

# James F. Drake, Inc. Sales Records:

## A Preliminary Inventory of Its Sales Records at the Harry Ransom Center

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### Descriptive Summary

- Creator:** James F. Drake, Inc.
- Title:** James F. Drake Inc. Sales Records
- Dates:** circa 1910-1957
- Extent:** 29 document boxes (12.18 linear feet)
- Abstract:** The archive of New York book dealer James F. Drake, comprised primarily of correspondence, financial, and other business records, offers resources for research into the complete operation of a major dealer in the modern book trade. This group of 5x8 cards represents book and manuscript sales of the James F. Drake, Inc. firm of New York City, circa 1910-1957.
- Call Number:** Manuscript Collection MS-02154
- Language:** English
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## Administrative Information

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## Organizational History

The firm of James F. Drake, Inc. was established in 1911 by James Frederick Drake (1863-1933) for the sale of rare books and manuscripts. For the native New Yorker the firm represented the culmination of a career in books and publishing that was already of thirty years' duration. Drake's sons Marston E. and James H. Drake entered the firm in the teens, and by the time of the senior Drake's death the firm on West 40th Street was a mecca for bookmen in the New York area.

The Drake brothers continued in the tradition of their father, but upon the retirement of Marston ("the Colonel") and death in 1965 of Jim the entire stock of the firm and its business records were acquired by the Humanities Research Center at the University of Texas.

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## Scope and Contents

This group of 5x8 cards represents book and manuscript sales of the James F. Drake, Inc. firm of New York City, circa 1910-1957. Most of the cards are filed by author and subsequently by title, though some appear to have been filed by a particular series (Ariel Poets), or press (Doves Press), and occasionally some works are filed by title. Information generally appearing on the cards includes lists of customers who bought particular items, the date, and the price paid. In some instances "wants" are also listed. Correspondence, in the form of quotations from other dealers or requests from customers, is sporadically clipped to individual cards.

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## Related Material

For additional material from the James F. Drake, Inc. Archive at the Harry Ransom Center, see James F. Drake, Inc. Collection of Autograph Letters and Autographs; James F. Drake, Inc. Catalog Slips Records; and the James F. Drake, Inc. Correspondence and Business Records.

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A-At	<b>Container 1</b>
Au-Bel	<b>Container 2</b>
Bem-Bou	<b>Container 3</b>
Bow-Byrnes	<b>Container 4</b>
Byron-Cha	<b>Container 5</b>
Che-Conn	<b>Container 6</b>
Conrad-Dau	<b>Container 7</b>
Dav-Dou	<b>Container 8</b>
Dov-Farr	<b>Container 9</b>
Farrell-Galsworthy (titles A-P)	<b>Container 10</b>
Galsworthy (titles R-Y)-Gri	<b>Container 11</b>
Gro-Hem	<b>Container 12</b>
Hen-Huy	<b>Container 13</b>
I-Kipling (titles A-D)	<b>Container 14</b>
Kipling (titles E-Y)-Lem	<b>Container 15</b>
Les-Mal	<b>Container 16</b>
Man-McM	<b>Container 17</b>
Mea-My	<b>Container 18</b>
Na-Pay	<b>Container 19</b>
Pe-Ren	<b>Container 20</b>
Rep-Sai	<b>Container 21</b>
Sal-Si	<b>Container 22</b>
Sk-Strac	<b>Container 23</b>
Strah-Thir	<b>Container 24</b>

This-V	<b>Container 25</b>
Wa-Wer	<b>Container 26</b>
Wes-Wil	<b>Container 27</b>
Win-Z	<b>Container 28</b>
Christopher Morley Items	<b>Container 29</b>

**Off-site Bar Code List**

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- 3--059188000016990
- 4--059188000017009
- 5--059188000017010
- 6--059188000017020
- 7--059188000017031
- 8--059188000017075
- 9--059188000017042
- 10--059188000017086
- 11--059188000017122
- 12--059188000017111
- 13--059188000017100
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- 15--059188000017064
- 16--059188000017053
- 17--059188000017133
- 18--059188000017202
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- 20--059188000017199
- 21--059188000017188
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