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#### Descriptive Summary

**Title:** Wilshire Family Papers,

**Date (inclusive):** 1898-1985

**Collection number:** 231

**Creator:** Wilshire family

**Extent:** 30 boxes (15.0 linear ft.) 4 oversize boxes

**Repository:** University of California, Los Angeles. Library. Department of Special Collections.  
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**Abstract:** Henry Gaylord Wilshire (1861-1927) was a real estate developer who helped turn Long Beach into a seaside resort and developed Wilshire Boulevard. He became known as the millionaire socialist, publishing *The Challenge*, which changed its name to *Wilshire's Magazine*. Gaylord stood as a congressional candidate for the 6th California district in 1890, for the British Parliament in 1894, for the Canadian Parliament in 1902, and for Congress from New York in 1904. The collection contains correspondence, manuscripts, notes, books, pamphlets, magazines, personal papers, photographs and printed materials relating to Henry Gaylord Wilshire, his wife Mary McReynolds, and their son Logan Gaylord.

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#### **Biography**

Henry Gaylord Wilshire was born on June 7, 1861 in Cincinnati, Ohio; attended Harvard; came to Los Angeles, California in his mid-20s; purchased land and helped turn Long Beach into a seaside resort; began to develop Wilshire Boulevard and the Los Angeles Billposting Company; became known as the millionaire socialist, publishing *The challenge*, which changed its name to *Wilshire's magazine*; contributors included George Bernard Shaw, Upton Sinclair, and Jack London; in 1904 married Mary McReynolds; born on May 1, 1880 in New York City, New York, she was active in socialist organizations; also contributed to *Wilshire's magazine*; their son Logan was born on August 29, 1907; when the magazine was banned from the U.S. mail, Gaylord Wilshire published it and ran his other businesses from Canada; owned a second home in Hampstead, London, England; Gaylord stood as a congressional candidate for the 6th California district in 1890, for the British Parliament in 1894, for the Canadian Parliament in 1902, and for Congress from New York in 1904; published works include *Socialism: a religion* (19--), *Wilshire editorials* (c. 1906), and *Syndicalism: what it is* (1912); he died on September 7, 1927.

#### **Scope and Content**

Collection contains correspondence, manuscripts, notes, books, pamphlets, magazines, personal papers, photographs and printed materials relating to Henry Gaylord Wilshire, his wife Mary McReynolds, and their son Logan Gaylord. Also contains microfilm relating to the Wilshire Bishop Creek Mine, and the establishment of Wilshire's Ionaco and other ventures in the field of medical science.

#### **Organization and Arrangement**

Arranged in the following series:

1. Wilshire family correspondence.
2. Mary (McReynolds) Wilshire correspondence.
3. Correspondence regarding the Iona Company.
4. Gaylord Wilshire clippings, business and personal papers.
5. Mary Wilshire literary materials.
6. Mary Wilshire materials regarding psychoanalysis.
7. Mary Wilshire personal papers.
8. Miscellaneous manuscripts.
9. Materials by and about Logan Wilshire.
10. Photographs and pictorial material.
11. Correspondence, papers, and reports regarding Bishop Creek Mine.
12. Notes and manuscripts by Logan Wilshire.
13. Clippings.
14. Political tracts and pamphlets.
15. Issues of *Wilshire's Monthly Magazine*, books and pamphlets.

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## Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Wilshire family--Archives.

Wilshire, Gaylord, 1861-1927--Archives.

Wilshire, Mary--Archives.

Wilshire, Logan--Archives.

Periodical editors--United States--Archival resources.

Family papers.

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### Correspondence: Wilshire Family

#### Scope and Content Note

Contains letters to and from (Henry) Gaylord Wilshire, his wife Mary (MacReynolds) and their son Logan Gaylord. Arranged chronologically. Although the correspondence is mainly personal, there are some references in it to Gaylord Wilshire's business concerns, such as the Ionaco Belt. This section also includes a small amount of material relating to other family members.

