Descriptive Summary
Title: Frank Harris Collection,
Date (inclusive): 1896-1928
Collection number: MS.2010.005, and others
Creator: Harris, Frank, 1855-1931
Extent: .75 linear feet (2 boxes and other items)
Repository: University of California, Los Angeles. William Andrews Clark Memorial Library
Los Angeles, California 90095-1490
Abstract: This finding aid describes the Clark Library's collection of material created by and related to Frank Harris, and includes correspondence, manuscripts, news clippings, typescripts and proofs.
Physical location: Clark Library
Language of Material: Collection materials in English
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Acquisition Information
This finding aid gathers together material from multiple accessions. The exact provenance of some materials is unclear. Other material described here originated in accessions and Clark Library purchases MS.1982.004 and MS.2010.005.
Processing History
Processed by Rebecca Fenning, March, 2010.
Biography
Frank Harris was born James Thomas Harris in Galway, Ireland, February 14, 1856. He emigrated alone to the United States in 1869 and after years of study and adventure both in America and on the European continent, he returned to London in 1882. Harris become the editor of the London Evening News in 1883. In 1886, he left the Evening News for a post editing the Fortnightly Review, which he would continue to do until 1894. From 1894 to 1898, he edited the Saturday Review. In his posts at these publications, he became friends (and enemies) with many of the notable figures of fin-de-siècle London, including Oscar Wilde.
A difficult personality, Harris struggled with financial stability often after this period, and moved a great deal, living in the south of France and in London in the years before World War I. In 1915, he returned to New York, where he wrote a number of anti-British articles as well as his volumes of Contemporary Portraits. He was the editor of Pearson's Magazine from 1915-1922 and got into many clashes with American censors and others who found him and his work offensive. During this period, he also began dictating his sprawling and sexually explicit memoirs, My Life and Loves, which was published in various forms (expurgated and not) after 1922.
In 1923, he settled permanently in Nice with his longtime mistress and companion, Nellie O'Hara, who he married in 1927. He died in Nice in 1931.
Scope and Content
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Materials in this collection are not all physically housed together, because of the different acquisition dates and because of various organization schemes developed over time by the Clark. Box numbers listed below indicate the collection with which each item is physically placed.
Arrangement
The collection is organized into the following series:
Series 1. Correspondence, 1895-1928, undated
Series 2. Manuscripts and Proofs, 1915-1925

Related Material
The Clark holds a great deal of material related to Frank Harris and his professional and social circles, particularly during the 1890's. The list below is not exhaustive, but contains links to online finding aids for the papers of Oscar Wilde and his circle, as well as to the papers of Harris's friend and colleague in the 1880s and 1890s, John Verschoyle.

John Stuart Verschoyle papers, MS.2007.001. (Finding aid online)
Oscar Wilde and his Literary Circle Collection: Correspondence, MS. Wilde. (Finding aid online)
Oscar Wilde and his Literary Circle Collection: Forgeries, MS. Wilde. (Finding aid online)
Oscar Wilde and his Literary Circle Collection: Manuscripts and Miscellaneous Materials, MS. Wilde. (Finding aid online)
Oscar Wilde and his Literary Circle Collection: Wildeiana, MS. Wildeiana. (Finding aid online)

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.
Subjects
Adey, More, ca. 1859-1942
Douglas, Alfred Bruce, Lord, 1870-1945
Holland, Vyvyan Beresford, 1886-1967
Millard, Christopher, 1872-1927
Richards, Grant, 1872-1948
Rosenfeld, Samuel, Dr.
Ross, Robert Baldwin, 1869-1918
Secker, Martin, 1882-1978
Turner, Reggie, 1869?-1938
Editors--20th century

Genres and Forms
Letters--United States--20th century.
Proofs--20th century.

Series 1. Correspondence 1895-1928, undated
Arrangement
Correspondence is arranged alphabetically by the last name of the correspondent.

Subseries 1. Acworth, E. Cecil, undated
Call no. *PR5823 H314 1918 vol. 1 (copy 3)
To Acworth
Scope and Content Note
Tipped in at the beginning of a bound volume, Clark call number *PR5823 H314 1918 vol. 1 (copy 3).

