George Middleton Papers

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Collection Summary

Title: George Middleton Papers

Span Dates: 1872-1970 Bulk Dates: (bulk 1911-1958)

ID No.: MSS32839

Creator: Middleton, George, 1880-1967

Extent: 15,000 items; 85 containers plus 8 oversize; 36.6 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English, with some French

Repository: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Abstract: Playwright, author, and copyright specialist. Correspondence, literary manuscripts, subject files, and research material and documenting Middleton's career as a playwright, author, and copyright specialist at the Department of Justice. Also includes correspondence relating to the La Follette and Middleton families.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

People

Barrie, J. M. (James Matthew), 1860-1937--Correspondence.

Belasco, David, 1853-1931.

Bolton, Guy, 1884-1979.

Brandeis, Louis Dembitz, 1856-1941--Correspondence.

DeMille, Cecil B. (Cecil Blount), 1881-1959--Correspondence.

Dos Passos, John, 1896-1970--Correspondence.

Duse, Eleonora, 1858-1924--Correspondence.

France, Anatole, 1844-1924--Correspondence.

Frankfurter, Felix, 1882-1965--Correspondence.

Garland, Hamlin, 1860-1940--Correspondence.

Hart, Moss, 1904-1961--Correspondence.

Kaufman, George S. (George Simon), 1889-1961--Correspondence.

La Follette family--Correspondence.

La Follette, Fola, 1882-1970--Correspondence.

La Follette, Fola, 1882-1970.

La Follette, Robert M. (Robert Marion), 1855-1925.

Lewis, Sinclair, 1885-1951--Correspondence.

Lilienthal, David Eli, 1899-1981--Correspondence.

MacKaye, Percy, 1875-1956--Correspondence.

Marquis, Don, 1878-1937--Correspondence.

Masefield, John, 1878-1967--Correspondence.

Masters, Edgar Lee, 1868-1950--Correspondence.

Mencken, H. L. (Henry Louis), 1880-1956--Correspondence.

Middleton family--Correspondence.

Middleton, George, 1880-1967.

Middleton, George, 1880-1967. These things are mine. 1947.

Nye, Gerald P. (Gerald Prentice), 1892-1971--Correspondence.

O'Neill, Eugene, 1888-1953--Correspondence.

Odets, Clifford, 1906-1963--Correspondence.

Rodgers, Richard, 1902-1979--Correspondence.

Roosevelt, Eleanor, 1884-1962--Correspondence.

Roosevelt, Franklin D. (Franklin Delano), 1882-1945--Correspondence.

Shaw, Bernard, 1856-1950--Correspondence.

Steffens, Lincoln, 1866-1936--Correspondence.

Tarkington, Booth, 1869-1946--Correspondence.

Wodehouse, P. G. (Pelham Grenville), 1881-1975--Correspondence.

Wood, Peggy, 1892-1978--Correspondence.

Organizations

Dramatists Guild.

Dutch Treat Club.

Players (Club)

United States. Dept. of Justice.

Subjects

Copyright--Performing rights.

Copyright.

Drama--Societies, etc.

Presidents--United States--Election--1924.

Theater.

Places

United States--Intellectual life--20th century.

United States--Politics and government--20th century.

Occupations

Authors.

Copyright specialists.

Dramatists.

Administrative Information

Provenance

The papers of George Middleton, playwright, author, and copyright specialist, were given to the Library of Congress by his wife, Fola La Follette, in 1969. Subsequent gifts, originally acquired as part of the La Follette Family Papers, were added to the collection by Mary La Follette, 1970-1971.

Processing History

The Middleton Papers were processed in 1970, and expanded in 1977. The finding aid was revised in 1985 and again in 2010.

Transfers

Photographs have been transferred to the Prints and Photographs Division of the Library of Congress where they are identified as a part of these papers.

Related Material

Related collections in the Manuscript Division include the La Follette Family Papers.

Copyright Status

Copyright in the published and unpublished writings of George Middleton in these papers and in other collections of papers in the custody of the Library of Congress is controlled by Fola La Follette's heirs.

