in shorthand and were recorded in Rochester, New York. Another reporter represented is Spencer C. Rodgers, stenographic minutes for the trial of the "People vs. C. Samuel Barnes 1869". Barnes was tried for murder in Monticello, New York May 27-28. The minutes are written in longhand.

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                                  Outgoing letters 1935
- Thomas Bengough.   THE STANDARDIZATION OF REPORTING  
                                  SHORTHAND 1909.
- John Healey.   SRS outline (draft).
- Robert S. Healey. Notes of a charge in which the numbers  
                                  of words and the number of outlines in each sentence  
                                  is given.
- ibid.   Stenographic notes...1929.
- Shorthand Reporter's Phase book (sample pages).
- N.S.R.A. emblem material; miscellany.
- Box 2.     The Reporters Phase Book of Standardized Pitmanic  
                                  Shorthand 1932 (original draft).
3.            1932 and 1933 (2nd draft).
4.            1933 (bound draft)
5.     William Wesley Osgoodby.   Original court notes 1869-  
                                  1870.
- Spencer C. Rodgers.   Stenographic minutes for the trial  
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VOLUME 15. Chairman Healy's First Compilation of shorthand material for the Phrasebook, given to Bailey Jan. 26, 1932, and Bailey started his first revision of it during 1932.

VOLUME 16. Bailey's First Revision of Healy's book Vol. 15. This revision was completed during 1932.

VOLUME 17. Healy's revision of Vol. 16, made by Bailey. Also 2<sup>nd</sup> Book of Healy's Revision of Vol. 16. 17A

VOLUME 18. Bailey's final revision of the Phrasebook, started early in 1933

VOLUME 19. Healy's Brief and Comments on Bailey's final revision, Vol. 18.

VOLUME 20. Bailey's Word-list, compiled in July, 1931, showing outlines not found in the 1921 Handbook, and intended to aid the Committee in adopting or improving such outlines. Four copies were made by Bailey.

VOLUME 21. Containing extracts relating to SRS. cut from various magazines, from 1909 to 1916, pp. 1-814, *This Volume* 65

VOLUME 22. Similar to above, from 1917-1934, pp. 814-1637, 71

VOLUME 23. Extracts taken from the Annual Proceedings of the National Shorthand Reporters' Association, from 1908 to 1934, relating to the Standardization Movement. A table of Contents accompanies this volume. 65A

VOLUME 24. A rough compilation of shorthand material by Robert S. Taylor, for the Handbook; also contains letters and comments by him regarding SRS.

VOLUME 25. Annual Reports and rough drafts of reports made by the Standardization Committee to the N.S.R.A.

VOLUME 26. Essays and Articles relating to SRS from 1909 to 1926. Table of Contents in this volume.

VOLUME 27. Containing contributions of SRS material, from various sources, from 1911 to 1928. Table of contents accompanies this volume.

VOLUME 28. Miscellaneous material for the Phrasebook, from 1922 to 1934. No table of contents.

VOLUME 29. Letters and data re. SRS handbook, from 1909 to 1920. Not indexed or paged.

VOLUME 30. Rough Compilation of material for Phrasebook. Not paged or indexed.