Subseries 2. Adey, More, 1895-1897
Box Wilde 30, Folder 25
To Adey, November 13, 1895
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Subseries 7. Holland, Vyvyan Beresford, 1926-1927

Box Wilde 44, Folder 3
To Holland, June 10, 1926
Physical Description: Typed copy of a letter dated, Mar. 1, 1926.

Box Wilde 30, Folder 26
To Holland, November 10, 1926

Box Wilde 30, Folder 26
To Holland, November 23, 1926

Box Wilde 30, Folder 26
To Holland, August 8, 1927

Box Wilde 30, Folder 26
To Holland, December 10, 1927

Subseries 8. Hughes, Colonel, 1920

Call no. *PR5823 H314n copy 3
To Hughes, July 9, 1920
Scope and Content Note
Bound in the New Preface to the Life and Confessions of Oscar Wilde, Clark Library call no. *PR5823 H314n copy 3

Subseries 9. Leverson, Ada, 1904-1907

Box Wilde 30, Folder 27
To Leverson, November 2, 1904

Box Wilde 30, Folder 27
To Leverson, June 1, 1907

Subseries 10. Millard, Christopher, 1913-1925

Box Wilde 30, Folder 27
To Millard, October 23, 1913

Box Wilde 30, Folder 27
To Millard, October 24, 1913

Box Wilde 30, Folder 27
To Millard, July 1, 1914
Scope and Content Note
Typed letter, signed.

Box Wilde 30, Folder 27
To Millard, July 11, 1914

Box Wilde 30, Folder 27
To Millard, September 19, 1916
Scope and Content Note
Typed letter, signed.

Box Wilde 30, Folder 27
To Millard, December 4, 1916

Box Wilde 30, Folder 27
To Millard, March 20, 1919

Box Wilde 30, Folder 27
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Subseries 12. Morley, Christopher, 1918

| Box Wilde 30, Folder 28 | To Morley, August 8, 1918 |

Subseries 13. Plarr, Victor Gustave, 1898

| Box Wilde 30, Folder 28 | To Plarr, November 30, 1898 |

Subseries 14. Richards, Grant, 1915-1925

| Box Wilde 30, Folder 28 | To Richards, July 6, 1915 |
| Box Wilde 30, Folder 28 | To Richards, September 11, 1915 |
| Box Wilde 30, Folder 28 | To Richards, November 13, 1916 |
| Box Wilde 30, Folder 28 | To Richards, October 24, 1924 |
| Box Wilde 30, Folder 28 | To Richards, April 3, 1925 |
| | Physical Description: Telegram. |
| Box Wilde 30, Folder 28 | To Richards, May 22, 1925 |
Subseries 15. **Rosenfeld, Samuel, 1925-1927**

**Physical Description:** 10 items

**Arrangement**

Arranged in chronological order.

**Scope and Content Note**

Letters to Dr. Samuel Rosenfeld of Philadelphia, as well as one carbon copy of a letter from Rosenfeld to Harris. Harris evidently first contacted Rosenfeld after Florence Schmidt ordered a copy of My Life to be sent to Rosenfeld.

- **Box MS.2010.005, Folder 2**
  - **To Rosenfeld, November 4, 1925**
  - **Scope and Content Note**
    - Accompanying printed lists of publications and excerpted reviews.

- **Box MS.2010.005, Folder 3**
  - **To Rosenfeld, December 3, 1925**

- **Box MS.2010.005, Folder 4**
  - **To Rosenfeld, January 6, 1926**

- **Box MS.2010.005, Folder 5**
  - **From Rosenfeld, February 11, 1926**
  - **Scope and Content Note**
    - Very brittle carbon copy of a letter to Harris.