Access and Restrictions

The papers of George Middleton are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, George Middleton Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

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<i>Date</i> 1880, Oct. 27	Event Born, Paterson, New Jersey				
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1902	Graduated from Columbia University, New York, N.Y. First professional play, <i>The Cavalier</i> , produced				
1903	Joined The Players, a club for representative members of the dramatic arts and other related professions				
1911	Published <i>Embers</i> . New York: H. Holt and Co. (first volume of one-act plays) Married Fola La Follette				
1913	Joined the Authors League of America Published <i>Tradition</i> . New York: H. Holt and Co.(second volume of one-act plays)				
1915	Published <i>Possession</i> . New York: H. Holt and Co. (third volume of one-act plays) Produced <i>Hit-the-Trail-Holliday</i> , play coauthored with Guy Bolton, adapted by George M. Cohan				
1917	Produced Polly with a Past, play coauthored with Guy Bolton				
1919	Produced Adam and Eva, play coauthored with Guy Bolton				
1920	Published Masks. New York: S. French., fourth volume of one-act plays				
1922	Elected to the Dutch Treat Club				
1927-1929	President, Dramatists Guild				
1928	Represented Authors League at Congress of the International Confederation of Societies of Authors and Composers, Berlin, Germany				
1929-1931	Associate producer and writer, Fox Film Corporation in Hollywood				
1933	Published Hiss! Boom!! Blah!!! New York: S. French				
1936	Published <i>That Was Balzac</i> . New York: Random House				

1942-1958	Technical specialist in copyright law, Office of Alien Property, Justice Department
1947	Published autobiography, <i>These Things Are Mine</i> . New York: Macmillan Co.
1955	<i>Turnabout</i> in manuscript form the first American play copyrighted under the New Universal Copyright convention
1957	Sustained Superior Performance Award, Justice Department
1967, Dec. 23	Died, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of George Middleton (1880-1967) span the years 1872-1970 with the bulk of the material between 1911 and 1958. The collection is composed of correspondence and literary manuscripts organized into the following series: Family Correspondence, General Correspondence, Business Correspondence, Subject File, Literary Manuscripts, Miscellany, and Addition. The material is in English, with some in French.

The <u>Family Correspondence</u> consists of letters written to his wife, Fola La Follette, and to his brother, nephew, and his wife's family about the many activities, places, and people he was involved with as a playwright and as a representative of the writing profession abroad. Events relating to the 1924 presidential campaign of Robert M. La Follette (1855-1925) are also chronicled in Middleton's correspondence with his wife and the La Follette family.

The <u>General Correspondence</u> contains letters from a broad segment of the theatrical, literary, and governmental communities. Among the correspondents are J. M. Barrie, Cecil B. DeMille, Eleanora Duse, Moss Hart, George S. Kaufman, Richard Rodgers, and Peggy Wood from the theatrical community; John Dos Passos, Anatole France, Hamlin Garland, Sinclair Lewis, Percy Mackaye, Don Marquis, John Masefield, Edgar Lee Masters, H. L. Mencken, Clifford Odets, Eugene O'Neill, Bernard Shaw, Lincoln Steffens, Booth Tarkington, and P. G. Wodehouse from the literary community; and Louis Dembitz Brandeis, Felix Frankfurter, David Eli Lilienthal, Gerald P. Nye, and Franklin D. Roosevelt and Eleanor Roosevelt in the governmental community.

The <u>Business Correspondence</u> documents the publication and production of Middleton's plays and articles, his collaboration with David Belasco and Guy Bolton, and his relationship with various agents, producers, and managers.

Of particular interest in the <u>Subject File</u> are papers relating to the Dramatists Guild, of which Middleton was a founding member, and the fight to protect foreign and domestic playwrights' monetary and literary rights in the production and publication of their works. Middleton's service as a copyright specialist in the Justice Department is documented under the headings "Office of Alien Property," "copyright legislation," and "copyrights." Middleton's social relationships with the theatrical community are documented in files relating to the Dutch Treat Club and to Players Club. Important biographical information about Middleton is contained in the "Who's Who" file.