- Box 1                                   **1833.**  
  **Physical Description:** (1 item).
- Box 1                                   **1900-1909.**  
  **Physical Description:** (22 folders).
- Box 2                                   **1910-1920.**  
  **Physical Description:** (18 folders).
- Box 3                                   **1921-1923.**  
  **Physical Description:** (16 folders).
- Box 4                                   **1924-1925.**  
  **Physical Description:** (18 folders).
- Box 5, Folders  
1-12                                   **1926-1928.**  
Box 5, Folder 13                   **Gaylord Wilshire, n.d. and fragments.**  
Box 5, Folder 14                   **To Jennie E. MacReynolds (mother of Mary Wilshire) from her daughter Myra**  
  **(MacReynolds) Howell, 1912-13 and n.d.**  
  **Correspondence: Mary (MacReynolds) Wilshire**
- Box 6, Folders 1-4                   **General correspondence, 1936-1955.**  
Box 6, Folders 5-8                   **To Mary Wilshire from her sister, Myra (MacReynolds) Howell, n.d.**  
Box 6, Folder 9                    **To Mary Wilshire from her mother, Jennie E. MacReynolds, n.d.**  
Box 6, Folder 10                   **Family letters to Mary Wilshire and other family members, 1898-1913, n.d.**  
Box 6, Folders                    **Mary Wilshire, undated and fragments.**  
11-15

#### Correspondence re the Iona Company (Wilshire's Ionaco)

##### Note

Correspondence in this section has been partially sorted into chronological sequence (Boxes 7-8). The rest of the material is alphabetically arranged by subject; items described in square brackets were either found loose or in untitled file folders.

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Box 7	<b>1924-October 15, 1926.</b> <b>Physical Description:</b> (15 folders).
Box 8, Folders 1-6	<b>October 16, 1926-1927.</b>
Box 8, Folder 7	<b>Ionaco background - Radium therapy and magnetism.</b>
Box 8, Folders 8-10	<b>Ionaco - Criticisms of, 1925-1927.</b>
Box 8, Folder 11	<b>Ionaco - pamphlet describing. n.d.</b>
Box 8, Folders 12-13	<b>Ionaco - testimonials, 1925-1927.</b>
Box 9, Folder 1	<b>A.</b>
Box 9, Folder 2	<b>Army &amp; Navy Stores, London.</b>
Box 9, Folder 3	<b>Aronson &amp; Company.</b>
Box 9, Folder 4	<b>Auto Club of Southern California.</b>
Box 9, Folder 5	<b>B.</b>
Box 9, Folder 6	<b>Bank of America.</b>
Box 9, Folder 7	<b>Barker Brothers.</b>
Box 9, Folder 8	<b>Bates, Dr. Luther V.</b>
Box 9, Folder 9	<b>Baughman, E.J.</b>
Box 9, Folder 10	<b>C.</b>
Box 9, Folder 11	<b>Campbell, John A.</b>
Box 9, Folder 12	<b>Campbell, William L.</b>
Box 9, Folder 13	<b>Carter &amp; Cotton, Drs.</b>
Box 9, Folder 14	<b>Columbia Bond &amp; Mortgage Company.</b>
Box 9, Folder 15	<b>Commercial Board.</b>
Box 9, Folder 16	<b>Commissioner of Corporations.</b>
Box 9, Folder 17	<b>Cradick, C.W.</b>
Box 9, Folders 18-19	<b>D.</b>
Box 9, Folder 20	<b>[Expense account].</b>
Box 9, Folder 21	<b>F.</b>
Box 10, Folder 1	<b>G.</b>
Box 10, Folder 2	<b>H.</b>
Box 10, Folder 3	<b>Harris, Kenneth.</b>
Box 10, Folder 4	<b>Hassell, Captain J.A.</b>
Box 10, Folder 5	<b>Haynes, Dr. John R.</b>
Box 10, Folder 6	<b>[Hoof &amp; Mouth disease].</b>
Box 10, Folder 7	<b>Hoover, Professor Theodore.</b>
Box 10, Folder 8	<b>J.</b>
Box 10, Folder 9	<b>N.</b>
Box 10, Folder 10	<b>O.</b>
Box 10, Folder 11	<b>P.</b>
Box 10, Folder 12	<b><i>Pasadena Star News.</i></b>
Box 10, Folder 13	<b>[Patent applications].</b>
Box 10, Folder 14	<b>Peters, Dr. P.</b>
Box 10, Folder 15	<b>Q.</b>
Box 10, Folder 16	<b>R.</b>
Box 10, Folder 17	<b>Radium.</b>
Box 10, Folder 18	<b>Rose, S.B.</b>
Box 10, Folder 19	<b>S.</b>
Box 10, Folders 20-21	<b>Science, mostly medical diagnoses, 1920-1926.</b>
Box 11, Folder 1	<b>Searle, Carroll.</b>
Box 11, Folder 2	<b>Shaw, G. Bernard.</b>
Box 11, Folder 3	<b>Sherman, R.P.</b>
Box 11, Folder 4	<b>Slosson, Dr. E.E.</b>
Box 11, Folder 5	<b>T.</b>
Box 11, Folder 6	<b>Thomas B. Sizer, Company.</b>

