Howells Family Papers: Finding Aid

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Overview of the Collection

Title: Howells Family Papers
Dates (inclusive): 1851-1954
Collection Number: mssHM 74525-74540
Creator: Howells family.
Extent: 16 pieces.
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Abstract: This collection consists of 3 manuscripts and 13 letters chiefly by members of the Howells family including American critic and author William Dean Howells (1837-1920) and his father, newspaper editor William Cooper Howells (1807-1894).

Language: English.

Access
Open to qualified researchers by prior application through the Reader Services Department. For more information, contact Reader Services.

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Provenance
Gift of Anne Kennedy Peterson and Matthew Kennedy, November 26, 2008.

Biographical Note
William Dean Howells (1837-1920), was an American critic, novelist, poet and playwright.
William Cooper Howells (1807-1894), W.D. Howells’ father, was a newspaper editor and printer.

Scope and Content
This material includes three manuscripts and thirteen letters of the Howells family; one manuscript is a lullaby by Aurelia Dora Howells, and one is by William Cooper Howells, “Memoranda of My Personal History,” which was the basis for his volume Recollections of Life in Ohio. The thirteen letters include a letter by Vevie Frechette, letters by Joseph Howells, William Dean Howells' uncle, letters by Mildred Howells, William Dean Howells’ daughter, a letter by William Cooper Howells, and two letters by William Dean Howells.

• William Dean Howells Papers, 1866-1921 (Call number: mssHM 41383-41535)
• William Dean Howells Letters, 1903-1904 (Call number: mssHM 54970-54990)
• Howells-Fréchette Family Papers, 1844-1934 (Call number: mssHM 27527-27619)
• Howells family letters in Albert Bigelow Paine Letters, 1875-1934 (Call number: mssAP 1-2083)
• Misc. Howells letters in various collections.
• Over 300 printed items in Rare Books and General Reference Collections.

Arrangement
Items arranged alphabetically by author.

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Huntington Library's Online Catalog.

Subjects
Howells family -- Archives.
Howells, Joseph, 1814-1896.
Marriage proposals -- United States.
Polygamy -- Utah.

Forms/Genres
Family papers -- United States.
Letters (correspondence) -- United States.
Manuscripts -- United States.

Additional Contributors
Howells, Aurelia Dora, 1842-1931.
Howells, Joseph, 1814-1896.
Howells, Mildred, 1872-
Howells, William Cooper, 1807-1894.
Howells, William Dean, 1837-1920.


Box 1 (tan rope case) mssHM 74525-74540

Note: heavily stained, handle carefully. Cataloger’s note: this letter received after Howell’s death.

Followed by: typewritten note to an unknown addressee. Also enclosed: a slightly different version entitled, “Crooning,” carbon copy, typewritten (1 p.).

Note: heavily stained, fragile -- please do not remove from mylar.

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With autograph postscript. Note: stained.

With autograph postscript. Note: stained.

Note: slight staining; marked “copy.”

With envelope.

Incomplete?

Addressed to: “My dear Uncle.”

[-----]. [“Immenser?”] [short story?], A.MS. (4 p.), ([ca. 1900?]). HM 74540.
In pencil.