The <u>Literary Manuscripts</u> series contains succeeding drafts, as well as final typescripts or printed versions, of all of Middleton's plays and of his autobiography, *These Things Are Mine*. In many cases photographs of stage sets and actors and actresses accompany the manuscripts. A large part of the autobiographical material consists of research material and family memorabilia that Middleton collected for his writings. Film scripts on which Middleton worked while a producer-writer with the Fox Film Corporation in 1929-1931 are also included. In addition to his books and plays, the

series also documents Middleton's articles, book reviews, early literary writings, lectures, poetry, and stories.

The remainder of the collection consists of family photographs, miscellaneous papers, a card index that Middleton keyed to his correspondence, and his collection of Balzaciana. Scrapbooks include articles written by Middleton on the theater for various newspapers and journals, press reviews, publicity and programs for his plays, and letters of congratulations on his eightieth birthday.

An addition appended to the original arrangement in 1979 spans the period 1879-1970, with the major part dating from 1953 to 1967. Correspondence of George Middleton and Fola La Follette with members of the Middleton and La Follette families is included in the <u>Addition</u>, as is Middleton's correspondence with various friends and associates. This material supplements that found in corresponding series in the main body of the collection.

Much of the material in the headings grouped under the subject file and miscellany subseries of the <u>Addition</u> relates to topics of a personal or family interest. Correspondence and printed matter pertaining to Middleton's involvement in theatrical and literary organizations such as the Dramatists Guild and the Authors League of America are also included.

Carbon copies of typescripts of poems are contained under the speeches and writings heading, as is a final typescript of Middleton's unpublished novel, "A Prisoner of Fame."

Organization of the Papers

The collection is arranged in seven series:

- Family Correspondence, 1872-1968
- General Correspondence, 1901-1967
- Business Correspondence, 1903-1967
- Subject File, 1901-1967
- Literary Manuscripts, 1874-1963
- Miscellany, 1898-1967
- Addition, 1879-1970

Description of Series

Container Series

BOX 1-2 Family Correspondence, 1872-1968

Letters received and copies of letters sent.

Correspondence with wife, Fola La Follette, is arranged chronologically; the other correspondence is divided into two general sections, Middleton family and La Follette family, with some entries by name of correspondent.

BOX 3-17 <u>General Correspondence</u>, 1901-1967

Letters received and copies of letters sent, memoranda, printed material, photographs, newspaper clippings, and other material relating to the correspondent.

Arranged alphabetically by name of correspondent.

BOX 18-23 <u>Business Correspondence</u>, 1903-1967

Letters received and copies of letters sent, contracts and copyright records, programs and publicity for plays, notes, printed material, and newspaper clippings.

Arranged in three sections by name of agents and individuals and by titles of plays.

BOX 24-36 Subject File, 1901-1967

Correspondence, reports, memoranda, manuscripts, printed matter, newspaper clippings, drafts of writings, contracts, certificates of award, and bound volumes.

Arranged alphabetically by topic.

BOX 37-70 <u>Literary Manuscripts</u>, 1874-1963

Notes, scenarios, drafts, manuscripts, typescripts reviewer's copies, printed material, correspondence, newspaper clippings and magazine articles, notebooks, photographs, contracts, and programs.

Arranged by type of literary work and thereunder by title.

BOX 71-87 Miscellany, 1898-1967

Photographs, articles and newspaper clippings, notes, printed material and memorabilia, card index, diplomas, and scrapbooks.

Arranged by type of material.

BOX 88-93 Addition, 1879-1970

Letters received from and copies of letters sent to family members, friends and associates, printed matter, financial records, newspaper clippings, literary typescripts, and notebooks.

Arranged according to the series in the main body of the papers, including family correspondence, general correspondence, business correspondence, subject file, and miscellany.

