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BIOGRAPHY

Ambrose Gwinett Bierce was born in Meigs County, Ohio on June 24, 1842, the son of Marcus Aurelius and Laura Sherwood Bierce. Little is known of his childhood; he became a printer's apprentice in Kosciusko County, Indiana, before entering the Kentucky Military Institute in 1859.

Shortly before entering the Union Army after the outbreak of the Civil War, Bierce was a laborer and waiter in Elkhart, Indiana. In the war, he served with the 9th Regiment of Indiana Volunteers. Bierce progressed in rank from private to lieutenant and became the acting typographical engineer on Gen. W. B. Hazen's staff. At the battle of Kenesaw Mountain, Bierce sustained a near-fatal head wound from which it took months to recover.

Following the war, Bierce became an aid to Treasury Department agents collecting abandoned Southern property. He joined Hazen's surveying expedition to the Far West in 1866 and stayed on in San Francisco working for the U. S. Mint. In San Francisco Bierce began to pursue his literary interests. In 1868, he succeeded his friend James T. Watkins as the editor of *News-Letter*. Bierce married Mary Ellen Day on Christmas Day, 1871, and eventually had three children, Day, Leigh, and Helen.

From 1872-74, Bierce was in England writing for Tom Hood's *Fun* and James Mortimer's *Figaro*. He returned to San Francisco in September of 1875. He edited several magazines for the next years, including *Argonaut* and the *Wasp*; he also wrote his "Prattle" and *The Dance of Death*.

Bierce became a columnist for the *San Francisco Examiner* in 1887 but continued to produce his own books and stories. He was sent in 1896 by the *Examiner* to Washington, D.C. to cover the Railroad Funding Bill controversy. He stayed on in Washington as a political reporter for many years, also publishing his own literary work.

In late 1913, Bierce took a trip through the Southwest into Mexico where he mysteriously disappeared.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Ambrose Gwinett Bierce Papers consist primarily of correspondence to Bierce from 1872-1913. There are several letters by Bierce himself but of these, many are printed copies or carbons. Several of the photos in the collection have notations and inscriptions in Bierce's hand, as do many of the incoming letters. Correspondents include: Upton Sinclair, Joaquin Miller, Gertrude Atherton, H.L. Mencken, Edwin Markham, William Randolph Hearst, George Sterling, and Percival Pollard.

The papers cover Bierce's journalistic career in England, San Francisco, and Washington, D.C.; the publication of his works (see especially the letters to Bierce from his publisher Walter Neale); and commentaries on the political controversies and governmental policies of the day including the Spanish-American War, the question of annexation, and the treaty of Hawaii. The telegram correspondence to Bierce in 1896 details the Railroad Funding Bill controversy which Bierce covered in Washington, D.C. for William Randolph Hearst's *San Francisco Examiner*. Other topics include women's suffrage and the Titanic.

The collection also contains reminiscences and memorabilia of the Civil War, including the sketchbook Bierce kept while serving as a Union topographer with the staff of General W. B. Hazen.

Of special note is the diary which records, (probably in his secretary's hand) Bierce's wanderings through the Southwest and into Mexico in late 1913 before his disappearance somewhere in Mexico. Several Bierce biographers have agreed that this diary was probably written by Carrie Christiansen from letters that Bierce sent her while on his journey (see note by Paul Fatout in Bierce collection file, April 1945).

SERIES I: CORRESPONDENCE

AMBROSE BIERCE, INCOMING & OUTGOING

Arrangement

arranged alphabetically

Box 1, Folder 1

Abbot, Willis J. Apr 2, 1896, Apr 27, 1896

Box 1, Folder 1

Ainsworth, F.C. Jun 8, 1904

Box 1, Folder 1

Allen, [?] May 8, 1896

Box 1, Folder 1

Allen, Charles Dexter Oct 22, 1911

Box 1, Folder 1

Barr, Robert Mar 2, 1893, Mar 15, 1893

Box 1, Folder 1

Bierce, A[lbert]?S. Jun 3, 1896

Bierce, Ambrose, Outgoing to:

Box 1, Folder 1

Allen, Charles Dexter Sept 27, 1911

Physical Description: Printed copy, 1 page. Army & Navy Club, Washington, D.C. letterhead.

Scope and Content Note

AB discusses "The Dance of Death." Postscript describes demise of Rulofson and Harcourt.

