Barton Wood Currie Collection, 1918-1948: Finding Aid

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| **Repository:** | Princeton University. Library. Dept. of Rare Books and Special Collections  
Manuscripts Division  
One Washington Road  
Princeton, New Jersey 08544  
USA |
| **Size:** | 0.2 linear feet  
1 half-size archival box |
| **Language(s) of Material:** | English |
| **Abstract:** | Consists of selected letters by authors and publishers addressed to American reporter and editor Barton Currie and his wife, Florence. |
| **Location:** | This collection is stored onsite at Firestone Library. |
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Biography/History

Barton Wood Currie was an American reporter, editor and book collector. He wrote essays on food and home economics for Good Housekeeping magazine (1909-1911). He was editor for Ladies' Home Journal and wrote a page on farming for Country Gentlemen, both publications of the Curtis Co. in Philadelphia. Currie joined Doubleday, Doran & Co. in 1928, and became editor of their business magazine, World's Work. He also wrote and edited non-fiction books including Fishers of Books, which is about book collecting, and Booth Tarkington, A Bibliography.

Description

The collection consists of selected letters of authors and publishers sent to Barton Currie and his wife, Florence. Correspondents include the author Edward William Bok, the Philadelphia publisher Cyrus Hermann Kotzschmar Curtis, and novelist Joseph Crosby Lincoln and his wife Florence; one of the latter's missives is a Christmas card with a poem titled "Christmas A.D. 1940." There are also letters from author A. Edward Newton and from novelist Booth Tarkington and his wife Susanah. In his letter dated October 17, 1932, Tarkington thanks Currie for publishing Booth Tarkington, A Bibliography. There is a Christmas card from Frederic Franklyn Van de Water, with a printed poem, signed "Dougal, the Van de Water's terrier," as well as correspondence between A. Edward Newton and Nelson Doubelday regarding the latter having employed Curtis as editor for Doubleday, Doran & Co.

Also included is a copy of a drawing of Booth Tarkington, which is inscribed by him to Currie and dated September 1926.

Access and Use

Access

The collection is open for research.

Restrictions on Use and Copyright Information

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Acquisition and Appraisal

Custodial History

The collection was formed as a result of a Departmental practice of combining into one collection material of various accessions relating to a particular person, family, or subject.
Provenance and Acquisition

The two letters from J. C. Lincoln, the letter from Susanah Tarkington dated December 28, 1948, the letter from J. J. Dessert, and the drawing of Tarkington were given by Mr. and Mrs. Barton Currie on November 28, 1961.

All other material was given by Mrs. Barton Currie on May 2, 1963. AM17668, 83-61.

Processing and Other Information

Preferred Citation

Identification of specific item; Date (if known); Barton Wood Currie Collection, Box and Folder Number; Department of Rare Books and Special Collections, Princeton University Library.

Processing Information

This collection was processed by Dina Britain on May 6, 2009. Finding aid written by Lauren Kustner on May 21, 2009. Folder Inventory added by Jameson Creager (2015) in 2012.

Encoding

This finding aid was produced using the Archivists' Toolkit 2012-06-26T09:39-0400

Descriptive Rules Used

Finding aid content adheres to that prescribed by Describing Archives: A Content Standard.

Subject Headings

- Doubleday, Doran & Company -- History -- Sources.
- Authors, American -- 20th century -- Correspondence
- Editors -- United States -- 20th century -- Correspondence.
- Publishers and publishing -- United States -- 20th century -- Correspondence.
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