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Summary Information

Repository:	Colby College Special Collections
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Date [inclusive]:	1910-1949.
Physical Description:	2.0 Linear Feet
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Language of the Material:	English.
Abstract:	This collection contains correspondence, manuscripts, photographs, and other materials relating to the life and work of Booth Tarkington, a writer from Indiana who was well known for his novels of life in the midwest, and who later lived in Kennebunkport, Maine.

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Biographical/Historical Note

Booth Tarkington (1869-1946) was a writer from Indiana, well known for his novels of life in the midwest. Pulitzer Prizes were awarded to him for *The Magnificent Ambersons* and for *Alice Adams*. He attended Purdue University and Princeton, where he was a well-known literary and social figure. In later life he divided his time between Indiana and his estate, Seawood, in Kennebunkport, Maine, where he became friends with neighbor Kenneth Roberts.

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Collection Summary

This collection consists of correspondence, 1910-1945 and undated; manuscript items, undated; memorabilia etc. 1923-1942; photographs, undated; clippings (reviews, interviews, et al) 1926-1948.

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Arrangement

Materials arranged in five series: Correspondence, Manuscripts and First Appearances, Memorabilia, Photographs, and Clippings.

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Provenance

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Controlled Access Headings

- Correspondence
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- Photographic prints
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- Clippings
- Kennebunkport, (Me.)
- Authors, American
- Richard Matthews Hallet, b.1887 -- Correspondence
- Hermann Hagedorn, 1882-1964 -- Correspondence
- Arthur L. (Arthur Leighton) Guptill, 1891-1956 -- Correspondence
- Henry James Forman, 1879-1966 -- Correspondence
- Edsel Ford, 1893-1943 -- Correspondence
- Josephine Daskam Bacon, 1876-1961 -- Correspondence
- Lewis, Sinclair, 1885-1951
- Samuel G. (Samuel George) Blythe, 1868-1947 -- Correspondence
- Marx, Groucho, 1891-1977
- Roberts, Kenneth Lewis, 1885-1957
- Robinson, Edward G., 1893-1973
- Van Wyck Brooks, 1886-1963 -- Correspondence
- Tarkington, Booth, 1869-1946
- William Harlowe Briggs, 1876-1952 -- Correspondence
- Stephen Vincent Bene't, 1898-1943
- Tarkington, Booth, 1869-1946
- Owen Brewster, 1888-1961 -- Correspondence
- Louis J. (Louis Jefferson) Brann, 1876-1948 -- Correspondence
- Willkie, Wendell L. (Wendell Lewis), 1892-1944
- Walter H. Annenberg, 1908-2002 -- Correspondence
- George Arliss, 1868-1946 -- Correspondence
- Witter Bynner, 1881-1968
- Richard Burton, 1861-1940 -- Correspondence
- Franklin P. (Franklin Pierce) Adams, 1881-1960 -- Correspondence
- James Truslow Adams, 1878-1949 -- Correspondence
- Samuel Hopkins Adams, 1871-1958 -- Correspondence
- Winthrop Ames, 1870-1937 -- Correspondence
- Thornton Wilder, 1897-1975 -- Correspondence
- Cornell W. Acheson, 1918- -- Correspondence
- Ben Ames Williams, 1889-1953 -- Correspondence
- Robert Underwood Johnson, 1853-1937 -- Correspondence
- Anne Carroll Moore, 1871-1961 -- Correspondence

- Albert Stevens Crockett, 1873-1969 -- Correspondence

Collection Inventory

Series A: Correspondence., 1918-1946

Subseries 1. Letters from Booth Tarkington to various correspondents

Title/Description	Instances
Folder A1: to American Academy of Arts and Letters., Undated.	
Folder A2: to Boy Scouts of America [John H. Finley, Booth Jameson, James E. West], 1935.	
Folder A3: to Dr. Burrage., 1918.	
Folder A4: to Joe Collier., 1942.	
Folder A5: to Albert S. Crockett., 1910-1942.	
Folder A6: to John Wilson Dronser., 1924.	
Folder A7: to Henry James Forman., 1916-1921.	
Folder A8: to Arthur L. Guptill., 1945.	
Folder A9: to Hermann Hagedorn., 1918.	
Folder A10: to Robert Hale., Undated.	
Folder A11: to Richard M. Hallet., Undated.	
Folder A12: to Ernest Harmon., Undated.	
Folder A13: to Col. Harvey., Undated.	
Folder A14: to Mrs. Johnson., 1943.	
Folder A15: to Robert U. Johnson., 1916-1932.	
Folder A16: to William Franklin Knox., 1942.	
Folder A17: to Anne Carroll Moore., Undated.	
Folder A18: to Arthur L. Potter., 1935.	
Folder A19: to Kenneth Roberts., 1939.	
Folder A20: to Silberman Galleries., 1933-1946.	
Folder A21: to John M. Stahl., 1922.	
Folder A22: to Walter Trumbull., 1931.	
Folder A23: to R. S. Aucher Warner., 1942.	
Folder A24: to Ben Ames Williams., c. 1930-1938.	

