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Guide to the

V.D. Smith collection of Charles L. Young materials

1890-1931

*T-Mss 1985-010

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Summary

Creator: Smith, V.D.

Title: V.D. Smith collection of Charles L. Young materials

Date: 1890-1931

Size: 1.9 linear feet (2 boxes, 1 volume)

Source: Gift of V.D. Smith, 1985

Abstract: The V.D. Smith collection of Charles L. Young materials contains scripts, photographs, a scrapbook, and ephemera documenting the life and career of writer and businessman Charles L. Young.

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Creator History

Charles L. Young was a writer and businessman. His plays include *A Hundred to One Shot*, *The Pride of New York* (with Walter Montague), and *Puck, Judge and the Lady*.

Scope and Content Note

The collection contains scripts for plays, poems, photographs, membership booklets, and a scrapbook of photographs. The collection spans from ca. 1890 to 1931.

Scripts include twenty-one typescripts and copies; some have markings. Most of the scripts are undated, but are probably from the early 1900s. Titles include *Cupid's Apt to Catch You*, *The Devil's Pal*, *A Hundred to One Shot* (1910), and *The Pride of New York* (with Walter Montague, 1907).

There are family photographs, some of early 20th century airplanes, ships and cars, and one possibly of cellist Jean Gerardy. The scrapbook consists of photographs of people (possibly Young and his family) in various cities, as well as one of a woman in a car outside the Young Motor Company. There are also several photographs after a flight from Long Beach, California to Jacksonville, Florida (1912) and a photograph of people watching daredevil Harry Rich perform on the roof of a building.

Also included are a membership booklet for the Freemasons of New York City (1906) and *The Royal Aero Club of the United Kingdom Year Book* listing the Young Aeroplane Co. of Kansas City, Missouri (1914). There are also a few agreements for both theatrical and other business ventures, a list of contracts, several self-improvement tracts by various authors, and a wooden ruler.

Arrangement: Received order; scripts are alphabetical by title.

Key Terms

Subjects

Airplanes
Theater -- United States

Occupations

Businessmen
Dramatists
Poets, American

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Contracts
Photographs
Poems
Scrapbooks
Scripts (documents)

Names

Montague, Walter
Young, Charles L.

Container List

- b. 1 f. 1 Photographs ca. 1900-1913
- b. 1 f. 2 Photographs, Postcard and Identification Card 1890-1916
- b. 1 f. 3 Biographical Forms, Contracts and Play Notes 1897-1913
- b. 1 f. 4 Contract List 1913-1916
- b. 1 f. 5 *Who's Who in New Jersey List and Book Cover*
- b. 1 f. 6 Poems 1931
- b. 1 f. 7 *Freemasons of New York City Membership Booklet and Royal Aero Club of the United Kingdom Year Book of 1914* 1914
- b. 1 f. 8 Self-improvement Materials 1921-1922
- b. 1 f. 9 Self-improvement Materials 1923-1928

Scripts

- b. 1 f. 10 *Around the Town*
- b. 1 f. 11 *(A) Bit of London*
- b. 1 f. 12 *Charity*
- b. 1 f. 13 *Cupid's Apt to Catch You*
- b. 2 f. 1 *(The) Devil's Pal*
- b. 2 f. 2 *(The) Girl from Frisco*
- b. 2 f. 3 *(The) Hotel Bunk*
- b. 2 f. 4 *(A) Hundred to One Shot*
- b. 2 f. 5 *(The) Isle of Bola*
- b. 2 f. 6 *(The) Man from Albany* 1910
- b. 2 f. 7 *(The) Man from Reno* 1910 July 7
- b. 2 f. 8 *(The) Mayor of Hoboken*
- b. 2 f. 9 *My Uncle from Delaware*
- b. 2 f. 10 *(The) Night Before the Wedding*
- b. 2 f. 11 *(A) Night on Broadway*
- b. 2 f. 12 *Oh You Mulligan* 1910 July 23
- b. 2 f. 13 *(The) Pride of New York* 1906-1907
- b. 2 f. 14 *Puck, Judge and the Lady*
- b. 2 f. 15 *(The) Two Thieves*
- b. 2 f. 16 *Who Is Who*
- b. 2 f. 17 *Zig-Zag*
- v. 1 Photographs, Scrapbook and Wooden Ruler 1893-ca. 1920s