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Collection Summary

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Abstract: Letters from Howard, written primarily to his family, including letters during World War I when he was an ambulance driver and later, a pilot; letters to Howard, mainly from family, but some from associates as well; diaries; papers regarding his war service and other personalia; manuscript of an unpublished novel and manuscripts of some poems; programs for some of his plays and films; copyright information on his plays; clippings of his articles and of articles about him and reviews of his plays and films; obituaries; papers re: his estate. Included also: letters of condolence to his wife, Polly, 1939; her correspondence re: her efforts to collect and copy his letters, 1941-1942; her correspondence and other papers re: his last play, Madam Will You Walk.

Languages Represented: Collection materials are in English

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Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog
Howard, Leopoldine Damrosch
Authors, American--20th century
Drama--20th century
Dramatists, American--20th century
Motion picture industry--California
World War, 1914-1918
Diaries
Manuscripts for publication
Poems
Theater programs

Acquisition Information
The additions to the Sidney C. Howard Collection were given to The Bancroft Library in December 1982 as a joint gift of his children: Mrs. Jennifer Coleman, Mrs. Sidney H. Urquhart, Miss Margaret Howard, and Mr. Walter Howard.

Processing Information
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Scope and Content
The additions to the Sidney C. Howard Collection include letters to and from Howard (most of them family letters); manuscript of an unpublished novel and manuscripts of a few poems; diaries; various miscellaneous files; clippings; and papers relating to his estate. Included also in the gift are Mrs. Howard's correspondence files relating to her husband and some papers about the posthumous production of his last play, Madam, Will You Walk.

Partial index of correspondents
Addressed to S. C. Howard unless otherwise noted
N.B. Letters addressed to Sidney C. Howard are in Boxes 4-7; letters addressed to Mrs. Howard are in Boxes 8-9

Anderson, Judith
Letter of condolence to Mrs. Howard, Aug. 25, 1939

Anderson, Maxwell, 1888-1959
2 letters and telegrams, 1939-1941, to Mrs. Howard

Angell, Ernest [Howard's attorney]
6 letters and telegrams, 1928-1930. Re: Howard's divorce from Clare Eames
2 letters, 1941, to Mrs. Howard

Anglin, Margaret, 1876-
Letter, Jan. 25, 1942, to Mrs. Howard

Ardrey, Robert
Letter, Jan. 2, 1942, to Mrs. Howard

Atkinson, Brooks
Letter of condolence to Mrs. Howard, Sept. 3, 1939

Austin, Mary (Hunter), 1868-1934
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<td>Condolence note</td>
<td>1939, to Mrs. Howard</td>
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<td>2 letters, re: Howard's offer of a part in Madam, Will You Walk</td>
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De Kruif, Paul, 1890-
  Letter, Sept. 28, 1941, to Mrs. Howard

Diggles, Dudley
  4 letters, 1940-1941, to Mrs. Howard

Draper, Ruth, 1884-1956
  Letter of condolence, Sept. 3, 1939, to Mrs. Howard

Dunn, Robert W.
  2 letters, 1942, to Mrs. Howard

Eames, Emma, 1865-1949
  Letter, Jan. 19, 1942, to Mrs. Howard

Ernst, Morris
  Letter, Dec. 1, 1941, to Mrs. Howard

Farrar, John Chipman, 1896-1974
  4 letters, 1939 & 1941, to Mrs. Howard

Faust, Frederick, 1892-1944
  2 letters, 1918. Letter, Oct. 11, 1918, discusses death of Howard's younger brother, Bruce.  
  Also included, portion of a letter written to Dixie Fish, referring to Howard's mother, with note on verso from unknown correspondent.  
  Letter, Dec. 9, 1941, to Mrs. Howard

Ferber, Edna, 1887-
  Letter, May 7, 1941, to Mrs. Howard

Fontanne, Lynn
  Letter, Oct. 2, 1941, to Mrs. Howard

Frank, Bruno, 1887-1945
  Letter, Nov. 29, 1941, to Mrs. Howard

Freedman, Harold
  Letter and telegram, 1942, to Mrs. Howard. Some refer to possible productions of Madam, Will You Walk.

Gilder, Rosamond
  Letter, Oct. 6, 1941, to Mrs. Howard

Gillmore, Margalo
  Letter, Oct. 24, 1941, to Mrs. Howard

Golden, John, 1874-1955
  2 letters, 1941-1942, to Mrs. Howard. Some refer to possible production of Madam, Will You Walk.

Goldwyn, Samuel, 1882-
  Letter, June 2, 1941, to Mrs. Howard.  
  Also, two letters written by his secretary.