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вох 1	Selected letters of George Middleton to his wife, Fola La Follette, 1921-1963, undated, and several letters from Fola La Follette to Middleton, 1924, 1935			
BOX 2	La Follette family			
	La Follette, Belle Case, letters sent and letters received, 1912, undated			
	La Follette, Bronson, and family, 1963-1967			
	La Follette, Fola, 1918, 1968			
	La Follette, Joseph, and family, 1965-1966, undated			
	La Follette, Philip, and family, 1936-1965			
	La Follette, Robert (1895-1953), and family, 1936-1960, undated			
	Miscellaneous correspondence, undated			
	Middleton family			
	George Middleton's letters to his parents and grandmother, 1894, undated Letters received from parents and from grandmother and grandfather Middleton, 1894-1920			
	Letters from Middleton's grandfather to his father, George Middleton, Sr., 1872			
	Telegram to mother, 1929			
	Letters received and copies of letters sent to brother, Scudder Middleton, 1928-1959, undated			
	Letters received and copies of letters sent to nephew, David Middleton, 1936-1967			
	Middleton family correspondence, letters received from cousin, Mrs. John Jay Joyce, 1962			
	Letters received and copies of letters sent to cousins, Blakeslee Dunphy, his wife Virginia, and daughter Priscilla (and Charles Burlingham), 1939-1967			
вох 3-17	General Correspondence, 1901-1967			
	Letters received and copies of letters sent, memoranda, printed material, photographs, newspaper clippings, and other material relating to the correspondent.			
	Arranged alphabetically by name of correspondent.			
вох 3	"A" miscellany			
	Abbott, George			
	Adamic, Louis			

Adams, John Wolcott

Adams, Maude

Addams, Jane

Aherne, Brian

Allen, Hervey

Allen, Viola

Ames, Winthrop

Amiel, Denys

Anderson, Judith

Anderson, Maxwell

Anderson, Robert

Andrews, Mary Shipman

Anglin, Margaret

Anspacher, Louis K.

Anson, A. E.

Anthony, Ed and Esther

Anthony, Katharine

Arbos, E. Fernandez

Archer, William

Arliss, George

Arnold, Thurman

Arnoux, Alexandre and Amelia

Atherton, Gertrude

Atkinson, Brooks

Aynesworth, Allan

"B" miscellany

Bacheller, Irving

Bacon, Leonard

Bainter, Fay

Baker, George Barr

Baker, George Pierce

Baker, Ray Stannard

Balch, David A.

Baldwin, Roger

Bangs, John Kendrick

Banks, Leslie

Banks, Nancy Houstin

Barnes, Eric Wollencott

Barnsdall, Aline

Barrie, James M.

Barrymore, John

Bates, Blanche

Beach. Rex

Beard, Charles and Mary

Behrman, Sam

Beith, Ian Hay

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Belasco, David

Bennett, Arnold

Bennett, Richard

Benton, William

Berle, Adolf

Bernstein, Aline

Bernstein, Henry

Bernstein, Leonard

Bingham, Amelia

Bjorkman, Edwin

Blackwell, Alice Stone

Blinn, Holbrook

Block, Anita

Bodanzky, Arthur

Bojer, Johan

Bolton, Guy

Bone, Homer T.

Borchard, Edwin M.

Borgnine, Ernest

Bourdet, Edouard BOX 5

Bouteron, Marcel

Bowers, Claude

Bowes, Major Edward

Bowman, John G.

Boynton, Henry Walcott

Bradley, Jennie Serruys (Mrs. William A.)

Brady, William A.

Bragdon, Claude

Braithwaite, William Stanley

Brandeis. Louis and Alice

Brandt, Carl

Brieux, Eugene

Brooks, Van Wyck

Brown, Francis

Brown, Ivor

Brown, John Mason

Brynner, Yul

Buchanan, Thompson

Buck, Gene

Bullard, Arthur

Bunau-Varilla, Philippe

Burke, Billie

Burnett, Frances Hodgson

Burton, Richard

Bynner, Witter

вох 6 "C" miscellany

Cable, George Washington

Calthrop, Donald

Campbell, Mrs. Patrick

Canby, Henry Seidel

Cane, Melville

Carpenter, George R.

