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Descriptive Summary

Title: Chalmers (Stephen) Papers,
Date (inclusive): 1915-1931
Collection number: 632
Creator: Chalmers, Stephen, 1880-
Extent: 1 box (0.5 linear ft.)
Repository: University of California, Los Angeles. Library Special Collections.
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Abstract: Stephen Chalmers (1880-1935) was born in Scotland. He became an active member of the Robert Louis Stevenson Memorial Society of Saranac Lake (New York) and wrote many volumes about Robert Louis Stevenson. The collection consists primarily of letters (ca. 1915-1922) to Chalmers discussing Robert Louis Stevenson and the Robert Louis Stevenson Memorial Society of Saranac Lake. Includes material relating to the founding and activities of the RLS Memorial Society of Saranac Lake and the Stevenson family circle.

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Language: English.

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Biography
Stephen Chalmers was born in Scotland in 1880; became an active member of the Robert Louis Stevenson Memorial Society of Saranac Lake (New York); wrote many volumes about Robert Louis Stevenson; contributed to pulp magazines and wrote mysteries, historical novels, and poetry; also wrote science fiction stories, Star-Dust (1912) and The Frozen Beauty (1914); died in California, 1935.

Scope and Content
Collection consists primarily of letters (ca. 1915-1922) to Chalmers from Katharine Osbourne, Isobel Field, Lloyd Osbourne, Charles John Guthrie, and others. Most of the correspondence discusses Robert Louis Stevenson and the Robert Louis Stevenson Memorial Society of Saranac Lake (New York). Includes material relating to the founding and activities of the RLS Memorial Society of Saranac Lake and the Stevenson family circle. Also includes reminiscences of Stevenson by his college friend Charles John Guthrie.

Organization and Arrangement
Arranged in the following series:
1. Letters from Isobel Field to Chalmers.
2. Letters from Katherine Osbourne to Chalmers.
4. Personal papers and correspondence of Stephen Chalmers

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.
Chalmers, Stephen, 1880- --Archives.
Stevenson, Robert Louis, 1850-1894.
Field, Isobel, 1858-1953--Correspondence.
Osbourne, Katharine Durham, b. 1870--Correspondence.
Guthrie, Charles John Guthrie, Lord, 1849-1920--Correspondence.
Authors, American 20th century--Archival resources.
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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Box 1, Folder 1</th>
<th>20 holograph letters signed from Isobel Field to Stephen Chalmers, ca. April 10, 1916-December 20, 1919.</th>
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<td>Physical Description: 29 pieces, of which 9 are envelopes, in one folder.</td>
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<td>These discuss the Saranac Stevenson Society, and then current attacks upon Stevenson by literary critics.</td>
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<td>Box 1, Folder 2</td>
<td>28 holograph letters signed from Katharine Osbourne to Stephen Chalmers, December 20, 1918-March 14, 1922.</td>
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<td>These discuss the Stevenson marriage from Mrs. Osbourne's point of view, interpreting the marriage as an unfortunate event in Stevenson's life.</td>
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<td>Box 1, Folder 3</td>
<td>8 holograph letters signed from Charles James Guthrie to Stephen Chalmers, written from Edinburgh, November 22, 1915-January 15, 1920. 3 holograph letters signed from Lloyd Osbourne to Stephen Chalmers, ca. 1917. 2 holograph letters signed from Will Low, the artist who designed the bookplate of the Saranac Stevenson Society, to Stephen Chalmers, February 11, 1917 and September 20, 1918.</td>
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<td>Also, other miscellaneous letters and related materials.</td>
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<td>Box 1, Folder 4</td>
<td>Personal papers and correspondence of Stephen Chalmers, not related to Stevenson, ca. 1928-1931.</td>
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<td>Including material on an impersonator of Chalmers.</td>
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