

# John Burroughs:

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

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### Descriptive Summary

<b>Creator:</b>	Burroughs, John, 1837-1921
<b>Title:</b>	John Burroughs Collection
<b>Dates:</b>	1888-1953, undated
<b>Extent:</b>	2 boxes (.84 linear feet)
<b>Abstract:</b>	Includes manuscripts and letters written by the American naturalist and nature essayist John Burroughs, as well as a quantity of letters written by or to the American wildlife photographer and conservationist William Lovell Finley (1876-1953). Letters written by Herbert Hoover, Julian Huxley, Helen Keller, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, and Theodore Roosevelt are present in the collection.
<b>Call Number:</b>	Manuscript Collection MS-0622
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Access:</b>	Open for research

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### Administrative Information

<b>Processed by:</b>	Joan Sibley and Jamie Hawkins-Kirkham, 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>	The University of Texas at Austin, Harry Ransom Center

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**Works:**

- Unidentified essay on artistic license, handwritten manuscript/ fragment with printed paragraph pasted on, and handwritten note from printer to author, 2 leaves, undated. **Container** 1.1
- Unidentified essay on fate and free will, typescript/ fragments with handwritten revisions, 11 pages, undated.
- Unidentified essay on Germany's economic and industrial ambitions, signed typescript/ incomplete with handwritten revisions, 3 pages, undated.
- Untitled essay on religion, handwritten manuscript/ draft fragments with handwritten revisions, 11 pages, undated.
- Untitled note on Darwin and natural selection, handwritten manuscript, 3 leaves, undated.
- Untitled note on nature poets, handwritten manuscript, 2 pages, undated.
- An astonished porcupine, composite handwritten and printed manuscript with handwritten revisions, 3 leaves, numbered 127-129 by printer, undated.
- A beaver's reason, galley proof and one printed tear sheet with handwritten revisions and additions, 14 leaves, numbered 104-118 by printer, undated.
- Birds and strings, composite handwritten and printed manuscript with handwritten emendations, 2 leaves, numbered 130-131 by printer, undated.
- The colors of fruits, printed clipping with handwritten revisions and additions, 2 leaves, numbered 133-134 by printer, undated.
- Fragments, handwritten manuscripts with revisions, 3 pages on 2 leaves, undated.
- Gay plumes and dull, page proofs with handwritten revisions, 7 leaves, numbered 150-156 by printer, undated. For the Atlantic Monthly, June 1905.
- Glimpses of wild life, handwritten manuscript, 45 pages, August 1892. From the Hanley Collection. **Container** 1.2
- I wish that at this moment..., signed handwritten manuscript, 1 page, 16 October 1917. From the Hanley Collection. **Container** 1.1
- Man and the natural order, handwritten manuscript, 7 pages, February 1914. From the Stark Collection. **Container** 1.3
- Note comparing the behavior of nations with the ocean, handwritten manuscript, 2 pages, undated. **Container** 1.1

On Webster and other writers, handwritten manuscript/ fragment, 5 leaves, undated.

Roof-tree, handwritten manuscript with revisions, pages 1-12 ½ and 22-24, undated.

Roof-tree, typescript, 4 pages numbered 11a-11d, undated.

Under the apple trees: Part II, typescript with handwritten revisions and note attached, 2 leaves, undated.

**Letters:**

ALS to unidentified recipient, 30 June 1888.

**Container 1.4**

TLS to Bent, Arthur Cleveland, 20 February 1914. Encloses typescripts: Notes on Western grebe; Notes on white pelican; Notes on tufted puffin; Notes on glaucus-winged gull.

3 ALS to Brigham, A. Johnson, 1892-1905.

ALS to Cooke, Mr., 7 April 1888.

ALS to Durand, undated. Removed from 61-3113.

ALS, TNS to Finley, William Lovell, 2 May 1916, 21 January 1921.

ALS to Gilder, 16 March no year. Removed from 61-3131.

ALS to Hawthorne, Julian, 21 November? 1897. Removed from 61-3122.

2 TLS to Pratt, Albert H., 18 January 1912, 5 March 1913. From the Stark Collection.

13 ALS to Pratt, Albert H., 1913-1917. From the Stark Collection.

**Container  
1.5**

APCS to Sullivan, John Jay, 25 February 1919. Removed from E 757 B97 1907 HRC.

**Container  
1.4**

**Miscellaneous:**

Unidentified author. ALS to Hopkins, A., 21 July 1854. **Container 1.6**

American Museum of Natural History. TNS to Finley, William Lovell, 25 September 1933.

American Ornithologists' Union. Notice to Finley, William Lovell of his election to membership, 17 November 1896.

Atlantic Monthly. TNS to Finley, William Lovell, 21 June 1940.

Bailey, Florence Merriam, 1863-. 2 ALS to Finley, William Lovell, 1 April 1916, 11 January 1921.

Bailey, Vernon, 1864-1942. 4 ALS to Finley, William Lovell, 1915-1923.