Carroll, Paul V.

Cartwright, Charles

Cassado

Catledge, Turner

Cerf, Bennett

Chamberlain, John

Chamlee, Mario

Chandler, Frank W.

Chapman, Oscar

Chase, Joseph Cummings

Chevalier, Maurice

Churchill, Allen

Chute, Marchette and Joy

Claire, Ina

Clark, Barrett

Clark, Bennett C.

Clark, Joseph S.

Clark, Tom C.

Claudel, Paul

Cleveland, Harlan

Cobb, Irvin S.

Coburn, Charles

Cohan, George M.

Collinge, Patricia

Colum, Padraic

Columbia University, New York, N.Y.

Commager, Henry Steele

Connally, Marc

Coolus, Romain

Cooper, Gladys

Copeou, Jacques

Corbett, James J.

Corbin, John

Cornell, Katharine

Cosgrave, John O'Hara

Costa, Leon de

Coward. Noel

Cowl, Jane

Cox, Oscar

Craven, Frank

Creighton, Thomas

Croker, B. M.

Crosmann, Henrietta

Crothers, Rachel

Crouse, Russel

Crowninshield, Frank

Croy, Homer

"D" miscellany

Daly, Arnold

Dargan, E. Preston

Dargan, Olive

Davidson, Jo

Davis, Elmer

Davis, Owen

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Davis, William Hammatt and Donald

Dean, Basil

De Foe. Louis V.

De Kolra, Maurice

DeMille, Cecil B., Agnes, and William C.

Dewey, John

Dewing, Thomas W.

Dickson, Harris

Ditrichstein, Leo

Dixon, Thomas

Dos Passos, John

Downes, Olin

Drinkwater, John

Dunning, Philip

Duranty, Walter

Duse, Eleanora

"E" miscellany

Eaton, Walter B.

Edeson, Robert

Elder, William V.

Elliott, Maxine

Ellis, Mary

Ernst, Morris

Erskine, John

Ervine, St. John

Evans, Maurice

Eyre, Lawrence

"F" miscellany

Fairbanks, Douglas

Faversham, William

Ferber, Edna

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Ferguson, Elsie

Ferrer, José

Fisher, Arthur

Fisher, Lola

Fiske, Minnie Maddern and Harrison Grey

Fitch, Clyde

Flain, Martin

Flexner, Abraham

Folger, J. Clifford

France, Anatole

Frankfurter, Felix

Freedley, George

Freedman, Harold

Freeman, Max

French dramatists and writers

French embassy

Frohman, Charles and Daniel

BOX 8 "G" miscellany

Gale, Zona

Galsworthy, John

Garland, Hamlin

Garrison, Lloyd

Gaus, John

Geddes, Norman Bel

Gémier, Firmin

Gielgud, John

Gilbert, Douglas

Gilbert, Giles

Gillette, William

Gish. Lillian

Glaenzer, Richard Butler

Glaser, Lulu

Goldman, Emma

Goodman. Jules Eckert

Gordon, Ruth

Gottschalk, Ferdinand

Graham, Philip

Granville-Barker, Harley

Green, Abel

Greenstreet, Sydney

Grierson, Francis

Griffith, Kate

Gruening, Ernest

Guilbert, Yvette

Gurity, Sacha

(2 folders)

Guitry, Sacha, and Yvonne Printemps

Guthrie, Sir Tyrone Guthrie, William N.

BOX 9 "H" miscellany

Hackett, James K.

Hale, Gardner

Hamilton, Clayton

Hammerstein, Oscar, II

Hammond, Percy

Hampden, Walter

Hansen, Harry

Hard, William

Hardwicke, Sir Cedric

Harris, Julie

Harris, Sam

Harrison, Henry Sydnor

Hart, Moss

Hart, Philip A.