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Box 11, Folder 7 **Tubize Artificial Silk Company.**  
Box 11, Folder 8 **U.**  
Box 11, Folder 9 **V.**  
Box 11, Folder 10 **W.**  
Box 11, Folder 11 **White, Dr. George Starr.**  
Box 11, Folder 12 **Who's Who list.**  
Box 11, Folder 13 **Williams & Wilkins.**  
Box 11, Folder 14 **Wilshire National Bank.**  
Box 11, Folder 15 **[Wilshire's scientific interests, 1920-1924].**  
Box 11, Folder 16 **Y.**  
Box 11, Folder 17 **[Ionaco, 1926].**  
Box 11, Folder 18 **[Ionaco, 1927].**  
Box 11, Folder 19 **[Electric Belt Competitors].**  
Box 11, Folder 20 **[Clippings, including advertisement for Ionaco Belt].**  
Box 11, Folder 21 **[Ionaco Belt operating instructions].**

**Gaylord Wilshire: Clippings, Business and Personal Papers**

Box 12, Folder 1 **Address books.**  
Box 12, Folder 2 **Address lists.**  
Box 12, Folder 3 **Bishop's Creek Milling Company - stockholders list (?).**  
Box 12, Folder 4 **Bishop's Creek Mine.**

**Physical Description:** Clippings.  
**Note**  
(See also folder 19)

Box 12, Folder 5 **Bishop's Creek Mine - notices, circulars to stockholders.**  
Box 12, Folder 6 **Bishop's Creek Mine - promotional literature.**  
Box 12, Folder 7 **Bishop's Creek Mine - reports.**  
Box 12, Folder 8 **Clippings - various subjects.**  
Box 12, Folder 9 **Club Casa del Mar, Santa Monica - Correspondence and circulars.**  
Box 12, Folder 10 **Consolidated Wilshire Mining Company.**  
Box 12, Folder 11 **Ephemera - Theatre programs etc.**  
Box 12, Folder 12 **Funeral of Gaylord Wilshire, 1927.**  
Box 12, Folders **Gorky, Maxim - Clippings re visit to U.S.**  
13-14

Box 12, Folder 15 **Janss Investment Company.**  
Box 12, Folder 16 **Legal documents - various.**  
Box 12, Folder 17 **Los Angeles Posting Company - financial statements & accounts.**  
Box 12, Folder 18 **Mecca, Riverside County. Correspondence & papers re real estate.**  
Box 12, Folder 19 **Mining schemes investigation, 1910.**

