Descriptive Summary
Title: Jack London correspondence
Dates: 1902-1984
Collection Number: mssHM 82651-82695
Creator: London, Jack, 1876-1916
Extent: 60 items in 2 boxes and 1 folder
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Language of Material: The records are in English.

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Acquisition Information

Biography
Jack London (1876-1916) was an American author best known for his fiction about California, Alaska, and the Pacific. His novel The Call of the Wild is among the most internationally popular works by an American. An autodidact, he directed his thirst for knowledge toward several passions, including sailing, ranching, and photography. He traveled widely, to Hawaii and throughout the South Pacific, through California, Oregon, Nevada, to Korea during the Russo-Japanese war, Mexico during the Mexican Civil War, and London, England, experiences which are reflected in his writing and his photographs.

Scope and Content
This collection consists of 45 letters, primarily from Jack London and his wife, Charmian London, and 15 pieces of ephemera. There are five letters from Jack London to a literary agent named, Daniel Murphy. These letters were written in 1902. There are six letters to James M. Chandler written in 1905 and 1906. Chandler was to act as quarter-master and steward during a proposed round-the-world cruise that was scheduled to last seven years with Jack London, Charmian London, an uncle, and a Japanese servant. There is also a related newspaper clipping entitled: Jamaica Plain Man To Go On 7-Year Tour With Jack London at the end of the collection. There are 16 letters to Benjamin De Cassares, an American journalist, critic, essayist, and poet. In one letter dated November 3, 1912, Charmian tells of her “great disappointment—our second disappointment, and mainly due to a poor physician in the first place” [her miscarriage]. She discusses Nietzsche’s Zarathustra and what it has done for her “…at a time of mental and physical collapse. Quite pulled me together—quite played the Bible, in fact.” There are three letters to Paul Eldridge, who seems to be a young fan of Jack London’s. In answer to Eldridge’s letters, Charmian has given a wide range of comment pertaining to Jack’s health and some of his writings. There is one letter to Perriotton Maxwell, where Jack states “…I believe intensely in the pro-ally side of the war…As regards a few million terrible deaths, there is not so much of the terrible about such a quantity of deaths as there is about the quantity of deaths that occur in peace times in all countries in the world, and that has occurred in war times down the past” (August 28, 1916). There are 9 letters to Hunter Kimbrough, Uptrain Sinclair’s brother-in-law. Charmian’s writing is somewhat flirtatious, as evident in a letter dated March 15, 1928 “There—dearest Hunter!” By the time this is in your
hands, I'll be in my own queer little house. I hope to embrace you there thi summer, some time. DO come. I send you a kiss--falling downstairs meanwhile if you prefer!" There are also letters to a "Mr. Hage", Vida Goldstein, S.T. Hughes, Bunster Creely and one telegram from Anna Walling Strunsky to Jack London.

Arrangement
Arranged chronologically.

Personal Names
Chandler, James M.
De Casseres, Benjamin, 1873-1945
Kimbrough, Hunter
London, Charmian
London, Jack, 1876-1916
Murphy, Daniel

Genre
Ephemera
Letters (correspondence)

Box 1

Correspondence

   Included: envelope and typewritten transcript

HM 82652  London, Jack, 1876-1916. Letter to Daniel Murphy (1902, May 10)
   Included: typewritten transcript

HM 82653  London, Jack, 1876-1916. Letter to Daniel Murphy (1902, May 12)
   Included: typewritten transcript

   Postscript by Anna Strunsky Walling, 1879- Included: typewritten typescript

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HM 82660  London, Charmian. Letter to James M. Chandler (1906, Apr. 8)

HM 82661  London, Charmian. Letter to James M. Chandler (1906, Nov. 26)

HM 82662  London, Jack, 1876-1916. Letter to "Dear Mr. Hage" (1906, Dec. 15)
   Included: typewritten typescript
HM 82663  London, Jack, 1876-1916. Letter to "Dear Miss Goldstein" (1909, Jan. 13)
On reverse: photograph of unidentified woman. Included: typewritten typescript

           (1912, Feb. 12)

HM 82665  Walling, Anna Strunsky, 1879-. Telegram to Jack London, 1876-1916
           (1912, Feb. 21)

           (1912, Feb. 22)

HM 82667  London, Charmian. Letter to Benjamin De Casseres, 1873-1945 (1912, June 2)
           Included: typewritten typescript

           (1912, July 13)
           Included: typewritten typescript

           (1912, Sep. 10)

HM 82670  London, Charmian. Letter to Benjamin De Casseres, 1873-1945 (1912, Nov. 3)
           Included: typewritten typescript

           (1912, Nov. 9)
           Included: typewritten typescript


HM 82674  London, Charmian. Letter to Benjamin De Casseres, 1873-1945 (1913, Apr. 5)

HM 82675  London, Charmian. Letter to Benjamin De Casseres, 1873-1945 (1913, May 10)
           Included: typewritten typescript

HM 82676  London, Charmian. Letter to Paul Eldridge (1913, Nov. 17)
           Included: envelope

HM 82677  London, Jack, 1876-1916. Postcard to Paul Eldridge (1914, Jan. 13)

           Included: typewritten typescript

HM 82679  London, Charmian. Letter to Paul Eldridge (1914, June 11)
           Included: envelope

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  World War, 1914-1918


  With holograph postscript

HM 82683  London, Charmian. Letter to Benjamin De Casseres, 1873-1945 (1917, Mar. 23)

HM 82684  London, Charmian. Letter to Benjamin De Casseres, 1873-1945 (1917, Sep. 8)

HM 82685  London, Charmian. Letter to Benjamin De Casseres, 1873-1945 (1918, Mar. 10)

  Included: envelope

  Included: envelope

HM 82688  [London], Joan. Letter to Hunter Kimbrough (1927, Feb. 15)
  Included: typewritten typescript

HM 82689  London, Charmian. Letter to Hunter Kimbrough (1928, Jan. 10)
  Included: envelope and typewritten transcript

HM 82690  London, Charmian. Letter to Hunter Kimbrough (1928, Mar. 15)
  Included: envelope

  Photograph affixed. Included: envelope and typewritten transcript

HM 82692  London, Charmian. Letter to Hunter Kimbrough (1928, Sep. 4)
  Handwritten postscript. Included: envelope

HM 82693  London, Charmian. Letter to Hunter Kimbrough (1929, Nov. 26)
  Included: envelope

HM 82694  London, Charmian. Letter to Bunster Creely (1936, Apr. 3)
  Included: newspaper clipping and envelope

HM 82695  London, Charmian. Letter to Hunter Kimbrough (19--)
  Included: envelope

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