

# Gertrude Stein:

## An Inventory of Her Collection at the Harry Ransom Center

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### Descriptive Summary

<b>Creator:</b>	Stein, Gertrude, 1874-1946
<b>Title:</b>	Gertrude Stein Collection
<b>Dates:</b>	1926-1973, undated
<b>Extent:</b>	2 boxes (.84 linear feet)
<b>Abstract:</b>	Includes mainly correspondence written by Gertrude Stein, the American-Jewish writer, poet and art collector who spent most of her life in France. Also includes a number of letters written by Stein's partner Alice B. Toklas.
<b>Call Number:</b>	Manuscript Collection MS-4000
<b>Language:</b>	English and French
<b>Access:</b>	Open for research

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### Administrative Information

<b>Processed by:</b>	Joan Sibley and Michael Ramsey, 2011 <b>Note:</b> This finding aid replicates and replaces information previously available only in a card catalog. Please see the explanatory note at the end of this finding aid for information regarding the arrangement of the manuscripts as well as the abbreviations commonly used in descriptions.
<b>Repository:</b>	<a href="#">Harry Ransom Center, The University of Texas at Austin</a>

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**Works:**

Pavlik Tchelichef or Adrian Arthur, typescript, 3 pages, undated.

**Container**  
1.1

Portrait of Allen Tanner, typescript, 2 pages, undated.

**Letters:**

- 7 ALS, 1 APCS, 1 APCI to Bowles, Paul, 1931-1932, undated. **Container**  
1.3
- ALS to Bowles, Rena W., 18 August 1931. **Container** 1.2
- 31 ALS, 6 APCS to Butcher, Fanny, 1930-1945, undated. One post card includes notes from Bobsy Goodspeed, Thornton Wilder, and Alice B. Toklas. **Container**  
1.4
- 2 TccL / copies to Faÿ, Bernard, undated. **Container** 1.2
- ALS to Harper, Allannah, 26 March 1930.
- 2 ALS to Johns, Richard, editor of Pagany, A Native Quarterly, undated (circa 1931); also includes a cancelled check from Pagany to Georges Hugnet endorsed by Hugnet to Stein, 1930.
- ALS to Lynes, George Platt, 1931.
- 108 ALS, 2 ANS, 1 AN, 4 APCS, 2 APCI, 8 telegrams, to Rose, Francis Cyril, Sir, 1930-1946, undated. One ALS, undated, partially written on TLS from Eric Severeid to Stein on New York Herald Tribune letterhead 29 January. Also included: ALI to Milu, undated, in French; ALS to Cecil, undated; APCS to Lady Rose, 15 January; 19 ALS, 1 AL Alice B. Toklas to Rose, 1933-1953, undated; ALS Alice B. Toklas to Carley, 30 October 1932; ALS Rose to Stein, 4 October 1940; TLS Isabel Wilder to Rose containing copy of letter from Stein to Thornton Wilder, 30 August 1942; 1 photograph of Gertrude Stein. From Hanley II. **Container**  
1.5-10
- Envelopes from letters to Rose, Francis Cyril, Sir. **Container** 1.11
- Transcripts of letters to Rose, Francis Cyril, Sir, from originals in the Ransom Center's Stein Collection. Gift, 1999 (G11831); not in card catalog. **Container**  
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- ALS to Rose, Francis and Carley Mills, undated. **Container** 1.2
- 3 ALS to Sawyer, Julian, 18 May 1934, 24 July 1941, 29 October 1945. **Container**  
2.2
- TLS to Stevens, 4 June 1935. By Alice B. Toklas for Stein. **Container** 1.2
- 4 TLS to Titus, Edward W., 23, 27, and 29 March 1927 and 12 November 1927.

**Recipient:**

Butcher, Fanny. ALS to Stein, 18 December 1941. Letter returned to sender.

**Container**  
2.3

**Miscellaneous:**

Unidentified author. The precious Steins, typescript, 1 page, undated. Copied from Punch. **Container 2.4**

Bassett, Helen. TLS to Skinner, Aubrey E., 7 May 1973. Included with this: TccL Skinner to Bassett.

