**Singular**

1901-1902 [c.]  Definitions for Baldwin's Dictionary [R]  |  MS [R] 1147

**Singular.** Not general; being in one place at one time.

1902  |  Singular  |  DPP 2:533

(1) Applicable, as a sign, to a single individual.

(2) In mathematics: a singular place upon a continuum is a place whose properties differ from those of all other places in the vicinity, so as to constitute in one aspect a discontinuity.

1904  |  Foundations of Mathematics [R]  |  MS [R] 10:1

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1904  |  Foundations of Mathematics [R]  |  MS [R] 11:1

If a sign allows no latitude, either to utterer or to interpreter, as to what object or meaning it shall be regarded as representing, it may be called a *singular sign*.


...a sign cannot be at once vague and general in the same respect. It may, however, be both definite and individual; and in that case may be said to be used *singularly*. ‘Man’ is used vaguely in ‘Some man sins’; generally, in ‘Every man sins’; singularly, in ‘This man sins.’