Finding aid for the J.E. Woodhead collection of Roycroft Press and Elbert Hubbard materials 0162

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**Title:** J.E. Woodhead collection of Roycroft Press and Elbert Hubbard materials  
**Collection number:** 0162  
**Contributing Institution:** USC Libraries Special Collections  
**Language of Material:** English  
**Storage Unit:** 1  
**Physical Description:** 0.84 Linear feet  
**Date (inclusive):** 1896-1915  
**Abstract:** This small collection contains letters, essays, broadsides, clippings, and photographs, created by and for Elbert Hubbard, an American writer, publisher, and philosopher, and founder of the Arts and Crafts community of Roycroft. The materials were collected by J.E. Woodhead in the course of his book collecting activities. In addition to publications produced by Hubbard's Arts and Crafts community, Roycroft, and by the Roycrofters, it also contains letters from the Hubbards to the J.E. Woodhead and his wife regarding Roycroft publications.

creator: Hubbard, Elbert, 1856-1915  
creator: Roycroft Shop.  
creator: Woodhead, J.E., (John Edward), 1840-1918

**Related Archival Materials**  
J.E. Woodhead papers, Collection no. 0004.

**Preferred Citation**  
[Box/folder# or item name], J.E. Woodhead collection of Roycroft Press and Elbert Hubbard materials, Collection no. 0162, Special Collections, USC Libraries, University of Southern California

**Conditions Governing Access**  
COLLECTION STORED OFF-SITE. Advance notice required for access.

**Biographical note**  
Elbert Hubbard was born on June 19, 1856 in Bloomington, Illinois and was raised in Hudson, Illinois. He began his career as a travelling salesman with the Larkin Soap Company. In 1895, he founded Roycroft, an Arts and Crafts movement community, in East Aurora, New York. Roycroft was an outgrowth of the private press founded by Hubbard in collaboration with his first wife, Bertha. Hubbard and his second wife, Alice, died on May 7, 1915 at the sinking of the Lusitania.

J.E. (John Edward) Woodhead was born in Leeds, England on August 2, 1840 and died in Chicago on October 24, 1918. A successful businessman, Woodhead developed an interest in book collecting, and established a 4000-plus volume private library. He also served as Secretary of the World's Congress Auxiliary Section of Weights, Measures, and Coinage at the World's Columbian Exposition; was a founder and officer (secretary) of the Cosmic Publishing Company, publisher of "Mind in Nature"; a founding member of the Western Society for Psychical Research (founded 1885 in Chicago); and the founder and manager of the National Letter Return Association (1885-1895).

**Scope and Content**  
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**Subjects and Indexing Terms**  
Hubbard, Elbert, 1856-1915 -- Archives  
Roycroft Shop. -- Archives  
Woodhead, J.E., (John Edward), 1840-1918 -- Archives  
Book collectors--Illinois--Chicago--Archival resources  
Brochures  
Clippings
Ephemera
Letters
Photographs
Publishers and publishing--New York (State)--Archival resources

A Message to Garcia

Box 1, Folder 2  A Message to Garcia copy 234 1899
Scope and Content
Best-selling essay by Elbert Hubbard set in the context of the Spanish-American War.
Signed by Elbert Hubbard.

Box 1, Folder 3  A Message to Garcia copy 898 1899
Scope and Content
Best-selling essay by Elbert Hubbard set in the context of the Spanish-American War.
Signed by Elbert Hubbard.

Box 2, Folder 6  A Message to Garcia copy 899 1899
Scope and Content
Best-selling essay by Elbert Hubbard set in the context of the Spanish-American War.
Signed by Elbert Hubbard.

Correspondence

Box 1, Folder 5  Correspondence between Elbert and Bertha Hubbard and Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Woodhead 1896-1912
Box 1, Folder 6  Letter from Elbert Hubbard laid in Ralph Flewelling's copy of Lamb's Essays of Elia 1896 December 19
Scope and Content
Essays of Elia by Charles Lamb.

Box 2, Folder 5  Letters from Bertha Hubbard to Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Woodhead 1896-1899
Box 2, Folder 3  Letters from Elbert Hubbard to Nellie Woodhead; Roycroft Publication Brochures 1896-1900

Box 1, Folder 9

Newspaper clippings 1899-1915

Scope and Content
Includes clippings about the sinking of the Lusitania.

Photographs

Box 2, Folder 2  Photographs in an envelope addressed to J.E. Woodhead 1905
Box 2, Folder 7  Portraits of Elbert Hubbard 1898-1899
Roycroft Publications

Box 1, Folder 7  Illustrations for Little Journeys to the Homes of American Authors
Box 1, Folder 4  Lecture Notices

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| Box 1, Folder 1 | **List of the Books Made by the Roycrofters at the Roycroft Shop which is in East Aurora, Erie County, New York, MDCCCXCVIII 1898** |
| Box 2, Folder 4 | **Miscellaneous Roycroft Pamphlets and Brochures** |
| Box 2, Folder 1 | **Roycroft Brochures and Advertisements** |
| Box 1, Folder 8 | **Roycroft Mementos** |

**Scope and Content**
- 2 copies.
- Possibly belonging to Grace Woodhead.