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| Box 1, Folder 1 | <p>Allen, Charles Dexter Oct 25, 1911</p> <p>Physical Description: Printed copy, 1 page.</p> <p>Scope and Content Note</p> <p>Again discusses "The Dance of Death." Discusses a Dr. Bower, tried wife-murder and "the really serious offence of stealing books from a public library." Informs CDA that Walter Neale will contact him about AB's "Collected Works."</p> |
| Box 1, Folder 1 | <p>Bierce, Lora Mar 13, 1911</p> <p>Physical Description: ALS with envelope, 1 page.</p> <p>Scope and Content Note</p> <p>AB is sending her a book of "Grand Cañon views."</p> |
| Box 1, Folder 1 | <p>Black, James D. [with print of AB] Nov 1907</p> <p>Physical Description: ALS with envelope and ink of AB, 3 pages.</p> <p>Scope and Content Note</p> <p>Mentions Sterling and AB's dislike of "limited editions." Mentions S.O. Howes. Thanks Black for "Foregoing your wish to republish the London books. They are trash."</p> |
| Box 1, Folder 1 | <p>Morrow, W.C. Apr 10, 1910</p> <p>Physical Description: ALS with envelope, 2 pages.</p> <p>Scope and Content Note</p> <p>Speaks of hoping to visit Morrow and wife and perhaps the Panama Canal. Never cared much for San Francisco. Hopes to spend the summer with his "hermit brother."</p> |
| Box 1, Folder 2 | <p>Neale, Walter Feb 15, 1912</p> <p>Physical Description: Carbon of TLS, 1 page.</p> <p>Scope and Content Note</p> <p>Discusses firm of Chatto & Windus and respective rights to AB stories.</p> |
| Box 1, Folder 2 | <p>Neale, Walter Feb 16, 1912</p> <p>Physical Description: Carbon of TLS, 1 page.</p> <p>Scope and Content Note</p> <p>Syndication of stories and AB's 40% royalty.</p> |
| Box 1, Folder 2 | <p>Neale, Walter Mar 6, 1912</p> <p>Physical Description: ALS, 4 pages.</p> <p>Scope and Content Note</p> <p>Letter-writing and form rejection slips. Neale is right in not replying to an objectionable letter for "in most matters, as in war, it is a good rule to do what the enemy least expects." Discusses Civil War battle of Chickamauga. AB is at work on "Little Johnny." Incomplete postscript "It is awfully good of you to..."</p> |
| Box 1, Folder 2 | <p>Newbegin, Mr. Oct 11, 1911</p> <p>Physical Description: Carbon copy of TLS, 1 page.</p> <p>Scope and Content Note</p> <p>Prompts Newbegin to pay his bill. AB handwriting on verso.</p> |

Box 1, Folder 2	<p>Newbegin, Mr. Oct 13, 1911</p> <p>Physical Description: Carbon copy of TLS, 1 page.</p> <p>Scope and Content Note</p> <p>Date in AB's hand. Accepts Newbegin's offer. Hopes Neale and Newbegin "will both be good henceforth." AB's hand on verso.</p>
Box 1, Folder 2	<p>Newbegin, Mr. Nov 18, 1911</p> <p>Physical Description: ALS, 1 page.</p> <p>Scope and Content Note</p> <p>Informs Newbegin that a letter to him from Bierce may have been addressed incorrectly.</p>
Box 1, Folder 2	<p>Pollard, Percival Apr 22, 1893</p> <p>Physical Description: Typewritten copy, 1 page.</p> <p>Scope and Content Note</p> <p>Writes of Pollard's work. Thanks PP for Figaro. AB is sorry to miss Harte [Walter Blackburn Harte]. Mentions Robert Barr and Gladstone. New London newspaper enthusiasm for <i>The Fiend's Delight</i>. E.W. Townsend's address typed on verso.</p>
Box 1, Folder 2	<p>Pollard, Percival Oct 9, 1895</p> <p>Physical Description: Typed copy, 1 page.</p> <p>Scope and Content Note</p> <p>AB recovering from a bicycle accident. Mentions visit of Charles Edwin Markham who "has had three months of illness and looks like the devil."</p>
Box 1, Folder 2	<p>Pollard, Percival Oct 12, 1897</p> <p>Physical Description: Typed copy, 1 page.</p> <p>Scope and Content Note</p> <p>Thanks PP for speaking to the "town Topicist." Examiner unwilling to let AB go. Prattle is dead. Introduces Pollard to Ned Townsend. Postscript: AB has forgotten Townsend's address.</p>
Box 1, Folder 2	<p>Robertson, Ruth Nov 3, 1912</p> <p>Physical Description: Printed copy, 1 page.</p> <p>Scope and Content Note</p> <p>AB had visited daughter in Bloomington, Illinois. Will not return again to California. Mentions Bernard Shaw. Advises RR to study English at Berkeley. Asks if RR's father has sold the Livermore sanitarium.</p>
Box 1, Folder 2	<p>Robertson, Ruth Apr 21, 1913</p> <p>Physical Description: Printed copy, 1 page.</p> <p>Scope and Content Note</p> <p>AB has sent RR a school book. Mentions Morrow and the difficulty in writing an acceptable play. Postscript: AB wants to see RR's new story.</p>
Box 1, Folder 2	<p>Townsend, E.W. Oct 12, 1897</p> <p>Physical Description: Typed copy, 1 page.</p> <p>Scope and Content Note</p> <p>Introduces Pollard.</p>
Box 1, Folder 3	<p>[Bierce], Amy, Jun 3 1896</p>
Box 1, Folder 3	<p>[Bierce], "The Children", Jun 3 1896</p>
Box 1, Folder 3	<p>[Bierce], Helen (See also Helen Cowden)</p>

