

A Guide to the Booth Tarkington Collection

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Item Listing

Manuscripts

Essay, "Flowers for the Living"

Unit Date n. d.

Extent

AMsS,
5 p.

Scope and Content

[Tribute to Julian Street.]

Page 244 of The Two Vanrevels

Unit Date [1901]

Extent

AMs,
1 p.

Introduction to A World Worth While

Unit Date 1922 Feb

Extent

TMs,
2 p.

Scope and Content

[Includes autograph corrections.]

Essay on Wayman Adams

Unit Date 1940 Jul 9

Extent

TMsS,
4 p.

Scope and Content

[Includes printed advertisement for a short film entitled " Wayman AdamsPainting a Portrait."]

Letters

Booth Tarkingtonto [John Kendrick] Bangs

Unit Date 1892 Apr 9

Extent

ALS,
2 p.

Scope and Content

[Sends thanks of cast and crew of "Katherine" for telegram which was read to the cast before the curtain; writes that it inspired the cast; believes the performance of "Katherine" was more professional and scholarly than the other production of the [Princeton College Dramatic] Association; believes audience enjoyed it; states that [J. C. B.] Pendletonwill send an accounting of books sold in the lobby.]

Booth Tarkingtonto John Russell Davidson

Unit Date 1901 Jan 26

Extent

ALS,
2 p.

Scope and Content

[Includes typed copy; recommends Charles Fisk Daltonas a man of character and ability in literary matters.]

Booth Tarkingtonto Hart

Unit Date [1904 ?]

Extent

ALS,
2 p.

Scope and Content

[Declines invitation to dinner; plans to take his wife to a dinner given by George Harveyin honor of H[enry] James; asks for forgiveness for delaying his response; writes that he is almost as irresponsible as Oliver Herford.]

Booth Tarkingtonto "Albert Wrightlought"

Unit Date 1906 Apr 26

Extent

ALS,
4 p.

Scope and Content

[Satirically prohibits further communication or access to box-office, yacht or club; describes grand dinner given by "Handsome Newt Tarkenheimer" for "Hon. Ed. Simmings"; gives examples of "Simmings"]

restrained vocabulary because of the presence of young ladies.]

Booth Tarkington to F. A. Duneka

Unit Date ca. 1906

Extent

ALS,
4 p.

Scope and Content

[States that he has sent manuscript of [Of His Own People]; praises [Lawrence] Mazzanovitch's paintings; asks that Mac write him; comments favorably on Mark Lee Luther's latest novel; writes that he is working on a comedy drama with H. L. Wilson; requests that " Cord and Creese" and " The Dodge Club" be sent to him; hopes " A Castle in Spain" and " The American Baron" will be included in the DeMiller; urges commission be given to Mazzanovitch.]

Booth Tarkington to Grace R. Henry

Unit Date 1910 Feb 13

Extent ALS,3 p.w/env

Scope and Content

[Gives permission to perform "Monsieur Beaucaire" for charity event, waiving his share of the fee although the estate of his collaborator, [Evelyn Greenleaf] Sutherland, will collect her share; states that the manuscript can be obtained from R. Cooper McGrue of Elizabeth Marbury's firm; explains that sets are simple and the number of characters may be cut, as the play has been performed with fifty under [Richard] Mansfield and thirteen under [Crestor ?] Clark.]

Booth Tarkington to [F. A.] Duneka

Unit Date [1912] Oct 5

Extent

ALS,
2 p.

Scope and Content

[Thanks him for the pictures, which are right for light comedy; believes those by Miss Green were too serious; states that he is finishing The Flirt which will begin in the Saturday Evening Post on December 1; writes that he received " Mark Twain" from [A. B.] Paine and finds it to be exceptionally well written.]

Booth Tarkington to [Albert B.] Boyden

Unit Date 1916 Aug 16

Extent

ALS,
3 p.

Scope and Content

[Writes that he has no pictures of himself, but recommends reproducing the portrait by Wayman Adams; mentions that he is "spending the summer at the Doubleday-Page bookshop in the Lord & Taylor store on Fifth Avenue."]

Booth Tarkington to Sylvester Baxter

Unit Date 1919 Jul 24

Extent

TLS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Appendix states that they will do it.]

[Apologizes; states that they will do it.]

Booth Tarkington to Thomas L. Masson

Unit Date 1920 Jul 2

Extent

TLS

Scope and Content

[Regrets missing the seance; writes he has been busy rewriting a play; hopes to see him at Kennebunk Beach and learn what happened.]

