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The collection contains miscellaneous letters and memorabilia of American novelist and dramatist Booth Tarkington (1869-1946). Tarkington was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, and attended Phillips Exeter Academy, Purdue University, and Princeton University. He won Pulitzer Prizes for his novels The Magnificent Ambersons and Alice Adams. Tarkington was also known for his books about adolescents, such as Penrod and Seventeen.

Included are letters to Grace Elliston, Robert Underwood Johnson, a "Mr. Gibson," a "Mr. Phillips," and a "Mrs. Dwight;" a drawing of a boy and a dog; a printed announcement for the production of the Country Cousin by Tarkington and Julian Street; and three photographs. Also present is a file of letters, 1938-1947, to Earle J. Bernheimer by Booth Tarkington, Susannah Tarkington, Elizabeth Trotter, Julian P. Boyd, and Julie Hudson related to "An Exhibition of Booth Tarkington's Works in the Treasure Room of the Princeton University Library" in March of 1946.

Arranged in order of acquisition.

Access

The collection is open for research.

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Custodial History

This is an open collection for the addition of miscellaneous, small accessions related to Booth Tarkington. It was begun with material previously placed in the Manuscripts Division's General Manuscripts Miscellaneous Collection.

Provenance and Acquisition
Letters to Wetherell are a gift of T.R. Ayres. Sketches and typescripts of "Fools Will Burn" and "The Secret..." are a gift of Mrs. David Laurance Chambers. Typescript of interview is a gift of Henry W. Bragdon. Script of "Rumbin Galleries" is a gift of Carl Brandt.

Copy of "The Turnell" is a gift of Joseph D. Dudley '27. Miscellaneous letters, manuscripts, photographs are a gift of Mr. and Mrs. Barton Currie. Letter from Tarkington to Hancock is a gift of Walker Hancock. 210 volumes are a gift of Mrs. Howard S. Fisher.

Letter to Mrs. Josephs is a gift of Mrs. Eugene S. Josephs. 146 Letters are a gift of Hugh M. Kahler '04. 19 letters are a gift of Mrs. Sidney Repplier. Letters and published works are a gift of C.E. Murray. Letter to Panofsky is a gift of Erwin Panofsky. 37 Letters and certificate of election are a gift of Mrs. Donald Jameson.

Misc. materials from the estate of Elizabeth Trotter are a gift of T.T. Newbold. Letter to Herb Roth is a gift of Robert Roth '50. Manuscript of "The Need of Money" is a gift of Robert A. Hart. Photograph of Tarkington is a gift of Mrs. James B. Wyman. Large addition is a gift of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Jameson '50. Letters to "Dear Phillips", "Dear Gibson" are a gift of Robert Van Valzah Jr.

Letters to the Burrages are a gift of Mildred G. Burrage. Archive of letters purchased from Freedom Bookshop in 1992. Letters to Irving Dilliard are a gift of Mary Sue Schusky.


Appraisal

No appraisal information is available.

Related Archival Material

Booth Tarkington Papers (C0062)
· Bernheimer, Earle J.
· Tarkington, Booth, 1869-1946.
· Dramatists, American -- 20th century.
· Novelists, American -- 20th century.
· Correspondence -- 20th century.
· Photoprints -- 20th century.
· American literature
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Letters from Booth Tarkington to Mr. Gibson and Mr. Phillips, 1 drawing of boy and a dog, undated  Box: 1 Folder: 1

Letter from Booth Tarkington to Mrs. Dwight, Typed, 1939 August 3  Box: 1 Folder: 2

Printed Announcement by Booth Tarkington for "The Country Cousin", undated  Box: 1 Folder: 3

Letter from Booth Tarkington to Grace Elliston, Autographed, 1917 August  Box: 1 Folder: 4

Letter from Booth Tarkington to Mr. Johnson, Autographed, 1903 December 2  Box: 1 Folder: 5

Material related to "An exhibition of Booth Tarkington's works in the Treasure Room of the Princeton University Library", 1937-1946  Box: 1 Folder: 6
  Description: Letters to Earle J. Bernheimer, 2 photographs of "Seawood", 1 photograph of Booth Tarkington, 1 clipping.

2 Letters from Booth Tarkington to Irving Dilliard, Typed, 1921-1922  Box: 1 Folder: 7

Correspondence between Elizabeth Trotter and George Tyler and Others, 1930-1939  Box: 1 Folder: 8

Booth Tarkington Letter to Robert Underwood Johnson, 1924 October 24  Box: 1 Folder: 9
  accessionnumber: AM 2018-48
  Description: Consists of a two-page handwritten letter from Tarkington to Robert Underwood Johnson (1853-1937) regarding politics and Tarkington's upcoming travels.