	Aug 24 1909
	Sep 2 1907
	Sep 7 1907
Box 1, Folder 3	[Bierce, Helen] "Bit", Jun 23 1909
Box 1, Folder 3	[HB and Hary Cowden] "Bit & Harry", Jun 23 1909
Box 1, Folder 3	Bierce, Leigh
	Feb ? 1896
	May 13 1896
	Mar 29 1899
Box 1, Folder 3	Block, Rudolph
	Jun 19 1900
	Sep 30 1903
	Aug 15 1904
	Physical Description: (AB's hand on verso)
Box 1, Folder 3	Bull, Lucy C. (sec'y to E.C. Stedman), Apr 22 1899
	Physical Description: (Stedman's hand on verso)
Box 1, Folder 3	Carpenter, Grant, May 16 1913
Box 1, Folder 3	C[arrinton], C[arroll]
	Oct 19 1897
	Physical Description: (transcription)
	Jan 7 1898
	Physical Description: (transcription)
	Sep 26 1898
	Physical Description: (transcription)
	Mar 9 1899
	nd
	Physical Description: (transcription)
Box 1, Folder 4	Carson, Will, May 9 1893
Box 1, Folder 4	Chamberlain, S.S.
	Nov 1 1895
	Feb 1 1896
	Feb 20 1896
	Apr 24 1896
	Jun 10 1896
	Jan 10 1907
	Aug 30 1907
	Sep 27 1907
	Oct 7 1907
	Physical Description: (AB's hand on verso)
	Mar 17 1908
	Physical Description: (AB's hand on verso)
	nd
Box 1, Folder 4	Chatto, Andrew
	Sep 13 1873
	Sep 25 1891
	Nov 5 1891
	Jan 21 1892
Box 1, Folder 4	Combined Press, The, Dec 2 1895

Box 1, Folder 4	[Cowden], Harry, Jun 28 1907
Box 1, Folder 4	"H & H" [Helen and Harry Cowden], Jun 28 1907
Box 1, Folder 4	Cowley-Brown, John
	Nov 16 1899
	Dec 27 1899
	Sept 15 1905
	Dec 7 1906
	Mar 26 1907
	Mar 30 1907
	Feb 15 [1910]
	Jan 13 1912
Box 1, Folder 5	Curtis, Geo[rge], Byron
	Jul 22 1872
	Apr 13 1874
	May 8 1874
	Aug 22 1874
	Sept 19 1874
	Sept 23 1874
	Oct 19 1874
	Jul 8 1875
Box 1, Folder 5	Davis, Sam
	[?] 24 1892
	Nov 13 [1909]
	May 18 [1913]
Box 1, Folder 5	Examiner, The
	Feb 1 1896
	Feb 2 1896
	Mar [?] 1896
	Mar 2 [1896]
	Mar 22 1896
	Apr 4 1896
	Apr 23 1896
	May 6 1896
	May 6 [1896]
	May 8 1896
	May 19 1896
Box 1, Folder 5	Flecker, James Elroy, n.d.
Box 1, Folder 5	Francillon, R.E.
	Mar 19 1875
	Apr 11 1875
	Apr 18 [1875]
Box 1, Folder 5	Fuller, Margaret [sec'y to E.C. Stedman], Dec 26 1901
Box 1, Folder 5	Garnett, Porter
	Aug 12 1910
	May 9 1912
Box 1, Folder 5	Gowing, Richard
	Mar 4 1875
	Mar 11 1875
	Mar 12 1875
	Apr 28 1875
	May 3 1875
Box 1, Folder 5	Hamilton, Ed
	Feb [20?] 1896
	Mar 2 1896
	Mar 2 1896
	Mar 15 1896
	Mar 18 1896
	Mar 31 1896

