Overview of the Collection

Title: Charmian London letters to Harvey Taylor
Dates: 1930-1932
Collection Number: mssHM 82281-82345
Creator: London, Charmian
Extent: 65 pieces in 1 box
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Abstract: The collection consists primarily of letters from California writer Charmian London to literary agent Harvey Taylor, in the early 1930s, discussing both personal and business subjects. Taylor was acting as an agent for Charmian and the works of her late husband, writer Jack London, at this time.

Language of Material: The records are in English.

Access
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Acquisition Information
This collection was purchased at Butterfield and Butterfield, sale 68312, Nov. 30, 1998.

Biography
Charmian London (1873-1955) was an American writer and the second wife of author Jack London (1876-1916). After her husband's death in 1916, she supported their Beauty Ranch in Sonoma County, California, with the sales of various rights to Jack's works for publication and adaptation.

Scope and Content
The collection consists primarily of letters from Charmian London to literary agent Harvey Taylor, discussing both personal and business subjects. Taylor was acting as an agent for Charmian and the works of her late husband, Jack London, at this time. The letters also seem to indicate a romantic relationship. Also included are a few letters or fragments from others, including Eliza London Shepard and Anna Strunsky Walling, chiefly to Charmian London that she appears to have forwarded to Taylor.

• [link to Jack London papers]

Arrangement
The letters are arranged alphabetically by author, and then chronologically.

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

Subjects
London, Charmian -- Archives.
Taylor, Harvey.
Authors, American, 20th century.

Forms/Genres
Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century.
Contributors
Shepard, Eliza London, correspondent.
Taylor, Harvey, correspondent.
Walling, Anna Strunsky, 1879-, correspondent.

Box 1
Charmian London letters to Harvey Taylor

Physical Description: 1 Box

A.L.S. (3p.) With an autograph note from Charmian London to Harvey Taylor. Note: top of third page mutilated and missing.

A.L.S. (4p.)

A.L. (3p.)

L.S. (typewritten: 3p.) With the author's autograph notes. (Subject: Maugham, W. Somerset. Cakes and Ale)

A.L.S. (5p.)

L.S. (typewritten: 2p.)

L.S. (typewritten: 1p.)

L.S. (typewritten: 2p.) With the author's autograph post script.

A.L.S. (1p.)

Telegram (1p.)

A.L.S. (2p.)

L.S. (typewritten: 1p.)

L.S. (typewritten: 2p.) With the author's autograph notes.

L.S. (typewritten: 3p.)
L.S. (typewritten: 2p.) With the author’s autograph notes.

A.L.S. (2p.) With a small photograph of Charmian London pasted onto the upper right corner of the recto.

A.N.S. (1p.)

A.L.S. (4p.)

L.S. (typewritten: 2p.)

A. L. (1p.)

L.S. (typewritten: 1p.)

L.S. (typewritten: 1p.) (Subject: London, Jack. Assassination Bureau)

Telegram (1p.)

L.S. (typewritten: 1p.)

Telegram (1p.)

L. (typewritten: 2p.)

Telegram (1p.)

L.S. (typewritten: 7p.) With the author’s autograph notes.

L.S. (typewritten: 2p.)

Telegram (1p.)

L.S. (typewritten: 1p.)

L.S. (typewritten: 1p.)
      L.S. (typewritten: 2p.)

      L.S. (typewritten: 1p.) With the author's autograph notes.

      L.S. (typewritten: 1p.) With the author's autograph post script.

      L.S. (typewritten: 1p.)

      A.L.S. (3p.)

      L.S. (typewritten: 2p.) With the author's autograph post script.

      L.S. (typewritten: 1p.) (Subject: London, Jack. Assassination Bureau; Lewis, Sinclair)

      L.S. (typewritten: 1p.) With the author's autograph post script.

      L.S. (typewritten: 2p.) With a small photograph of Charmian London pasted on the lower
      right corner of the second page.

      L.S. (typewritten: 2p.) (Subject: Forlich, Finn Haakon)

      L.S. (typewritten: 3p.)

      L.S. (typewritten: 1p.)

      L.S. (typewritten: 1p.)

      L.S. (typewritten: 1p.)

      L.S. (typewritten: 2p.) With the author's autograph post script.

      L.S. (typewritten: 1p.) (Subject: Lane, Rose Wilder)

      L.S. (typewritten: 1p.)
L. (typewritten: 1p.)

L.S. (typewritten: 1p.) Incomplete.

HM 82332  *London, Charmian. To Harvey Taylor. 1931.*  
A.L.S. (4p.)

HM 82333  *London, Charmian. To Harvey Taylor. 1931.*  
N. (typewritten: 1p.) Written on an envelope fragment.

HM 82334  *London, Charmian. To Harvey Taylor. 1931.*  
A.L.S. (1p.)

L. (typewritten: 1p.) Signed with a lip print.

HM 82336  *London, Charmian. To Harvey Taylor. 1931.*  
A.N.S. (1p.)

HM 82337  *London, Charmian. To Harvey Taylor. 1931.*  
A.N.S. (1p.)

L.S. (typewritten: 1p.)

HM 82339  *Shepard, Eliza London. To Harvey Taylor. Feb. 27, 1932.*  
Telegram (1p.)

HM 82340  *Taylor, Harvey. To Charmian London. 1931.*  
L.S. (typewritten: 1p.) Also: written on the above, Charmian London autograph reply to Harvey Taylor.

HM 82341  *Walling, Anna Strunsky, 1879-. To Charmian London. Jan. 29, 1931?*  
L. (typewritten: 1p.) Fragment. With autograph notes by Charmian London on the recto and verso.

HM 82342  *Walling, Anna Strunsky, 1879-. To Charmian London. 1931.*  
L. (typewritten: 1p.) Fragment, enclosed in a letter from Charmian London to Harvey Taylor.

Carb. copy (?) (MS., typewritten: 5p.) Note: possibly transcribed by Harvey Taylor. Written on the versos of unidentified typewritten prose.

HM 82344  [*------,------] *Unidentified letter fragment. ca. 1930.*  
A. MS. (1p.) Note: apparently a fragment of a letter sent to Charmian London and forwarded by her to Harvey Taylor.

HM 82345  [*------,------]. *Untitled fragment. [1931?]*  
MS. (typewritten: 1p.) Note: possibly from an editor to Harvey Taylor.
Envelopes and unidentified fragments. ca. 1930-1931.
7 pieces.