

Inventory:

Thomas J. Wise Collection ephemera

Rare Books and Special Collections, University of British Columbia Library

Call number Z1024.U56 v. 183-192

Thomas J. Wise Collection ephemera. – 1895-1975. – 6.8 cm of textual material.

Scope and content:

The Thomas J. Wise Collection, donated by Arthur Stockett in 1976, consists mainly of monographs, either by or about Thomas J. Wise, or relating to forgeries and piracies of literary material. Described below is a collection of ephemera that accompanied the monographs. It includes correspondence by and about Wise, correspondence regarding literary publications, and clippings and other published items relating to Wise.

Title is based on the content of the series.

Volume numbers correspond to the University of British Columbia Library Catalogue.

V. 183 Folder 1-1: Thomas J. Wise Correspondence. – 1896-1938, [photocopied 1958]. – 0.5 cm of textual records.

Contains mainly correspondence from Thomas J. Wise, and one piece of incoming correspondence. Arranged chronologically.

One item is a photocopy; one item is excerpted from an original item held at the Rare and Manuscript Collection at Cornell University Library.

V. 184 Folder 1-2: Gosse correspondence. – 1895-1918. – 0.3 cm of textual records.

Contains pieces of outgoing correspondence of Edmund Gosse. Arranged chronologically.

V. 185 Folder 1-3: George Bernard Shaw correspondence. – Aug. 21, 1934. – 0.1 cm of textual records.

Contains a letter addressed to Charles E. Brummell from George Bernard Shaw regarding the Carter-Pollard Inquiry.

V. 186 Folders 1-4 – 1-5: Hatfield-Cook correspondence. – 1925 – 1926. – 2 cm of textual records.

Contains correspondence from C.W. Hatfield to Davidson Cook, mainly regarding Brontë manuscripts. Arranged chronologically.

V. 187 Folder 1-6: Law-Cook correspondence. – 1920 - 1927, 1934. – 0.4 cm of textual records.

Contains correspondence from Alice Law to Davidson Cook, and one piece of correspondence from J. Alex Symington to Davidson Cook, dated 1934. Arranged chronologically.

V. 188 Folder 1-7: Clippings related to the Brontës. – 1916 -1959. – 0.3 cm of textual records.

Contains clippings from sources such as the Times Literary Supplement on the Brontës, including items regarding a bibliography published by Wise. Arranged chronologically.

V. 189 Folder 1-8: Rubenstein correspondence and notes. – 1954-1955. – 0.3 cm of textual records.

Contains correspondence between Joseph Rubenstein and the Hispanic Society of America, as well as notes by Rubenstein, regarding works of George Borrow which Rubenstein wrote, “may have been among the victims of T.J. Wise’s peculiar activities.” Arranged chronologically.

V. 190 Folder 1-9: Correspondence to W. Arthur Stockett. – 1959-1972. – 0.3 cm of textual records.

Contains correspondence to W. Arthur Stockett regarding T.J. Wise, including pieces from John Carter. Arranged chronologically.

V. 191 Folder 1-10: Items relating to the Carter-Pollard inquiry. – 1934-1959. – 0.5 cm of textual records.

Contains three items relating to the investigations of Carter and Pollard: a copy of *The Carter-Pollard Disclosures* by Gabriel Wells, a piece of correspondence between the Argus Book Shop and Gaylord Beaman and “Footnote to a Footnote” by W.D. Paden, published in the Times Literary Supplement October 23, 1959.

V. 192 Folder 1-11: Clippings regarding Shelley and Swinburne. – [ca. 1909-1930]. – 0.1 cm of textual records.

Contains several clippings, some from book catalogues, on Shelley and Swinburne. Arranged chronologically.

V. 193 Folder 1-12: Letters to the editor regarding Wise and other published items. – 1934-1975. – 2 cm of textual records.

Contents are largely reproductions of letters to the editor of the Times Literary Supplement regarding Wise, dated 1934 to 1964. Some early examples were written by Wise. Also contains “Idylls of the Hearth: Wise’s Forgery of ‘Enoch Arden’” by Fannie E. Ratchford, from the Southwest Review vo. 26 (Spring 1941) and “T.J. Wise at the Turnbull” by W.B. Todd, from Turnbull Library Record, vol. 8 (May 1975).