	Mar 31 [1896]
	Apr [?] 1896
	Apr 5 1896
	Apr 7 1896
	Apr 21 1896
Box 1, Folder 5	Harte, W[alter] B[lackburn]
	Feb 17 1892
	Apr 28 1892
	Jun 9 1892
Box 1, Folder 5	Harte, W[alter] B[lackburn]
	Aug 17 1892
	Sept 17 1892
	Sept 27 1892
	Oct 21 1892
	Oct 25 1892
Box 1, Folder 5	Havens, Lila R., May 27 [1912]
Box 1, Folder 5	Hawes, Alex G., Apr 20 1912
Box 1, Folder 5	Hawley, May N.,
	May 16 1880
	[?] [1880]
Box 1, Folder 5	Hawley, H.W., May 5 1896
Box 1, Folder 5	Hawson, Florence, Jan 30 1900
Box 1, Folder 5	Haxton, H.R. , [?] 1888
Box 1, Folder 5	Hazen, Jean (sec'y to Edwin Markham), Feb 14 1893
Box 1, Folder 5	Hecht, Hilda A., n.d.
Box 1, Folder 6	Henderson, A.B., Nov 7 1892
Box 1, Folder 6	Higbee, D., May 6 1892
Box 1, Folder 6	Houghton, S. [C?], Sept 8 1902
Box 1, Folder 6	Howes, S.O.
	Jul 7 1905
	Nov 15 1906
	May 5 1907
	Sept 13 1907
	Oct 17 1907
	May 8 1911
	Jun 21 1911
Box 1, Folder 6	Hughes, Edgar, Sept 7 1875
Box 1, Folder 6	Humphrey, C.F., Nov 24 1903
Box 1, Folder 6	Humphreys, [M?]. G., Jul 25 1891
Box 1, Folder 6	Ihmsen, M.F.
	Aug 20 1904
	Aug 26 1904
	Dec 13 1905
	Physical Description: [AB's hand on verso]
	Jul 9 1907
Box 1, Folder 6	Kelly, Allen P., Jan 6 1885
Box 1, Folder 6	Kenward, [Henry], Nov 20 1874
Box 1, Folder 6	Knox, Thos. W., Jul 25 1875
Box 1, Folder 6	LaGrange, O[scar] H.
	Jan 27 1872
	Jul 17 1884
	Feb 3 1902
	Mar 29 1902
	May 15 1902
	Jun 24 1902
	Jul 20 1902
	Sept 4 1902

	[Oct 11] [1902]
	Oct 11 1902
	Oct 24 1902
Box 1, Folder 6	Lane, Anne W., n.d.
Box 1, Folder 6	Langton, Wm. M., Dec 18 1892
Box 1, Folder 6	Lawrence, [Andrew Middleton]
	Apr 8 1896
	Apr 24 1896
	Apr 26 1896
	May 1 1896
	May 1 1896
	May 12 1896
	May 13 1896
	May 22 1896
	[?] 1896
Box 1, Folder 7	Lee, Henry
	Jul 7 1872
	Dec 19 1874
	Dec 24 1874
Box 1, Folder 7	Loveman, Samuel
	Oct 20 1908
	Mar 15 1909
	May 18 1909
	Jun 24 1909
	[Jul 27] [1909]
	Nov 4 1909
	[Dec 23] [1909]
	[Mar 7] [1910]
	May 20 1911
	Dec 11 1911
	poems, 2 pages n.d.
Box 1, Folder 7	Lyster, Fred, [ca. March] [1875]
Box 1, Folder 7	Macfarlane, E.C.
	[August] [1884?]
	Aug 26 1884
	Sept 20 1884
	Sept 23 1884
	Oct 27 1884
	Oct [?] 1884
	Nov 20 1884
	[Nov 21] [1884]
	[Nov 22] [1884]
	[Nov 23] [1884]
	Nov 30 1884
	Dec 9 1884
	Dec 11 1884
	Feb 22 1886
	June 6 1886
	Mar 10 1889
Box 1, Folder 7	MacKay, Robert
	Apr 18 1903
	Aug 18 1906
Box 1, Folder 7	Markham, Anna C., Dec 30 1898
	Physical Description: [with transcription]
Box 1, Folder 7	Markham, Edwin, Dec 24 1898
Box 1, Folder 7	Maxim, Hudson, Nov 25 1910
Box 1, Folder 7	McCrackin, Josephine