Hastings, W. Scott

Hayes, Helen

Hays, Arthur Garfield

Hazard, Paul

Heckscher, August

Hellman, Lillian

Henderson, Archibald

Hendricks, Burton

Hepburn, Katharine

Herford, Olive

Higginson, Thomas Wentworth

Hill. Lister

Hilton, James

Hobart, Garret A.

Holland, Edmund Milton

Holmes, John Haynes

Hooker, Brian

Hopkins, Arthur

Horniman, Annie Elizabeth Fredericka

Howard, Sidney

Howe, P. P.

Huebsch, Ben

Hughes, Rupert

Hume, Paul

Humphrey, Hubert H.

Hunneker, James

Hurst, Fannie

Huston, John

Huston, Walter Hutchins, John H. Irving, Lawrence Irwin, Will and Onez

BOX 10

"J" miscellany

Jackson, Charles Tenney

Johnson, Alvin

Johnson, James Weldon Johnson, Lyndon B. Johnston, Mary Jones, Henry Arthur Jones, Robert Edmond

"K" miscellany Kallen, Horace M. Kaufman, George S.

Kazan, Elia Keane, Doris

Kelland, Clarence B.

Kelly, George Kelly, Renée Kemp, Harry

Kennedy, Edward M.

Kennedy, John F. and Jacqueline Kennedy, Robert F. and Ethel

Kenton, Edna Kepple, Fred Kerr, Jean Kester, Paul Knoblock, Edward

Knopf, Edwin, Alfred, and Mildred O.

Korda, Sir Alexander

BOX 11

"L" miscellany

Labouisse, Eve Curie

Lacoste. Francis

La Follette family See Container 2, same heading

Lambiotte, Auguste and Rose

Landowska, Wanda Langner, Lawrence

Lanux, Jeanne and Pierre de

Larrimore, Francine

Lasky, Jesse L. Latham, Harold S. Laughton, Charles Laurence, Dan

LaVerne, Lucille Lavery, Emmet

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Le Gallienne, Eva Le Gallienne, Richard

LeMoyne, Sarah Cowell

Lenormand, Henri René

Lewis, Lloyd

Lewis, Sinclair

Lilienthal, David

Lindbergh, Charles

Lindey, Alexander

Lindsay, Howard

Lindsay, John V.

Lindsey, Ben B.

Lippmann, Walter

Lohr, Marie

Long, Russell E.

Lord, Pauline

Lunt, Alfred, and Fontanne, Lynn

BOX 12 "M" miscellany

MacCarthy, Justin Huntly

Mack, Willard

MacKaye, Percy

MacLeish, Archibald

Malone, Dudley Field

Mamoulian, Rouben

Mann, Louis, and Clara Lipman

Mann, Thomas

Mansfield, Richard

March, Fredric

Marks, Josephine Peabody

Marlowe, Julia

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Marquis, Don

Masefield, John

Massey, Raymond

Masters, Edgar Lee

Matthews, Brander

Maude, Cyril

Maugham, W. Somerset

Maurice, Arthur and Flora Mae Holly

Maurois, André

Maxwell, W. B.

McClellan, John L.

McClintic, Guthrie See Container 6, Cornell, Katharine

McGrath, Harold

BOX 13 Mead, James M.

Megrue, Roi Cooper

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Mencken, Henry Louis

Meredith, George

Miller, Gilbert

Miller, Henry

Moffett, Cleveland

Moley, Raymond

Molnar, Ferenc

Monroney, A. S.

Morehouse, Ward

Morley, Christopher

Morley, Robert

Morris, Lloyd

Morse, Wayne

Mumford, Quincy L.

Muni, Paul

"N" miscellany

Nazimova, Alla

Neagoe, Peter

Nevins, Allan and Mary

New York Times

Nichols, Dudley

Nicholson, Meredith

Nillson, Carlotta

Nock, Albert Jay

Noyes, Alfred

Nye, Gerald P.

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Oberdorfer, Louis F.

O'Connor, Bessie (Mrs. T. P.)