**Physical Description:** Clippings.  
**Note**  
(See also folder 4)

Box 13, Folder 1 **Miscellaneous.**  
Box 13, Folder 2 **Miscellaneous bills and receipts.**  
Box 13, Folder 3 **Miscellaneous financial records.**  
Box 13, Folder 4 **Newspapers re labor.**  
Box 13, Folder 5 **Personal - Clippings.**  
Box 13, Folder 6 **Personal - Documents and publicity materials.**  
Box 13, Folder 7 **Socialism - Clippings.**  
Box 13, Folder 8 **Stationery samples.**  
Box 13, Folder 9 **Wilshire Radium Hot Springs.**  
Box 13, Folder 10 **Wilshire's Magazine - Clippings.**  
Box 13, Folder 11 **Wilshire's Magazine - Ephemera.**  
Box 13, Folders **Writings of Gaylord Wilshire - Published.**  
12-13

Box 13, Folder 14      **Writings of Gaylord Wilshire - Manuscripts.**  
Box 13, Folder 15      **Writings, not by Gaylord Wilshire - Published.**  
Box 13, Folder 16      **Writings, not by Gaylord Wilshire (?) - Manuscripts.**  
Box 13, Folder 17      **Offprint: The Ionaco of Gaylord Wilshire, by Donald G. Davis, reprinted from  
Southern California Quarterly, vol.49 no.4, (December 1967).**

**Note**

Gift of Mrs. Logan Wilshire, April 1981.

**Mary Wilshire: Literary Materials**

Box 14, Folders      **Autobiographical manuscript.**  
1-4  
Box 14, Folder 5      **Autobiographical manuscript (another version?).**  
Box 14, Folder 6      **Compassion manuscript.**  
Box 14, Folder 7      **The little prince of Tassawini manuscript.**  
Box 14, Folder 8      **Mrs. Paramor manuscript.**  
Box 14, Folders      **Various manuscripts.**  
9-16  
Box 15, Folders      **Various manuscripts, including a poem, Realizations (folder 8) found in front of  
1-8      scrapbook re lectures on psychoanalysis (folder 11).**

**Mary Wilshire: Materials re Psychoanalysis**

Box 15, Folders      **Notes, lecture outlines and other material re lectures on psychoanalysis given by  
9-11      Mary Wilshire.**  
Box 15, Folders      **Manuscripts and lectures on psychoanalysis.**  
12-14  
Box 15, Folder 15      **Reprint of article from Los Angeles Times, June 25, 1922 by James Oppenheim;  
Psycho-analysis.**  
                                 **Physical Description: (2 copies).**

Box 15, Folder 16      **Clippings about psychoanalysis.**  
Box 15, Folder 17      **Dream record, 1901-1924.**

**Mary Wilshire: Personal Papers**

Box 16, Folder 1      **Bank statements, 1926-27.**  
Box 16, Folder 2      **Clippings and miscellaneous.**  
Box 16, Folder 3      **Diary, 1912.**  
Box 16, Folder 4      **Legal documents - various, 1917, 1927.**

**Scope and Content Note**

Includes deeds relating to Howard Place [Pasadena] property and copy will of Susan Emerson Wilshire, Gay's stepmother.

Box 16, Folder 5      **Personal documents, 1906-1942.**

**Scope and Content Note**

Includes passport, certificate of registration under 1920 Aliens Order and prescriptions.

Box 16, Folders      **Real estate documents and correspondence:**  
6-8

**Scope and Content Note**

Howard place, Pasadena, 1918-1927.

Santa Monica, 1924-1927.

Riverside county, 1925-1927.

**Miscellaneous Manuscripts etc.**

**Scope and Content Note**

Comprises mostly material apparently sent to Mary Wilshire.