Nov 14 1897

Physical Description: [transcription]

Dec 30 1897

Physical Description: [transcription]

Jan 30 1900

May 21 1900

Sept 10 1900

Feb 16 1913

May 25 1913

July 21 1913

Sept 16 1913

n.d.

Box 1, Folder 8

McEwen, Arthur, Apr 21 [1892]

Box 1, Folder 8

Mencken, H.L.

Apr 22 [1913?]

Apr 26 [1913?]

May 2 [1913?]

May 18 [1913?]

Box 1, Folder 8

Merrill, George B., Feb 4 1892

Box 1, Folder 8

Millard, Bailey

May 29 1905

Nov 8 1905

Jan 31 1906

May 9 1906

May 22 1906

n.d.

Box 1, Folder 8

Miller, O.C.

July 10 1879

Aug 6 1879

Aug 16 1879

Box 1, Folder 8

Miller, Joaquin, [ca Apr 5][1875]

Oversize

Mitchell, Alex L., Dec 13 [19]03

Box 1, Folder 8

Moffett, S.E., May 5 1896

Box 1, Folder 8

[Mork?], Rudolph, [1903?]

Box 1, Folder 8

Mortimer, James

Apr 14 1874

Apr 16 1874

Apr 17 1874

[ca June 15] [1874]

[ca June 23] [1874]

July 11 1874

July 13 1874

Oct 1 1874

Oct 25 1874

Nov 13 1874

Nov 22 1874

Dec 18 1874

Jan 6 1875

Physical Description: [with photo of JM]

Jan 15 [1875]

Physical Description: [fragment]

Jan 16 [1875]

Jan 18 1875

	Jan 23 1875
	Feb 3 1875
	Apr 17 1875
Box 1, Folder 8	Moss, H.A., May 26 1914
Box 1, Folder 9	Neale, H.S., July 1 1911
Box 1, Folder 9	Neale, Walter Jr., Dec 13 1909
	Neale, Walter [AB's publisher]
Box 1, Folder 9-10	Dec 13 1905-June 27 1913
Box 2, Folder 1	Dec 13 1905-June 27 1913
Box 2, Folder 2	Newmann, Paul, Oct 1 1885
Box 2, Folder 2	Norcross Chas. P.
	July 24 1908
	Aug 4 1908
	Physical Description: [AB's hand on front]
	Dec 7 1908
	Physical Description: [AB's hand on front]
	Mar 16 1909
	Mar 19 1909
Box 2, Folder 2	Palmer, C.M.
	Feb 3 1896
	June 9 1896
Box 2, Folder 2	Partridge, Ned, [March] [1892]
Box 2, Folder 2	Pausill, Mrs., Oct 19 [1895]
Box 2, Folder 2	Phelan, James D., Aug 17 1913
Box 2, Folder 2	Pollard, Percival
	May 1 1905
	Nov 13 1905
	July 25 1907
	Aug 30 1907
	Apr 16 1908
	Apr 27 1908
	Feb 18 1909
	Mar 7 1910
	Sept 6 1910
	Mar 30 1911
	May 11 1911
	Oct 21 1911
Box 2, Folder 2	Read, Opie, Aug 15 1892
Box 2, Folder 2	Rearden, T.H.
	Jan 15 1892
	Jan 29 1892
	Feb 2 1892
	Mar 2 1892
	Mar 8 1892
	Mar 14 1892
	n.d.
	n.d.
Box 2, Folder 2	Redlich, Else
	Apr 26 1908
	Dec 15 1908
	Dec 21 1909
	Dec 23 1910
	Aug 9 1910
Box 2, Folder 2	Rix, Alice, Nov 25 1899
Box 2, Folder 2	Roberts, Maud A.
	Apr 27 1908