Subseries 2. Letters from various correspondents to Booth Tarkington

Title/Description	Instances
From Cornell Acheson., 1944-1945	
From Franklin Pierce Adams., 1943.	
From Mrs. Franklin P. Adams., Undated.	
From James Truslow Adams., 1939.	
From Frederick L. Allen., 1938.	
From James Truslow Adams., 1939.	
From Samuel Hopkins Adams., 1943.	
From Winthrop Ames., 1929.	
From Walter Annenberg., 1944.	
From Alan C. Appel., 1941.	
From George Arliss., 1929.	
Folder A25: from art dealers, collectors, museums et al., 1934-1945.	
From Hugh Auchincloss., 1932-1943.	
From Josephine Daskam Bacon., 1938-1939.	
From Mark Barron., Undated.	
From Bronson Batchelor., 1944.	
From Florence Louise Bemis., 1938.	
From Stephen Vincent Benet., 1940.	
From Samuel George Blythe., 1939.	
Folder A26: from book publishers., 1935-1945.	
From Fenton Whitlock Booth., 1940-1945.	
From Nettie S. Booth., 1935.	
Folder A27: from Boy Scouts of America., 1935.	
From Brandt and Brandt., 1931-1945.	
From Louis J. Brann., Undated.	
From Ralph Owen Brewster., 1940.	
From William Harlowe Briggs., 1941.	
From Van Wyck Brooks., 1940.	
From Richard Eugene Burton., 1935.	

From Witter Bynner., 1945.

From Seidal Henry Canby., 1934.

From Mary S. Carry., 1934.

From Carl Lamson Carmer., Undated.

From Dale Carregie., 1935.

From Gladys (Hasty) Carroll., 1935 - 1940.

From Bernard Chebot., 1937.

From Everett R. Clinchy., 1940.

From Cyril Clemens., 1937.

From Shrewsbury Irvin Cobb., 1940.

From Louisa F. Connely., 1937 - 1942.

From Frank Conroy., May 20, 1944.

From Royal Cortissoz., 1938 - 1943.

From Bertram Thomas Costain., 1934 - 1939.

From Lucius Wilbur Cross., 1937.

From Barton Wood Currie., 1937-1939.

From Curtis Brown, Ltd., 1927 - 1944.

From Margaret Blaine Damrosch., Undated.

From Walter Damrosch., 1940.

From H.R. Daniels., January 20, 1935.

From Whitney Darrow., 1945.

From Marcia Davenport (Gluck)., October 6, 1940.

From I.G. Davidson., January 17, 1938.

From Robert William Davidson., 1932-45.

From Charles Gates Dawes., 1926-45.

From Benjamin DeCasseres., 1939.

From George de Ghika., 1938.

From Ernest Dimnet., 1932.

From Edward H. Dodd, Jr., August 20, 1940.

From Wendell Phillips Dodge., 1940.

From Doubleday, Doran and Co., 1932-45.

From Olin Downes., August 16, 1945.

From Guy Pene DuBois., 1944-45.

From Max Eastman., 1936.

From Oscar Pelham Edgar., November 2, 1936.

From George William Eggers., October 28, 1936.

From Encyclopedia Britannica editors., 1937-43.

From Clifton Fadiman., 1938.

From Fyke Farmer., 1945.

From John Farrar., 1941.

From John Hoston Finley., 1925 - 1937.

From Edsel Ford., 1937.

From Henry James Forman., 1936 - 1941.

From Joseph Chamberlain Furnas., Undated.

From Gilbert Wolf Gabriel., 1937.

From Hamlin Garland., 1936 - 1939.

From Arthur Hamilton Gibbs., 1934.

From Charles Dana Gibson., 1937.

From Rodman Gilder., 1936.

From Helen Gish., Undated.

From Mike Gish., 1945.

From Ellen Anderson Glasgow., 1940.

From John Golden., 1936 - 1938.

From Ruth Gordon., Undated.

From Robert Grant., 1935.

From Robert Hale., 1945.

From Charles A. Halleck., 1940.

From Richard Matthews Hallet., 1941- 1945.

From Richard Halliburton., Undated.

From Clayton (Meeker) Hamilton., 1937-1945.

From Samuel R. Harrell., July 25, 1945.

From Sadakichi Hartmann., November 12, 1937.

From Helen Hayes., October 21, 1940.

From Will H. Hays., November 4, 1937.

From March Hereford., May 16, 1938.

From Edwin B. Hillyer., August 21, 1937.

From Robert Silliman Hillyer., 1937 - 1938.

From Josef Holbrooke., 1942.

From Robert Cortes Holliday., 1935- 1936.

From Hamilton Holt., 1935.

From Mark Anthony Howe., August 30, 1938.

From John Mead Howells., 1943.

From Wallace Irwin., 1944.

From Booth Jameson., 1930-45.

From Fenton B. Jameson., 1940-45.

From Florence Jameson, Jr., 1943, Undated.

From Florence M. Jameson., Undated.

From Haute Tarkington Jameson., 1927-1936.

From John Tarkington Jameson, Sr., 1934-1945.

