

# James F. Drake, Inc. Catalog Slips:

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

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### Descriptive Summary

- Creator:** James F. Drake, Inc.
- Title:** James F. Drake, Inc. Catalog Slips Records
- Dates:** circa 1911-1965
- Extent:** 23 document boxes (9.66 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 collection consists of 4x6 catalog slips from James F. Drake, Inc. firm, New York City, with bibliographical descriptions of their book shop stock.
- 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 Harry Ransom Center at the University of Texas.

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## Scope and Contents

Consists of 4x6 catalog slips from James F. Drake, Inc. firm, New York City, with bibliographical descriptions of their book shop stock. Also present are a small group of catalog slips for autograph letters in stock. Material came to the Center housed in two 16 drawer file cabinets. A group of 3x5 catalog cards removed from a file box marked "Catalog listing from James F. Drake (presumably)" describes books in stock and is housed in Box 23.

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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. Sales Records; James F. Drake, Inc. Collection of Autograph Letters and Autographs; and the James F. Drake, Inc. Correspondence and Business Records.

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A-Barrie (A-M)	<b>Box 1</b>
Barrie (P-Z)-Blyth	<b>Box 2</b>
Bocc-Byron	<b>Box 3</b>
Cabell-Clem	<b>Box 4</b>
Cley-Cro	<b>Box 5</b>
Cru-Dickens (A-M)	<b>Box 6</b>
Dickens (M-Z)-Ex	<b>Box 7</b>
F-Giss	<b>Box 8</b>
Glad-Harp	<b>Box 9</b>
Harr-Howe	<b>Box 10</b>
Howell-Kepe	<b>Box 11</b>
Kip-Ley	<b>Box 12</b>
Li-Marz	<b>Box 13</b>
Mase-Moore (Letters)	<b>Box 14</b>
Moore (Lewis)-Patmore	<b>Box 15</b>
Patten-Ritson	<b>Box 16</b>
Rittenhouse-Shaw (A-J)	<b>Box 17</b>
Shaw (J-Z)-Stevenson (A-Ob)	<b>Box 18</b>
Stevenson (Od-Z)-Tenniel	<b>Box 19</b>
Tennyson-Watson	<b>Box 20</b>
Watkin-Wyrley	<b>Box 21</b>
Yanks-Zweig	<b>Box 22</b>
Other Miscellaneous Slips	
Old Autograph Letter File: A-Mitford	

Old Autograph Letter File: Montgomery-Z

**Box 23**

Catalog Cards: A-W

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Catalog Cards: Roger Bruce, A-Y

**Off-site Bar Code List**

- 1--059188000016742
- 2--059188000016753
- 3--059188000016764
- 4--059188000016775
- 5--059188000016786
- 6--059188000016797
- 7--059188000016800
- 8--059188000016811
- 9--059188000016855
- 10--059188000016844
- 11--059188000016833
- 12--059188000016822
- 13--059188000016866
- 14--059188000016877
- 15--059188000016888
- 16--059188000016899
- 17--059188000016968
- 18--059188000016957
- 19--059188000016946
- 20--059188000016935
- 21--059188000016924
- 22--059188000016913
- 23--059188000016902