

Richard Harding Davis

Miscellaneous Correspondence and Other Documents

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Abstract:

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Biographical Note:

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Organization of the Content

Arranged by topically then chronologically. Oversize material foldered and shelved in flat cases.

Indexing Terms:

Davis, Richard Harding, 1864-1916 – Archives
Davis, Rebecca Harding, 1831-1910 – Correspondence
Harper, J. Henry (Joseph Henry), 1850-1938. – Correspondence
Harper & Brothers
Gilder, Richard Watson – Correspondence
Young, William – Correspondence
Davis, Charles Belmont – Correspondence
Lehigh University – Students
Macmillan & Co., London
Scribner's
Photographic prints.
Posters.
Journalists.
Publishers and authors.

Related Material

Mustard and Cheese documents
The Lehigh Burr
Dr. Allen J. Barthold Papers (1914-1984) SC MS 0138

Description of Collection:

Box 1:

Series I. Correspondence, 1887-1916:

Folder 1.01

1887. Letter (w/transcript) to William Young.

Folder 1.02

1893. 14 letters, 1 telegram, mostly to J. Henry Harper, Harper & Bros., N.Y.

Folder 1.03

1895. Ca. 30 letters, telegrams and cards, mostly to J. Henry Harper, some from Athens, Ga.

Folder 1.04

1897-1898. Ca. 17 letters, mostly to J. Henry Harper; copy of letter to RHD from Macmillan & Co., London.

Folder 1.05

1899. 4 letters, 2 telegrams to J. Henry Harper.

Folder 1.06

1900. 2 letters, 1 to Rebecca Harding Davis, 1 to J. Henry Harper.

Folder 1.07

1907. 1 letter, to Wm. Whitman Bailey, and letter of transmittal by recipient to Lehigh University (1942).

Folder 1.08

1912. RHD's wedding announcement; 4 letters, 1 portrait photograph to Walters, Lehigh University.

Folder 1.09

1913-1914.

1 Christmas card, 1 letter to Raymond W. Walters, Lehigh University.

Folder 1.10

1915-1916. 1 letter to "Pile" from Charles Belmont Davis; 3 letters, 1 telegram to Raymond Walters, Lehigh University.

Folder 1.11 (see Series II)

Folder 1.12

undated. 6 miscellaneous notes and letters.

Folder 1.13

undated. 3 letters sent from Marion, Mass.

Folder 1.14

undated. 8 notes and letters, mostly to J. Henry Harper, sent from Jermyn, London.

Series II: Rebecca Harding Davis letters

Folder 1.11

10 letters from Rebecca Harding Davis to Richard Watson Gilder.

Series IV: Posters

26 laminated posters (*located in Flat Case, Drawer 7*):

"Dr. Jamison's Raiders"

"Cuba in War Time (3 copies)"

“Our English Cousins”
“The Princess Aline”
“The Bar Sinister” (2 copies)
“In the Fog” (3 copies)
“The Lion and the Unicorn”
“Once Upon a Time” (2 copies)
“The Scarlet Car”
“The Exiles and Other Stories”
“The King's Jackal” (2 different ones)
Scribner's poster for March, including “The Bar Sinister”
Scribner's poster for April, including “Captain Macklin” and photo of Davis
Scribner's poster for April, including RH Davis
Scribner's poster for August, including “A Derelict”
Scribner's poster for August, including RH Davis
Scribner's poster for October, including RH Davis
Scribner's poster for October, including RH Davis “The Battle of San Juan Hill”
Scribner's poster for November, including RH Davis “The Campaign in Porto Rico”