Booth Tarkington to Mr. Stearns

Unit Date 1921 Jan 14

Extent

ALS,

1 p.

Scope and Content

[Says his association with Richard Harding Davis was infrequent although it covered 15 years; feels every meeting made him "exhilarated and optimistic."]

Booth Tarkington to Mr. [Schuler ?]

Unit Date 19[21] Sep 16

Extent

ALS,

2 p.

Scope and Content

[Signs N.B.T.; encloses the note suggested; requests proofs of serial; wishes to change the wording in ["Jinny's"] letter; fear it will give readers the wrong impression of "Anne."]

Booth Tarkington to W. Orton Tewson

Unit Date 1924 Aug 18

Extent

TLS,

1 p.

Scope and Content

[Thanks him for note; says he will remember the [request for a submission to the Literary Review].]

Booth Tarkington to W. Orton Tewson

Unit Date 1924 Sep 29

Extent

TLS,

1 p.

Scope and Content

[Declines request to review a book because of other commitments.]

Booth Tarkingtono Carl [Brandt]

Unit Date 1932 Sep 22

Extent

TLS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Expresses thanks for the "gadget"; describes meeting with a Boston detective and an individual who suspect 2 summer visitors of his burglary as well as abducting Raymond Robbins; appreciates Brandt's bringing the portrait when he comes; hopes to identify the painter's style.]

Booth Tarkingtono J[ames] A[rthur] Tufts

Unit Date 1934 Jun 1

Extent TLS, 2 p.w/env

Scope and Content

[Regrets being unable to attend his class reunion at the Phillips Exeter Academy; writes that his ten year ordeal with vision problems has left him a "nervous invalid" whose "dancing days are over."]

Booth Tarkingtono Hamilton Holt

Unit Date 1935 Jun 6

Extent

TLS,
3 p.

Scope and Content

[Regrets being unable to receive an honorary degree from Rollins College and participating in its Animated Magazine; says that a nervous disorder makes it impossible for him to be among large groups; mentions happy memories of Archie Bradshaw and Ethel Moore in Brooklyn and Holt's in-laws, Berkley Smith and family.]

Booth Tarkingtono [Chester W. Cleveland]

Unit Date 1945 Jan 26

Extent

TLS (mimeographed),
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Includes item from the Chicago Sunday Tribune, 1945 Jan 14; thanks him for copies of Magazine of Sigma Chi memorializing George Ade; praises the tribute to an exceptional man and suggests that it be "made into a book."]

Booth Tarkingtono Mr. Halter

Unit Date 1945 May 4

Extent

TLS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Comments on the difficulty of being objective about one's own work; states he rarely re-reads his books; finds it too painful; judges his best work to be the most recent, Kate Fennigate a year or so ago, Josephine now, something else later.]

Booth Tarkington to Mr. Archer

Unit Date 1945 May 29

Extent

TLS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Expresses familiarity with Tolstoy's Kingdom of God; hopes it encourages the idea that the Russian mind is open to world peace if we do not arm ourselves and force them to do the same; mentions a Tolstoy Society was formed by Quakers but is uncertain whether or not it still exists; encloses comments on peacetime conscription.]

Booth Tarkington to Brown

Unit Date Aug 24

Extent

ALS,
2 p.

Scope and Content

[Signs N. B. Tarkington; accompanies a letter of introduction to S. Adams of the advertising staff of McClures who will know whom to contact at Harper's; suggests getting a letter from Riley to Century, from Major to MacMillan Publishing Co., and from Curtis of B. M. to Dodd, Mead, Scribner's, Appleton, etc.; hopes McClures will be satisfactory.]

Booth Tarkington to Mary Ransdell

Unit Date n. d.

Extent ALS, 2 p.w/env

Scope and Content

[Invites her to Mrs. Fraser's dance; hopes many months of atonement have resulted in "absolution" and a positive reply.]

Photographs

Summer home of Booth Tarkington

Unit Date n. d.

Extent

Postcard

Scope and Content

[Signed by Booth Tarkington.]

Booth Tarkington, seated with dogs

Unit Date n. d.

Extent

Photo

Scope and Content

[Signed.] (Mounted on red border)

Miscellaneous

Quotation from Alice in Wonderlandsigned by Booth Tarkington

Unit Date n. d.

Extent

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