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Guide to the

Jack London collection of papers

1900-1948

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Summary

Creator: London, Jack, 1876-1916

Title: Jack London collection of papers

Date: 1900-1948

Size: 168 items

Source: This is a synthetic collection, created from materials acquired through gift and purchase from various sources.

Abstract: This is a synthetic collection consisting of correspondence, and financial and legal documents.

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Creator History

Jack London was an American novelist, short-story writer, essayist, and journalist.

Custodial History

Previous owners include W. T. H. Howe and the American Play Company.

Scope and Content Note

This is a synthetic collection consisting of correspondence, and financial and legal documents. The correspondence includes letters from the author, dating from 1900 to 1913, to William Griffith, Robert Underwood Johnson, J. Ray Peck, the literary agent James B. Pinker, and the literary agency of A. P. Watt and Son, as well as letters relating to the author, dating from 1904 to 1948, between various correspondents, including Jacob Blanck, Ralph Chaplin, Ninetta Eames Payne, Clement King Shorter, and the literary agency James B. Pinker and Son.

Key Terms

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Correspondence

Names

London, Jack, 1876-1916
Blanck, Jacob, 1906-1974
Chaplin, Ralph, 1887-1961
Griffith, William, 1876-1936
Howe, W. T. H. (William Thomas Hildrup)
Johnson, Robert Underwood, 1853-1937
Payne, Ninetta Eames
Peck, J. Ray
Pinker, James Brand, 1863-1922
Shorter, Clement King, 1857-1926
A. P. Watt and Son
American Play Company
James B. Pinker and Son

Container List

Correspondence

Outgoing Correspondence

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|---|---|
| Manuscript box | Brett, Mr. Typewritten copy of a letter to 1907 Mar. 28 (1 p) (1 p)
B. |
| Manuscript box | Griffith, [William]. LS to 1912 Dec. 22 (2 p) (2 p)
B. |
| Manuscript box | Johnson, Robert Underwood. TLS to. Relates to Margaret Smith Cobb
1913 May 31 (1 p) (1 p)
H. |
| Inserted in his:
The son of the
wolf. Boston,
1900. Copy 1 | Peck, [J. Ray]. LS to 1900 May 5 (1 p) (1 p)
H. |
| Manuscript box | Pinker, [James B.]. Letter to 1907 May 24 (1 p) (1 p)
Signed by Charmian Kettridge London for her husband B. |
| Manuscript box | Watt and Son, A. P. 2 TLS, 1 telegram to. 2 p.; telegram; 1 p. 1906 June 24 -
1907 June 9 (3 letters) (3 letters)
With typed copy of letter from Watt, May 10, 1907 |

Related Correspondence

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| Manuscript box
(London, J.) | Chaplin, Ralph. ALS to Jacob Blanck. Relates to the question of Jack
London's authorship of "Why be a soldier, open letter." 1948 Nov. 4 (1 p) (1 p)
B. |
| Manuscript box
(Pinker, J. B., firm) | Letters, ALS, telegrams, etc. from various publishers, etc., to the firm of
James B. Pinker and son as literary agents for Jack London 1904 - 1934 (134
letters in 2 folders) (134 letters in 2 folders)
B. |
| Manuscript box
(London, J.) | Payne, N. E. 11 LS from Ninetta Eames as attorney in fact for Jack London
to James B. Pinker as literary agent for J. London 1907 Aug. 26 - 1909 July 7 (11
letters) (11 letters)
B. |
| Cased | Shorter, Clement K. LS to James B. Pinker. Relates to Jack London 1905
Mar. 28 (1 p) (1 p)
B. |

Financial and Legal Documents

Financial Documents

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| Manuscript box | Holograph receipt written at bottom of letter from Paul Reynolds to J.
London enclosing check for \$180 1906 Jan. 11 (1 item) (1 item)
Signed B. |
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Legal Documents

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| Manuscript box
(London) | Agreements, correspondence, forms, statements from various theatrical
agencies concerning Jack London. Refers to dramatization of his The sea
wolf by Guy Bolton and Joseph Noel. Some dated 1915 - 1941 (11 items) (11
items)

Includes: Bolton, Guy and Joseph Noel. The sea wolf. Typescript of play, undated, with ms.
corrections in an unknown hand. 93 p.; also emended typescripts of Acts II-IV of The sea wolf
and typescript [and carbon] synopses of novel and dramatization. From the files of the
American Play Co. |
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Financial and Legal Documents (cont.)

Legal Documents (cont.)

Manuscript box Authorization (carbon copy) for Mr. Hughes Massie to collect all monies
due in respect of literary rights outside of the American continent 1913 Aug.
30 (1 item) (1 item)
B.