Cerf, Bennett. 3 TLS to Healey, Raymond, March-April 1935.

Chapman, Bobsy Goodspeed. TLS to Butcher, Fanny, 27 November 1956. Enclosed are carbon transcripts of letters from Stein to Bobsy Goodspeed Chapman.

Cronkite, Walter. TLS to Skinner, Aubrey E., 14 September 1973. Included with this: TccL Skinner to Cronkite.

Dydo, Ulla E. Gertrude Stein is Still News; review of The Yale Gertrude Stein, photocopied TMS with handwritten emendations, 26 pages, 1981.

Faÿ, Bernard. 11 ALS, 3 ALI, 7 TLS, 1 APCS to Butcher, Fanny, 1933-1941, undated. Postcard includes a note from Stein. **Container 2.5**

Firmage, George James. A check-list of the published writings of Gertrude Stein, typescript / copy, 9 pages; printed booklet with mimeo insert, 9 pages, 1954. **Container 2.4**

Gotham Book Mart. Bibliography of Gertrude Stein, carbon typescript, 6 pages, undated.

Gotham Book Mart. Catalogue of Gertrude Stein items, typescript with carbon typescript introduction by Carl Van Vechten, 19 pages, 1963.

Gotham Book Mart. Correspondence with Carl Van Vechten re Gertrude Stein catalogue, 2 ALS, 2 TLS Van Vechten to Book Mart; 6 TccL Book Mart to Van Vechten, 1963.

Maratier, Georges. ALS to Butcher, Fanny, 24 May 1930. Removed from PS 3537 T323 M314 1929b.

Padgette, Paul. 2 TLS to Lyman, Philip, 15 October and 25 November 1964. Included with these: press release re Padgette's Gertrude Stein exhibit at San Francisco Public Library.

Skinner, Aubrey E. Gertrude Stein visits Texas, typescript / photocopy, 20 pages, undated.

Toklas, Alice B. ALS to Oliver, Mary, 11 December 1958. **Container 2.6**

Toklas, Alice B. 72 ALS, 1 ANS, 2 APCS to Rohan, Dilkusha, Princesse, 1950-1964, undated. Included with these: typed and carbon copies of 6 letters from February - June 1955. **Container 2.7-8**

Toklas, Alice B. 4 ALS, 1 AL, 1 APCS, 1 APCI to Wood, Myron, 1955-1962, undated. **Container 2.9**

Stein, Leo. ALS to Titus, Edward W., 26 September 1929. **Container 2.4**

Van Vechten, Carl. APCS to Butcher, Fanny, 12 November 1934.

## Explanatory Note Concerning Manuscript Collections Cataloged in the Card Catalog

Prior to 1990 when archival cataloging procedures were adopted at the Ransom Center, all manuscript collections were described in a card catalog.

### Organization of Collections:

- Manuscripts for each author collection were organized into four categories:
- **Works:** manuscripts by the author, arranged alphabetically by title;
- **Letters:** the author's outgoing correspondence, arranged alphabetically by recipient name;
- **Recipient:** the author's incoming correspondence, arranged alphabetically by the author of the letter; and
- **Miscellaneous:** all other manuscripts and correspondence, arranged alphabetically by creator.

Materials that did not fit into these categories, such as art, photographs, books, and near-print materials such as newspaper clippings, were dispersed to other Ransom Center collections for cataloging and storage.

### Abbreviations Used in Descriptions:

The symbols below were used in combinations. For example **ALS** means autograph letter signed; **Tccms** means typed carbon copy manuscript, etc.

- **A** = autograph (i.e., handwritten)
- **T** = typed
- **S** = signed
- **I** = initialed
- **Ms** = manuscript
- **Mss** = manuscripts
- **L** = letter
- **FL** = form letter
- **N** = note
- **D** = document
- **C** = card
- **PC** = post card
- **cc** = carbon copy
- **p** = page
- **pp** = pages
- **l** = leaf
- **ll** = leaves
- **nd** = no date
- **inc d** = incomplete date