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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: YCAL MSS 223

CREATOR: Blanck, Jacob, 1906-1974

TITLE: Jacob Blanck papers

DATES: 1930-1947

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 0.42 linear feet (1 box)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The collection consists primarily of corrected page proofs and a small amount of correspondence created and compiled during the publication of the fourth edition of Merle Johnson's American First Editions (1942).

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Jacob Blanck, 1950.

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

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Preferred Citation

Jacob Blanck Papers. Yale Collection of American Literature, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library.

JACOB BLANCK (1906-1974)

Jacob Blanck's career as a bibliographer and editor included positions as rare book editor of *Publishers Weekly* and *Antiquarian Bookman*, 1936-1952; bibliographer in Americana at the Library of Congress, 1939-1941; and editor of *Bibliography of American Literature*, 1943-1974. He also edited the third and fourth volumes of *Merle Johnson's American First Editions* (1936, 1942) and published four books, including two children's books. He held an honorary degree of Doctor of Letters from Brown University (1969) and a Phi Beta Kappa from Harvard University (1970). Blanck died December 25, 1974 in Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts.

Scope and Contents

The collection consists primarily of corrected page proofs and a small amount of correspondence created and compiled during the publication of the fourth edition of *Merle Johnson's American First Editions* (1942), for which Blanck served as editor. The papers are arranged alphabetically by author's name.

During the editing process, Blanck sent page proofs of bibliographies to living authors, with a request for their additions and corrections. Many authors returned edited proofs along with cover letters. These instances are noted in the container list. The page proofs of other bibliographies were edited by different individuals, most commonly Carrol A. Wilson.

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Page Proofs, 1930–1947

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| b. 1, f. 1 | Aiken, Conrad | 1941 |
| b. 1, f. 2 | Alcott, Louisa May | 1941 |
| b. 1, f. 3 | Allen, Harvey Includes correspondence from the author | 1943 |
| b. 1, f. 4 | Atherton, Gertrude Franklin Horn | 1941 |
| b. 1, f. 5 | Bachelor, Irving Includes correspondence from the author | 1941 |
| b. 1, f. 6 | Beebe, William | 1941 |
| b. 1, f. 7 | Benet, William Rose | 1941 |
| b. 1, f. 8 | Boyd, James Includes correspondence from the author | 1941 |
| b. 1, f. 9 | Bradford, Roark | 1941 |
| b. 1, f. 10 | Bromfield, Louis | 1941 |
| b. 1, f. 11 | Buck, Pearl S. (Pearl Sydenstricker) Includes correspondence with Richard J. Walsh, President of The John Day Company, Inc., Publishers | 1941 |
| b. 1, f. 12 | Bynner, Witter Includes correspondence from the author | 1941 |
| b. 1, f. 13 | Byrne, Donn | 1941 |
| b. 1, f. 14 | Cabell, James Branch Includes correspondence from the author | 1941 |
| b. 1, f. 15 | Caldwell, Erskine | 1941 |
| b. 1, f. 16 | Cather, Willa | 1941 |
| b. 1, f. 17 | Churchill, Winston (1871-1947) Includes correspondence from the author | 1941 |
| b. 1, f. 18 | Clemens, Samuel Langhorne Includes letter from Edwin H. Carpenter, Jr. Does not include page proof | 1947 |
| b. 1, f. 19 | Cobb, Irvin S. (Irvin Shrewsbury) | 1941 |
| b. 1, f. 20 | Crane, Stephen | 1941 |
| b. 1, f. 21 | Cummings, E. E. (Edward Estlin) | 1941 |

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| b. 1, f. 22 | Dos Passos, John Includes correspondence from the author | 1941 |
| b. 1, f. 23 | Dreiser, Theodore | 1941 |
| b. 1, f. 24 | Edmonds, Walter Dumaux | 1941 |
| b. 1, f. 25 | Emerson, Ralph Waldo | 1941 |
| b. 1, f. 26 | Farrell, James T. (James Thomas) Includes correspondence with James Henle, President of The Vanguard Press | 1941 |
| b. 1, f. 27 | Ferber, Edna Includes correspondence from the author | 1941 |
| b. 1, f. 28 | Ficke, Arthur Davison Includes correspondence from the author | 1933 |
| b. 1, f. 29 | Fisher, Vardis | 1941 |
| b. 1, f. 30 | Glasgow, Ellen Anderson Gholson Includes correspondence from the author | 1941 |
| b. 1, f. 31 | Hawthorne, Nathaniel Includes correspondence from Carroll A. Wilson | 1941 |
| b. 1, f. 32 | Hergesheimer, Joseph Includes correspondence from the author's secretary | 1941 |
| b. 1, f. 33 | Holmes, Oliver Wendell (1809-1894) | 1941 |
| b. 1, f. 34 | James, Will | 1941 |
| b. 1, f. 35 | Jeffers, Robinson Includes correspondence from Una Jeffers | 1941 |
| b. 1, f. 36 | Kent, Rockwell Includes correspondence from the author | 1941 |
| b. 1, f. 37 | Longfellow, Henry Wadsworth | 1941 |
| b. 1, f. 38 | Lowell, James Russell | 1941 |
| b. 1, f. 39 | McFee, William Includes correspondence from James T. Babb | 1941 |
| b. 1, f. 40 | Morley, Christopher Includes correspondence from the author | 1941 |
| b. 1, f. 41 | Nathan, George Jean Includes correspondence from the author | 1941 |
| b. 1, f. 42 | Nathan, Robert | 1941 |

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| b. 1, f. 43 | O'Neill, Eugene Includes correspondence from the author | 1941 |
| b. 1, f. 44 | Roberts, Kenneth Lewis Includes correspondence from the author | 1941 |
| b. 1, f. 45 | Saltus, Edgar | 1941 |
| b. 1, f. 46 | Seton, Ernest Thompson | 1941 |
| b. 1, f. 47 | Steinbeck, John | 1941 |
| b. 1, f. 48 | Stockton, Frank Richard | 1941 |
| b. 1, f. 49 | Stribling, T. S. (Thomas Stribling) | 1941 |
| b. 1, f. 50 | Tarkington, Booth Includes correspondence from Elizabeth Trotter | 1941 |
| b. 1, f. 51 | Van Loon, Hendrik Willem Includes correspondence from the author | 1941 |
| b. 1, f. 52 | Wescott, Glenway Includes correspondence from the author | 1941 |
| b. 1, f. 53 | White, Stewart Edward | 1941 |
| b. 1, f. 54 | White, W. A. Includes correspondence from the author but no page proofs | 1941 |
| b. 1, f. 55 | Whittier, John Greenleaf Includes correspondence with Carroll A. Wilson | 1941 |
| b. 1, f. 56 | Wilder, Thornton Includes correspondence from the author | 1941 |
| b. 1, f. 57 | Miscellaneous note cards and correspondence | 1930, n.d. |

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

American literature -- Bibliography
Bibliographers

Names

Blanck, Jacob, 1906-1974

Contributors

Blanck, Jacob, 1906-1974
Johnson, Merle De Vore, 1874-1935 (American
first editions)