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Descriptive Summary

Title: Will Levington Comfort Papers,

Date (inclusive): 1910-1932

Collection number: 254

Creator: Comfort, Will Levington, 1878-1932

Extent: 5 boxes (2.5 linear ft.)

Repository: University of California, Los Angeles. Library Special Collections.
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Abstract: Will Levington Comfort (1878-1932) was born in Kalamazoo, Michigan. He was a newspaperman (1890s), a war correspondent and author. He also issued two periodicals chiefly concerned with spiritualism. The collection consists of correspondence, notes, printed material and drafts of his novels, including a draft of a novel by his daughter, Jane Levington Comfort.

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Biography
Comfort was born on January 17, 1878 in Kalamazoo, Michigan; served in the cavalry in the Spanish-American War; newspaperman in Cincinnati in the 1890s; war correspondent in the Philippines for the Detroit Journal, and in Japan and Russia for the Pittsburgh Dispatch in 1904; published books include: Routledge Rides Alone (1910), Fate Knocks at the Door (1912), Red Fleece (1915), The Autobiographical Midstream: a Chronicle at Halfway (1914), and Apache (1931); from South Pasadena, California he issued two periodicals, The Glass Hive and Reconstruction Letters, which were chiefly concerned with spiritualism; he died on November 2, 1932.

Scope and Content
Collection consists of correspondence, notes, printed material and drafts of his novels, including a draft of a novel by his daughter, Jane Levington Comfort. Includes his novel Apache (1931), the story of Mangas Coloradas, Apache chief, and four issues of his periodical The Glass Hive.

Organization and Arrangement
Arranged in the following series:
1. Correspondence, notes, clippings and pictures (Box 1).
2. Glass Hive and Reconstruction Letters (Box 2).
3. Drafts of novels by Comfort, with notes on how Apache came to be written (Boxes 3-5).

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.
Comfort, Will Levington, 1878-1932--Archives.
Authors, American--20th century--Archival resources.
Manuscripts for publication.
Comfort, Will Levington, 1878-1932--Apache.

Box 1

Correspondence, notes, clippings, and pictures.

Note
Includes:

Box 2
Glass Hive and Reconstruction Letters.

Boxes 3, 5
Drafts of novels by Will Levington Comfort.
Box 4

**Drafts of novels by Will Levington Comfort.**

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