From Josephine C. Jameson., 1942-45.

From Margaret Jameson, Sr., 1939-1945.

From Margaret Booth Jameson., 1943, undated.

From Susannah Tarkington Jameson., 1934-1945.

From Burgess Johnson., June 29, 1944.

From Robert Underwood Johnson., August 4, 1937.

From George Simon Kaufman., Undated.

From Clarence Buddington Kelland., 1940.

From Fred Charters Kelly., 1934-1944.

From Margaret Kennedy., April 21, 1941.

From Adelaide Mills Kipp., September 30, 1937.

From Frank T. Mayberry., July 8, 1945.

From Henry Wysham Lanier., 1938.

From Sinclair Lewis., 1940.

From Wilmarth Sheldon Lewis., 1938.

From Cissie (Marie Cecile) Loftus., Undated.

From Ray Long., 1933 - 1934.

From George Horace Lorimer., 1932 - 1936.

From Graeme Lorimer., 1936 - 1938.

From Philip Q. Loring., October 28, 1935.

From Carl Wesley McCardle., June 7, 1944.

From Samuel Duff McCoy., 1941 - 1945.

From Carleton McCulloch., 1934 - 1945.

Folder A28: from magazine and newspaper editors., 1930-1945.

From Paul Manship., 1943.

From Edward S. Martin., 1935.

From Groucho Marx (Julius)., 1943.

From Frank Jewett Mather, Jr., 1934 - 1945.

From H. W. Miller., Undated.

Folder A29: from miscellaneous correspondents re boats.,
1934-1944.

From Merrill Moore., September 17, 1937.

From Charlotte Murray., 1942.

From H. G. Murray., September 11, 1941.

From Adelaide Neall., 1941- 1945.

From John Ray Newcomb., 1927.

From Meridiths Nicholson., 1941- 1944.

From Frank A. Nunan., October 22, 1942.

From Albert Bigelow Paine., October 6, 1935.

From Edgar Palmer., May 10, 1938.

From Erwin Panofsky., 1938- 1945.

From Bellamy Partridge., 1941- 1945.

From Pasadena Playhouse Association., 1943

From Lesley Payne., 1942.

From Wilbur D. Peat., 1941.

From William Lyon Phelps., 1932- 1942.

From B. Harrison Ragle., December 1, 1940.

From Edward G. Robinson., 1940.

From Basil Ruysdael., June 10, 1938.

From Saturday Evening Post editors., 1941- 1945.

From J. J. Schaefer., 1937.

From Ellery Sedgwick., June 9, 1942.

From Fabian Sevitzy., 1938-45.

From Robert Emmet Sherwood., 1940.

From Henry Augustus Shute., October 20, 1939.

From Silberman Galleries., 1935-1944.

From Silberman Galleries., 1933-46.

From Constance Lindsay Skinner., July 26, 1935.

From Otis Skinner., Undated.

From Wilbert Snow., November 1, 1932.

From Vernon C. Squires., Undated.

Folder A30: from stage , radio, and motion picture personnel.,
1927-1945.

From Herbert Stone., October 31, 1937.

From Rex Todhunter Stout., 1944.

From Wesley Winans Stout., 1937 - 1941.

From Julian Leonard Street., 1927 - 1945.

From Julian Leonard Street, Jr., 1944.

From Mark Sullivan., 1937 - 1939.

From Raymond Gram Swing., July 28, 1943.

From Charles N. Tarkington., 1943 - 1945.

From Linda Tarkington., Undated.

From Tiffany Thayer., 1937 - 1943.

From Lawrence Roger Thompson., 1938.

From Robert Thornby., 1935 - 1943.

From Charles Hanson Towne., 1935 - 1943.

From Charles N. Towne., 1934 - 1935.

From Betty Travis., 1943.

From George C. Tyler., 1932 - 1938.

Folder A31: from various correspondents., 1927-1939.

Folder A32: from various correspondents., 1940-1945.

Folder A33: from various correspondents on his writing., 1927 - 1945.

From Vose Galleries., 1932 - 1945.

From Warrack Wallace., 1935 - 1945.

From Maude Warner., 1942.

From R. S. Aucher Warner., 1931 - 1944.

From Herbert Wertheim., 1941.

From Charles C. Werton., 1932 - 1945.

From Stewart White., 1937.

From Frank Whitmore., 1939.

From Frederic Whitmore., 1938 - 1943.

From Julia P. Whitmore., 1938- 1945.

From Thornton Niven Wilder., April 12, 1941.

From Hugh Wiley., 1939.

From John D. Williams., 1934.

From Wythe Williams., 1940.

From Wendell Lewis Willkie., 1944.

From Charis Wilson., 1938 - 1943.

From Harry Leon Wilson., 1934 - 1939.

From Leon Wilson., 1939 - 1943.

From Dwight Deere Wilman., May 28, 1941.

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Folder B5: List of Paintings., Undated.	
Folder B6: The Seeing Eye., 1936.	
Folder B7: The Turmoil., Undated.	

Folder B8: Indiana Committee for Victory Speech., 1945.

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