	June 16 1913
	July 6 1913
	Sept 19 1913
Box 2, Folder 2	Robertson, Ruth, Apr 16 1911
Box 2, Folder 2	Root, Frederick Stanley, Nov 25 1899
Box 2, Folder 2	Sampson, Julia, Jan 18 1875
Box 2, Folder 2	Sargent, H.H.
	Sept [25?] 1898
	Apr 29 1900
	Nov 22 1906
	Dec 5 1911
Box 2, Folder 2	Savage, R.H., Oct 30 [1897]
Box 2, Folder 2	Scheffauer, Herman
	May 31 1904
	Aug 5 1904
	Aug 11 1904
	Sept 2 1904
	Sept 17 1904
	Oct 5 1904
	Nov 9 1904
	Nov 18 1904
	Jan 8 1905
	Jan 28 1905
	Feb 22 1905
	Mar 16 1905
	Apr 8 1905
	Apr 17 1905
	Apr 18-27 1905
	Apr 29 1905
	Apr 30 1905
	May 6 1905
	May 9 1905
	May 12 1905
	May 12 1905
	Aug 15 1905
Box 2, Folder 3	Schenk, Margaret, May 17 1899
Box 2, Folder 3	Schulte, F.J.
	May 20 1892
	June 6 1892
	June 28 1892
	July 14 1892
	Aug 4 1892
	Aug 15 1892
	Sept 10 1892
	Sept 24 1892
	Sept 28 1892
	Oct 15 1892
	Nov 11 1892
	Nov 12 1892
	Nov 19 1892
	Dec 8 1892
	Dec 9 1892
	Jan 13 1893
	[Feb?] 13 1893
	Feb 23 1893
	Sept 12 1893
	Oct 7 1903
Box 2, Folder 3	Shearer, Flora Mc.D.

	Feb 11 1888
	Nov 16 1897
	Physical Description: [transcription]
	Dec 11 1897
	Physical Description: [transcription]
	Dec 19 1897
	Physical Description: [transcription]
Box 2, Folder 3	Sherwood, H.H., Feb 6 1896
Box 2, Folder 3	Sickler, Nellie Vore
	[ca Aug] [1913]
	Sept 15 1913
Box 2, Folder 3	Sinclair, Upton, March 8 1911
Box 2, Folder 3	Smith, R.S., July 3 1880
Box 2, Folder 3	Smith, Mrs. Ralph Sidney, n.d.
Box 2, Folder 3	Somers, F.M.
	Oct 13 n.y.
	Nov 18 n.y.
Box 2, Folder 3	Stedman, Edmund C., Mar 30 1901
Box 2, Folder 3	Stedman, Laura
	Jan 12 1909
	Jan 23 1909
Box 2, Folder 3	Steele, E.L.G.
	Apr 26 1873
	Jan 2 1892
	[Feb ?] 3 1892
	Mar 25 1892
	Mar 28 1892
	Apr 14 1892
	May 22 1892
	Dec 1 1892
	Dec 13 1892
	Apr 13 1893
	Apr 17 1893
	Apr 21 1893
	May 6 1893
	June 24 1893
	[ca. Mar] [1894]
	Physical Description: [on Verso of TLS by J.C. McCormick, Jr.]
	Apr 27 1894
Box 2, Folder 4	Sterling, George, Dec 25 1903
Box 2, Folder 4	Stoddard, C.W.
	June ? 1874
	Jun 1 1875
Box 2, Folder 4	Stoddard, [L?] M., Sept 30 1891
Box 2, Folder 4	Syle, Louis DuPont
	Nov 9 1899
	Mar 7 1902
	Jun 10 1902
	Jun 14 1902
Box 2, Folder 4	Temple, A.D., Apr 7 1909
Box 2, Folder 4	Thomas, Herbert, Nov 19 1909
Box 2, Folder 4	Thompson, Will H., Jun 15 1906
Box 2, Folder 4	Tilton, Ralph, Jul 3 1906