Odell, George

Odets, Clifford

Oenslager, Donald

Olivier, Laurence

O'Neill, Eugene

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Osborn, E. B.

Otto, Max

"P" miscellany

Paine, Albert Bigelow

Palmer, Paul

Payne, B. Iden

Peirce, Waldo

Pemberton, Brock

Perkins, Frances

Perry, Bliss

Peyre, Henri M.

Phelps, William Lyon

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Phillips, John S.

Pidgin, Charles Felton

Pierce, Roger and Sandra

Pinero, Sir Arthur

Pollock, Channing

Post, Melville Davisson

Pratt, Caroline

Pugh, Ethel (Mrs. Charles Henry)

Putnam, Nina Wilcox

BOX 15 "Q" miscellany

"R" miscellany

Rains, Claude

Rambeau, Marjorie

Randall, Ruth

Raphael, Alice

Rehan, Ada

Reicher, Emanuel

Reinhardt, Max

Reinheimer, Howard

Rice, Alice Hegan

Rice. Elmer

Richman, Arthur

Ringwalt, Ralph Curtis

Rivoire, André

Roberts, Florence

Roberts, Kenneth

Robertson-Forbes, Gertrude

Robins, Raymond

Robinson, Boardman

Robinson, Edward G.

Robinson, Francis

Rodgers, Richard

Roe, Jack and Netha

Rogers, Merrill

Rogers, Will

Rogers, William P.

Romains, Jules

Romberg, Sigmund

Roosevelt, Franklin D. and Eleanor

Royce, William Howard

Rutledge, Maryse

"S" miscellany

Sandburg, Helga

Sargeant, Howlend H.

Scheu-Riesz, Helene

Schlesinger, Arthur Meier (1917-2007)

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Schnitzler. Arthur

Shaw, George Bernard

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Shearer, Norma

Sheehan. Winfield

Sheldon, Edward

Sherwood, Robert

Shipman, Louis Evan

Shumlin, Herman

Sil-Vara, G. A.

Sinclair, Upton

Skinner, Otis and Cornelia

Smith, Harry

Smith, Winchell

Sothern, Edward Hugh

Spewack, Bella

Stebbins, Rowland

Steele. Frederic Dorr

Steffins, Lincoln

Stein, Gertrude

Stevenson. Adlai E.

Stowe, Lyman Beecher

Stokowski, Leopold

Stravinsky, Igor

Strong, Austin

Sullivan, Frank

Sulzberger, Arthur Hays

Tachau, William G.

Taft, Mrs. Robert A.

Tarkington, Booth

Taubman, Howard

Taylor, Deems

Taylor, Laurette

Taylor, Samuel

Tearle, Godfrey

Tenzer, Herbert

Terry, Fred

Thomas, Albert Ellsworth and Ethel

Thompson, Dorothy

Thorndike, Dame Sybil

Thring, Ida Sybil

Tibbett, Lawrence

Towne, Charles Hanson

Townsend, Dallas

Truman, Harry S.

Tsurimi, Yusuke

BOX 17

Tweedsmuir, John Norman Stuart Buchan, Baron, and Lady Susan

Tyler, George

"V" miscellany

Van Druten, John

Van Loon, Hendrik Willem

Veiller, Bayard

Villard, Oswald Garrison

"W" miscellany

Wagner, Robert F.

Wald, Lillian D.

Walker. Charlotte

Warfield, David

Webster, Peggy

Welles, Orson

Whitlock, Brand

Wilcox. Ella Wheeler

Willard, Edward

Williams, Emlyn

Williams, Jesse Lynch

Wilson, Francis

Wodehouse, P. G.

Wood, Peggy

Woodberry, George

Woollcott, Alexander

Wouk. Herman

Young, Stanley

Yurka, Blanche

Zueblin

Zweig, Stefan

Unidentified

BOX 18-23 Business Correspondence, 1903-1967

Letters received and copies of letters sent, contracts and copyright records, programs and publicity for plays, notes, printed material, and newspaper clippings.

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