

Booth Tarkington:

An Inventory of His Collection at the Harry Ransom Center

Descriptive Summary

Creator:	Tarkington, Booth, 1869-1946
Title:	Booth Tarkington Collection
Dates:	1905-1949, undated
Extent:	1 box (.42 linear feet), 1 oversize folder (osf)
Abstract:	Includes a few manuscripts and letters (some are copies) by the American novelist and playwright Booth Tarkington. Correspondents include George Ade, George Barr McCutcheon, Louisa Tarkington, and Susannah Robinson Tarkington among others. Also includes Tarkington's guest book for 1907-1911.
Call Number:	Manuscript Collection MS-4157
Language:	English
Access:	Open for research

Administrative Information

Processed by:	Joan Sibley and Sara Saastamoinen, 2012 Note: This finding aid replicates and replaces information previously available only in a card catalog. Please see the explanatory note at the end of this finding aid for information regarding the arrangement of the manuscripts as well as the abbreviations commonly used in descriptions.
Repository:	Harry Ransom Center, The University of Texas at Austin

Works:

- After fifty years, typescript, 2 pages, circa 1940. **Container 1.1**
- The man from home (The guardian), a play in four acts by Tarkington and Harry Leon Wilson, printed book with handwritten revisions by Tarkington, additional carbon typescript scene tipped in, and handwritten inscriptions signed by the authors, 247 pages, 1907. Also tipped in: ALI Tarkington to George Barr McCutcheon, 1 August 1916. Inscribed to McCutcheon, with his book plate. **Container 1.2**
- My poetry book: foreword, typescript with handwritten corrections, 2 pages, undated. **Container 1.1**
- Office of Amgot Gotam Tomgat, typescript, 2 pages, 20 August 1943.
- On discarding the dictionary, typescript, 1 page, undated.
- Press release of The Vigilantes, 2 printed items, 1 leaf each, 27 April no year and 30 June no year. Titles: Arbitrate!; Independence Day, 1918. Removed from AC-L T174B1 1918a v. 8 copy 2. **Container osf 1**
- Tarkington songs, typescript, 2 pages, undated. **Container 1.1**
- Why "Image of Josephine"?, typescript / photocopy, 5 pages, undated.

Letters:

TL / incomplete / photocopy to unidentified recipient, undated. Includes text of letter from Mark Twain to William Dean Howells, 22 July 1908. **Container**
1.3

15 ALS, ALS, 5 ALI, AL, 5 TLS, TLI (all photocopy) to Ade, George, 1905-1943, undated. Two letters are illustrated; one letter is written on the letterhead of Progressive National Committee. **Container**
1.4

TL / copy to Connely, Louisa, 24 August 1942. **Container** 1.3

TLS to Covici, Pascal, 29 September 1924.

6 TLS to Giffen, R. L., 1922-1939.

TL / copy to Hibben, John Grier, 18 May 1914.

ALI to McCutcheon, George Barr, 22 May no year. Removed from AC-L T174gn 1908a copy 6.

ALI to McCutcheon, George Barr, 11 November 1917. Removed from AC-L T174se 1916a.

TLS to Rittenberg, Louis, 13 October 1932. Re George Bernard Shaw.

TL / photocopy to the 1936 Sigma Chi party, 22 June 1936. Party given at home of George Ade.

11 TL / copies to Stark, Jack Gage, 1905-1945.

TL / copy to Tarkington, Elizabeth "Lizzie," 1 May no year (Sacramento).

ALS / photocopy to Tarkington, Laurel, 22 March 1914.

TLS to Tittle, Walter, 29 September 1924.

Recipient:

Unidentified author. TL / photocopy to Tarkington, 31 May 1929.

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1.5

Ade, George, 1866-1944. TL / photocopy to Tarkington, 26 May 1941.

North, Belus F. ALS / photocopy to Tarkington, 3 January 1908.

Sigma Chi Fraternity. TL / photocopy to Tarkington, 23 October 1933.

Miscellaneous:

Kelly, Fred Charters, 1882- . TccLS to Van Nostrand, A. D., 19 November no year. Included with this: printed article / enclosure about Fred C. Kelley by Booth Tarkington. **Container**
1.6

Magazine of Sigma Chi. Event comment re Booth Tarkington, printed article / photocopy, 2 pages, undated.

Purdue University Libraries. TLS Esther Schlundt to Van Nostrand, A. D. re Booth Tarkington, 16 July 1949.

Stark, Jack Gage. TL / copy to Connely, Louisa re Booth Tarkington, 16 June 1949.

Tarkington, Booth. Guest book, 1907-1911. Contains miscellaneous signatures, verses, etc. **Container**
1.7

Tarkington, Booth. Front of envelope addressed to J. Ray Peek, undated. **Container**
1.6

Tarkington, Louisa. ALS / photocopy to Ade, George, 7 July 1909.

Tarkington, Susannah Robinson. ALS / photocopy to Ade, George, 24 February no year.

Tarkington, Susannah Robinson. ANS to Fletcher, Irving, Mrs., 3 June 1946. Removed from AC-L T174pen 1931a.

Explanatory Note Concerning Manuscript Collections Cataloged in the Card Catalog

Prior to 1990 when archival cataloging procedures were adopted at the Ransom Center, all manuscript collections were described in a card catalog.

Organization of Collections:

- Manuscripts for each author collection were organized into four categories:
- **Works:** manuscripts by the author, arranged alphabetically by title;
- **Letters:** the author's outgoing correspondence, arranged alphabetically by recipient name;
- **Recipient:** the author's incoming correspondence, arranged alphabetically by the author of the letter; and
- **Miscellaneous:** all other manuscripts and correspondence, arranged alphabetically by creator.

Materials that did not fit into these categories, such as art, photographs, books, and near-print materials such as newspaper clippings, were dispersed to other Ransom Center collections for cataloging and storage.

Abbreviations Used in Descriptions:

The symbols below were used in combinations. For example **ALS** means autograph letter signed; **Tccms** means typed carbon copy manuscript, etc.

- **A** = autograph (i.e., handwritten)
- **T** = typed
- **S** = signed
- **I** = initialed
- **Ms** = manuscript
- **Mss** = manuscripts
- **L** = letter
- **FL** = form letter
- **N** = note
- **D** = document
- **C** = card
- **PC** = post card
- **cc** = carbon copy
- **p** = page
- **pp** = pages
- **l** = leaf
- **ll** = leaves
- **nd** = no date
- **inc d** = incomplete date