Box 2, Folder 4	Townsend, Annie Lake, Apr 6 1892
Box 2, Folder 4	Truesdell, A.W., Jan 15 1912
Box 2, Folder 4	Turner, [D?] W., Apr 19 1893
Box 2, Folder 4	Wagner, Madge Morris Aug [27?] 1900 Sept 29 1900
Box 2, Folder 4	Utassey, George von, Mar 5 1909 Physical Description: [AB's hand on verso]
Box 2, Folder 4	Van Antwerp, J.S. Apr 16 [1896] Apr 16 1896
Box 2, Folder 4	Walker, James Randolph, Aug 21 1906
Box 2, Folder 4	Waterhouse, A., D., Mar 24 1899
Box 2, Folder 4	Watkins, Charlie, Aug 19 1875
Box 2, Folder 4	Watkins, James T. Physical Description: [with transcriptions] May 24 1873 Mar 2 1874 Mar 6 1874 Mar 22 1874 Jul 23 1874 Sept 9 1881 Jul 7 1888 Sept 9 [1889?] Oct 23 1889 Oct 17 1890 Feb 15 1891 Feb 27 1891 Mar 5 1892 Aug 16 1892 n.d.
Oversize	
Box 2, Folder 5	White, Geo. W., Feb 2 1911
Box 2, Folder 5	White, Richard E., Sept 7 1913
Oversize	Whitehall, Alex, Dec 13 1903
Box 2, Folder 5	Whympier, Fred Apr 6 [1875] Apr 19 1875 Dec 5 1875
Box 2, Folder 5	Wilkinson, Warring Jul 19 1895 Sept 23 1895 Sept 25 1895
Box 2, Folder 5	Williams, Charles, Nov 26 1874
Box 2, Folder 5	Williams, T.T. Jan 31 1896 Feb [?] 1896 Feb [?] 1896 Feb 3 1896 Feb 4 1896 Feb 15 1896 Feb 17 1896 Physical Description: [transcription] Feb 24 1896 Mar 6 1896

Mar 7 1896

Physical Description: [incomplete; transcription of 1 & 2, .3]

Mar 11 1896

Mar 13 1896

Mar 14 1896

Mar 30 1896

Apr 30 1896

May 5 1896

May 5 1896

May 13 [1896]

May 26 1896

Jul 1 1896

May 23 1899

Jun 24 1901

Jul 2 1903

Apr 6 1905

May 1 1906

2 T.T. Williams fragments

Box 2, Folder 5

Wilmot, O.T. [Mrs.], Aug 20 1871

Box 2, Folder 5

Wilson, J. Crawford, Apr 19 1875

Box 2, Folder 5

Wolfson, Jos.

May 19 1901

Sept 22 1909

Nov 15 1910

Box 2, Folder 5

Young, Rida Johnson, n.d.

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Box 2, Folder 6

Bierce, Helen w/env. To Dawson, Mr., Nov 22 1933

Box 2, Folder 6

Bierce, Leigh To Bierce, Helen, Jan 20 1897

Box 2, Folder 6

Bryan, W.J. To Phelan, James, Jul 9 1913

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Crawford, Julia To Cowden, Helen[Bierce], Nov 15 1915

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Francillon, R.E. To Gowing, Richard, Apr 8 1875

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Neale, H.S. To Christiansen, Carrie

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To CHATTO & WIINDUS, Oct 6 1908

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	To Kaufman, Edward S., Oct 4 1911
	To New York Times Company, Jul 25 1911
	To Petersen, John, Oct 7 1908
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Box 3, Folder 1	April 3, 1893F.J. Schulte & Co. bill
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Oversize	April 7, 1903Copyright Agreement
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Box 3, Folder 1	June 6, 1914Union Trust Company safe renewal
Box 3, Folder 1	December 14Invoice, St. Helena Public Cemetery Association
Box 3, Folder 1	April 4, 1916Union Trust Company authorization
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- Box 3, Folder 11 **Recollections of the Chickamauga Campaign by Henry S. Foote**
- Oversize **Clippings Scrapbook**
- Box 3, Folder 12 **Bierce columns from the *New York American and Journal***
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29 March 1902:"Little Johnny on the Toady"
8 April 1902:"For the Canal"
10 April 1902:"Little Johnny on the Sheep"
15 April 1902:"Little Johnny on the Tootsy Wootsy"
16 April 1902:"For Secretary of Something"
2 May 1902:"Little Johnny on More Tigers"
12 May 1902:"Little Johnny on the Soldier"
14 May 1902:"The Melancholy Author"
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