Box 16, Folder 9	<b>For Wilshire books, Various typescripts.</b>
Box 16, Folders 10-12	<b>Various writings, typed and manuscripts.</b>
Box 16, Folder 13	<b>Correspondence and writings, from William R. Roalfe, 1926, n.d.</b>
Box 16, Folder 14	<b>Charles Austin Beard as a teacher, by Arthur W. MacMahon. Offprint from <i>Political Science Quarterly</i>, vol.65 no.1, (March 1950).</b>
	<b>Logan Wilshire: Materials By and About</b>
Box 17, Folder 1	<b>Clippings, 1914.</b>
Box 17, Folder 2	<b>Manuscripts.</b>
Box 17, Folder 3	<b>Manuscripts marked for Logan.</b>
Box 17, Folders 4-5	<b>Binder marked London and 20th Century and manuscripts contained in it, some relating to Logan (?).</b>
Box 17, Folder 6	<b>Poems, article about, 1914.</b>
Box 17, Folder 7	<b>School bills, 1918-19.</b>
Box 17, Folder 8	<b>School report, 1922.</b>
	<b>Photographs and Pictorial Material</b>
	<b>Note</b>
	Chiefly from the archives of <i>Wilshire's Magazine</i> .
Box 18, Folder 1	<b>Aremu Gold Mine.</b>
Box 18, Folder 2	<b>Bishop Creek mine.</b>
	<b>Note</b>
	See also Boxes 23 and 34.
Box 18, Folder 3	<b>Canada - views. 3 items, including 2 by William Notman: 3181- Montreal from Mount Royal, and 3267- St. John, N.B. and Harbour.</b>
Box 18, Folder 4	<b>Gaylord Wilshire - portraits.</b>
Box 18, Folder 5	<b>Mary Wilshire - photographs from her papers.</b>
Box 18, Folders 6-7	<b><i>Wilshire's Magazine</i> offices - views.</b>
Box 19	<b>Photographs.</b>
	<b>Physical Description:</b> (8 folders).
Box 20	<b>Photographs.</b>
	<b>Physical Description:</b> (7 folders).
Box 23	<b>Pictorial materials.</b>
	<b>Physical Description:</b> (3 folders).
Box 23	<b>Album of photographs of Bishop Creek Mine, by Thomas Jackson, 1926.</b>
Box 23	<b>Photographs, including portrait of Gaylord Wilshire and a study of him with Mary Wilshire.</b>
Box 23	<b><i>Wilshire's Magazine</i>: December 1904, June &amp; July 1905.</b>
	<b>Correspondence &amp; Papers: Bishop Mine</b>
	<b>Note</b>
	Correspondence in this section has been mostly sorted into chronological sequence, with the remainder alphabetically arranged by author.
Box 21, Folders 1-11	<b>September 1924-1927 &amp; n.d.</b>
Box 21, Folder 12	<b>K.</b>
Box 21, Folder 13	<b>Kea.</b>
Box 21, Folder 14	<b>Keogh.</b>
Box 21, Folder 15	<b>L.</b>



Box 21, Folder 16	<b>Mac, Mc.</b>
Box 21, Folder 17	<b>M.</b>
Box 21, Folder 18	<b>Ledger book, 1918-1922.</b>
	<b>Additions</b>
Box 24	<b>Correspondence, biographical material, writings by the Wilshire family.</b>
Box 25	<b>Manuscripts by Logan Wilshire including biography of Gaylord Wilshire, clippings.</b>
Box 26	<b>Notes and manuscripts by Logan Wilshire, biographical material about Gaylord Wilshire, clippings.</b>
Box 27	<b>Clippings.</b>
Box 28	<b>Political tracts and pamphlets.</b>
Box 29	<b>Issues of <i>Wilshire's Monthly Magazine</i>, books and pamphlets.</b>
Box 30	<b>Clippings.</b>
Boxes 31-33	<b>Photographs - Flat boxes.</b>
Box 34, Folder 1	<b>Wilshire-Bishop creek mine (Bishop, California).</b> <b>Physical Description:</b> 2 reports.
Box 34, Folders 1-2	<b>Microfilm (8 reels): correspondence 1909-1923, 1920-1924.</b>
Box 34, Folders 3-4	<b>Mining &amp; business correspondence, 1918-1926, 1926-1927.</b>
Box 34, Folders 5-8	<b>Scrapbook, Wilshire-Bishop Creekmine.</b>
Box 22	<b>[Unsorted].</b>