Gordon, Max, 1892-
  3 letters, 1941, to Mrs. Howard

Gordon, Ruth
  Letter, Mar. 13, 1942, to Mrs. Howard

Green, Paul
  Letter of condolence, Aug. 23, 1939, to Mrs. Howard

Halline, Allan Gates

Hardwicke, Cedric, 1893-
Hayes, Helen, 1900-
   Letter, Jan. 24, 1942, to Mrs. Howard

Helburn, Theresa, d. 1958
   Letter, Sept. 22, 1941, to Mrs. Howard

Hellman, Lillian, 1907-
   Letter, Dec. 19, 1941, to Mrs. Howard

Heyward, Dorothy
   2 letters, 1942, to Mrs. Howard

Hopkins, Arthur Melancthon, 1878-
   Letter, Aug. 25, 1941, to Mrs. Howard

Hornblow, Arthur, 1893-
   3 letters, 1939 & 1941, to Mrs. Howard

Howard, Charles Prescott [brother]
   7 letters, 1917-1936
   8 letters, 1940-1941, to Mrs. Howard. Most of them re: estate matters.

Howard, Clare (Eames) [the first Mrs. Howard]
   75 letters, 1921-1928 (3 folders). Letters, 1923, written from Hollywood when she was working on a film.

Howard, [Douglas] Bruce [brother]
   6 letters, 1918 & undated

Howard, Edith [sister-in-law; Mrs. John L. Howard]
   3 letters, 1940, to Mrs. Howard

Howard, Harmon [nephew]
   Letter, undated

Howard, Helen Louise (Coe) [mother]
   246 letters, 1915-1934 & undated (12 folders)

Hume, Maude Crawford Izett Dick [Mrs. Samuel J. Hume]
   2 letters, 1942, to Mrs. Howard

Hume, Samuel James, 1885-
   Letter, Dec. 3, 1941, to Mrs. Howard

Huston, Walter, 1884-
   Letter, Jan. 22, 1942, to Mrs. Howard

Jones, Robert Edmond, 1887-
   5 letters, 1939-1942, to Mrs. Howard. Letter, Mar. 20, 1940, refers to Howard’s Franklin play and to Madam,
   Will You Walk.

Kaufman, George S., 1889-
   Letter, ca. Dec. 8, 1941, to Mrs. Howard

Kellogg, Charlotte (Hoffman) [Mrs. Vernon Kellogg]
   4 letters, 1939-1942, to Mrs. Howard

Kennedy, Charles
   Letter, Oct. 12, 1939, to Barrett H. Clark, re: his memorial tribute to Howard and forwarded by Clark to Mrs.
   Howard.

Krutich, Joseph Wood, 1893-1970
   Letter, Jan. 21, 1941, to Mrs. Howard

Langner, Lawrence, 1890-
   Letter, Sept. 22, 1941, to Mrs. Howard

Lord, Pauline
   Letter, Aug. 26, 1941, to Mrs. Howard

Losey, Joseph
Letter, Dec. 18, 1941, to Mrs. Howard

MacArthur, Charles
Letter, Nov. 3, 1941, to Mrs. Howard

McClintic, Guthrie
Letter, Oct. 11, 1941, to Mrs. Howard

McDuffie, Duncan, 1877-1951
9 letters & telegrams, 1917-1936 & undated

McDuffie, Jean (Howard), 1880-1955 [sister]
293 letters & telegrams, 1915-1938 & undated
14 letters, 1939-1941, to Mrs. Howard

MacLeish, Archibald, 1892-1982
Letter, Dec. 14, 1941, to Mrs. Howard

Marquand, John Phillips, 1893-
Letter, Dec. 11, 1941, to Mrs. Howard

Middleton, George
Letter, Nov. 15, 1941, to Mrs. Howard

Mielziner, Jo
Letter, Sept. 18, 1941, to Mrs. Howard

Miller, Gilbert
3 letters, 1940-1941, to Mrs. Howard

Mitchell, Margaret, 1900-1949
Letter, Dec. 31, 1941, to Mrs. Howard

Moran, John J.
Letter, Mar. 4, 1942, to Mrs. Howard

Myers, Richard E.
3 letters, 1929

Nathan, Robert, 1894-
2 letters, 1939 & 1941, to Mrs. Howard

Niles, Emory Hamilton, 1892-
2 letters, 1941, to Mrs. Howard

Olney, Warren, 1870-1939
Letter, Dec. 13, 1917

Palley, William

Pemberton, Brock, 1885-
Letter, Dec. 12, 1941, to Mrs. Howard

Perkins, Edward N.