- **Box MS.2010.005, Folder 6**
  - **To Rosenfeld, accompanying a copy of Stories of Jesus the Christ (1919), November 27, 1926**

- **Box MS.2010.005, Folder 7**
  - **To Rosenfeld, March 10, 1927**

- **Box MS.2010.005, Folder 8**
  - **To Rosenfeld, March 17, 1927**

- **Box MS.2010.005, Folder 9**
  - **To Rosenfeld, April 21, 1927**

- **Box MS.2010.005, Folder 10**
  - **To Rosenfeld, May 4, 1927**

- **Box MS.2010.005, Folder 11**
  - **Envelope from Bennett Book Studios to Samuel Rosenfeld, December 23, 1950**
  - **Scope and Content Note**
    - Pencil note on envelope says "Letter Frank Harris, to La Touche."

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Subseries 16. **Ross, Robert Baldwin, 1913-1917**

- **Box Wilde 30, Folder 29**
  - **To Ross, December 28, 1913**

- **Box Wilde 30, Folder 29**
  - **To Ross, December 18, 1913**

- **Box Wilde 30, Folder 29**
  - **To Ross, December 21, 1913**

- **Box Wilde 30, Folder 29**
  - **To Ross, April 9, 1914**

- **Box Wilde 30, Folder 29**
  - **To Ross, April 27, 1914**

- **Box Wilde 30, Folder 29**
  - **To Ross, April 29, 1914**

- **Box Wilde 30, Folder 29**
  - **To Ross, May 2, 1914**

- **Box Wilde 30, Folder 29**
  - **To Ross, October 24, 1916**
Subseries 16. Ross, Robert Baldwin, 1913-1917

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To Ross, November 10, 1916
To Ross, November 20, 1916
To Ross, December 12, 1916
To Ross, January 9, 1917

Subseries 17. Schmidt, Florence, 1925

Physical Description: 2 items
Arrangement
Arranged in chronological order.
Scope and Content Note
An acquaintance of Dr. Samuel Rosenfeld's living in Paris, when she ordered copies of Harris' work from him directly.

Box MS.2010.005, Folder 12
Box MS.2010.005, Folder 13

To Schmidt, September 16, 1925
To Schmidt, October 8, 1925

Subseries 18. Secker, Martin, 1925

Box Wilde 30, Folder 30
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To Secker, March 25, 1925
To Secker, April 3, 1925
To Secker, April 13, 1925
To Secker, April 23, 1925
To Secker, July 10, 1925

Subseries 19. Turner, Reggie, 1923-1928

Box Wilde 30, Folder 30
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To Turner, October 31, 1923
Physical Description: With press announcement of My Life and Loves.
To Turner, September 9, 1924
To Turner, March 20, 1925
To Turner, May 10, 1925
To Turner, June 2, 1925
To Turner, March 11, 1928

Subseries 20. Unknown correspondent, 1919-1921
To unknown correspondent, June 8, 1921
Scope and Content Note
On Pearson's Magazine letterhead, responding to being accused of "scurrility," and making a derogatory reference to Theodore Dreiser, of whom the unknown correspondent is a fan.

Letter and ephemera soliciting purchases of Pearson's Magazine stock, July 23, 1919
Scope and Content Note
Typed letter, signed, with attachments.

To Viereck, December 1, 1925

To Wilde, September 26, 1900
Scope and Content Note

Uncorrected proofs of The Life and Confessions of Oscar Wilde, printed for D.J. Rider, [ca. 1915]
Physical Description: 530 p.
Scope and Content Note
Proofs for the D.J. Rider printing of Oscar Wilde, which was not published.

Scope and Content Note
pp. 217-222.

A Second Preface to "The Life and Confessions of Oscar Wilde," 1925
Physical Description: Typescript
Scope and Content Note
With holograph corrections by Lord Alfred Douglas. H314M3 S4455 [1925]

A Second Preface to "The Life and Confessions of Oscar Wilde," 1925
Physical Description: Typescript
Scope and Content Note
Clark shelfmark H314M3 S4455 [1925]a

Proofs of Volume 2, Chapter 1 of My Life, ca. 1925
Scope and Content Note
With holograph note by Harris at the top, directing the reader to return it to him at Nice when finished reading.