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For earlier dissertations see:

James Woodress, comp., Dissertations in American Literature 1891-1955 with Supplement 1956-1961 (Durham, N. C. 1962) and

Lawrence F. McNamee, Dissertations in English and American Literature. Theses Accepted by American, British and German Universities 1865-1973, 3 vols. (New York, London 1968-1974).

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Helpful compilations of articles on American literature and American Studies are

Lewis Leary, comp., Articles on American Literature, 1900-1950, 2 vols. (Durham, N. C. 1954, 1970) and

Henning Cohen, Articles in American Studies 1954-1968, 2 vols. (Ann Arbor 1972).

Again neither of these works contain abstracts but both use subject headings.