Perkins, Maxwell Evarts, 1884-1947
See Scribner's (Charles) Sons

Phelps, William Lyon, 1865-1943
Letter of condolence to Mrs. Howard, 1939

Playwrights' Company
10 letters, 1939-1943, to Mrs. Howard. Many refer to possible production of Madam, Will You Walk.
See also Carton 3

Rascoe, Burton, 1892-

**Rice, Elmer, 1892-**

- 3 letters, 1939 & 1943, to Mrs. Howard, many of them referring also to the play.

**Richardson, Leon Josiah, 1868-1964**

- [Notes on his recollections of Howard], undated

**Riggs, Lynn, 1899-**

- Letter, Oct. 1, 1941, to Mrs. Howard

**Royle, Selena**

- Letter, Oct. 20, 1941, to Barrett H. Clark, re: his memorial tribute to Howard and forwarded by him to Mrs. Howard

**Schooleraft, John**

- Letter, Jan. 12, 1942, to Mrs. Howard

**Scribner’s (Charles) Sons**


**Selznick, David Oliver, 1902-**

- 2 letters, 1941, to Mrs. Howard

**Sergeant, Elizabeth Shepley, 1881-1965**

- 17 letters, ca. 1918. Written from France where she was correspondent for *New Republic*.
- Letter, June 13, 1941, to Mrs. Howard

**Sherwood, Robert Emmet, 1896-1955**

- 4 letters & telegrams, 1939, to Mrs. Howard. Re: production of *Madam, Will You Walk*. See also Behrman, Samuel N.

**Sillcox, Luise M.**

- 2 letters, 1941, to Mrs. Howard

**Sillman, Leonard**

- Letter of condolence to Mrs. Howard, Aug. 24, 1939

**Thompson, Dorothy, 1894-1961**

- Letter, undated

**Van Doren, Carl Clinton, 1885-1950**

- 3 letters, 1939-1942, to Mrs. Howard

**Van Druten, John, 1901-**

- Letter of condolence, 1939, to Mrs. Howard

**Webster, Margaret, 1905-**

- Letter, undated, to Mrs. Howard

**Werner, Morris Robert, 1897- [personal friend]**

- 12 letters, 1939-1941, to Mrs. Howard
Letters and telegrams by Howard. 1903-1939

Physical Description: Boxes 1-3

Content/Description
Written primarily to his mother, Helen C. Howard, and to his sister, Jean H. McDuffie, with some, also, to other members of his family, to his first wife, Clare Eames, and to his second, Leopoldine Damrosch (Polly). There are occasional transcripts of letters to others, also. The file includes many letters written to his family when he was staying at a sanitarium in Europe for health reasons in 1910, and during World War I, 1916-1918, when he served in the Ambulance Service prior to America's entry into the War and with the Air Force Squadron thereafter.

Many of the letters were undated. Some dates were added by family members; others, in brackets, were provided by the cataloger. Letters are arranged chronologically, with letters, still undated, at the end.

box 1
Letters and telegrams. 1903 -August 1918

box 2
Letters and telegrams. Sept. 1918 -1928

box 3
Letters and telegrams. 1929 -1939, , , undated

Letters written to Howard.

Physical Description: Boxes 4-7

Content/Description
Primarily from his mother and from his sister, Jean H. McDuffie, with some, also, from his first wife, Clare Eames, and from friends and associates. Arranged alphabetically. The more important correspondents are listed in the index which follows the Key to Arrangement.

Unlisted letters are at the beginning of the file in Box 4. Miscellaneous letters from friends, written to him while he was in France during World War I, have been kept together in a folder in Box 7.

box 4
Unlisted letters (one folder).

box 5
A - Howard, Helen. (1915-1917)

box 6
Howard, Helen (1918-1934) - McDuffie, Duncan (1917-[1936]).

box 7
McDuffie, Jean. (1915-1935)

box 8
McDuffie, Jean (1936-1938) - Z.

box 9
Letters from friends written while Howard was in France. 1917-1918

box 10
Unidentified correspondents.

Mrs. Howard's correspondence files.

Physical Description: Boxes 8-10

Content/Description
Most of the correspondence dates from Howard's death on Aug. 23, 1939, and includes letters and telegrams of condolence, many of them from prominent people in the theater; her letters to many of Howard's correspondents requesting copies of his letters, and the replies she received, 1941-1942; and correspondence relating to production of his last play. Letters from prominent people, and from Howard's family, are arranged alphabetically, with copies of Mrs. Howard's letters interfiled, and are listed in the index.

box 8
A - H.

box 9
J - Z.

box 10
Unlisted letters re: requests for Howard's letters, together with list of correspondents contacted (one folder).

box 9
Unlisted letters and telegrams re: Madam, Will You Walk (one folder).

box 10
Unlisted letters and telegrams of condolence (6 folders).

Diaries.

Physical Description: Carton 1

"Journal of Travels through Europe of Sidney Howard by Himself". 1906
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