Barrus, Clara, 1864-1931:

The survival of the fittest does..., handwritten manuscript, approximately 25 pages, 1927. **Container 1.7**

ALS, 3 TLS to Brigham, Johnson, 1921-1930. **Container 1.6**

3 ALS, 2 TLS to Finley, William Lovell, 1916-1927.

Beebe, Charles William, 1877-1962. 2 ALS to Finley, William Lovell, 22 November 1906, 1 March 1928.

Bent, Arthur Cleveland, 1866-1954. 4 ALS, 16 TLS to Finley, William Lovell, 1915-1942. **Container 1.8**

Bovard, John Freeman, 1881-. TLS to Finley, William Lovell, 9 April 1920. **Container 1.6**

Brewster, William, 1851-1919. ALS to Finley, William Lovell, 18 November 1906.

Brigham, Johnson, 1846-1936. 2 TLS to Barrus, Clara, 11 October 1921, 16 July 1930.

Brisbane, A. TLS to Finley, William Lovell, 18 October 1926.

Brooks, Allan, 1869-1946. ALS to Finley, William Lovell, 25 October 1909.

Burgess Radio Nature League. Certificate of membership to Finley, William Lovell, undated.

- Burroughs, Julian, 1879-1954. 127 ALS to Pierce, Fred J., 1943-1953. **Container**  
1.9
- California Academy of Sciences. TLS to Finley, William Lovell, 3 November 1924. **Container**  
1.6
- Chambers, W. Lee. 5 ALS to Finley, William Lovell, 1907-1920.
- Continental Fur & Importing Co. TLS to Finley, William Lovell, 28 May 1919.
- Darling, Jay Norwood, 1876-1962. 2 TLS to Finley, William Lovell, 9 December 1935, 16 August 1941. **Container**  
2.1
- Davis, Mary Lee Cadwell. 2 ALS to Finley, William Lovell, 25 November 1930, 4 April 1931.
- Dawson, William Leon, 1873-1928. 3 ALS, TLS to Finley, William Lovell, 1907-1911.
- Deane, Ruthven, 1851-1934. ALS to Finley, William Lovell, 11 April 1909.
- Dutton (E. P.) and Co. TLS to Finley, William Lovell, 10 March 1930.
- Evarts, Hal George, 1887-1934. TLS to Finley, William Lovell, 16 April 1924.
- Evarts, Hal George, 1887-1934. TLS to Walker, George F.A., 27 August 1934.
- Feofold, Aldo. TLS to Finley, William Lovell, 30 April 1920.
- Finley, William Lovell, 1876-1953:
- 5 TccL to Bent, Arthur Christopher, 1929-1940. **Container 2.2**
- 2 TccL to Brisbane, A., 9 February 1926, 9 October 1926.
- Signed TccLS to Howell, Alfred Brazier, 10 January 1920. Written on this: AN to Jewett, Stanley, 20 January 1920.
- TccL to Huxley, Julian S., 7 April 1922.
- AN to Jewett, Stanley, 20 January 1920. Written on: TccLS to Howell, A. B., 10 January 1920.
- TccL to Nelson, Edward William, 23 August 1933.
- TccL to Phillips, John Charles, 16 July 1925.
- AL/ draft to Roosevelt, Theodore, 17 December 1907.

TccL to White, Stewart Edward, 3 May 1933.

University of California, certificate of recommendation for admission, 9 registration cards, 1898-1904. Included with this: photonegative of unidentified man and woman, undated. Not described in card catalog.

Fisher, Albert Kenrick, 1856-1948. 3 ALS, TLS, APCS to Finley, William Lovell, 1907-1934. **Container 2.1**

Forbin, Victor, 1864-. TLS to Bohlman, Mrs., 15 March 1909.

Forbin, Victor, 1864-. ALS, 2 TLS to Finley, William Lovell, 1909-1914.

Forbush, Edward Howe, 1858-1929. TLS to Finley, William Lovell, 7 July 1924.

Grinnell, Hilda Wood, 1883-. TLS to Finley, William Lovell, 3 May 1940.

Grinnell, Joseph, 1877-1939:

7 ALS, TLS, APCS to Finley, William Lovell, 1905-1919. **Container 2.1**

TLS to Finley, William Lovell, 5 January 1938. Enclosure: TccLS from Grinnell to Richardson, Leon J., 4 January 1938.

TccLS to Richardson, Leon Josiah, 4 January 1938. Enclosed with: TLS from Grinnell to Finley, William Lovell, 5 January 1938.

Hazelton, William Chester, 1870-. ALS to Finley, William Lovell, 26 December 1936.

Henshaw, Henry Wetherbee, 1850-1930. 2 TLS, APCS to Finley, William Lovell, 1908-1916.

Hoover, Herbert Clark, 1874-1964. TLS to Finley, William Lovell, 24 February 1936.

Hornaday, William Temple, 1854-1937. ALS, TLS to Finley, William Lovell, 11 April 1916, 2 November 1928.

Hornaday, William Temple, 1854-1937. ALS to Finley, William Lovell, 5 March 1928.

Hough, Emerson, 1857-1923. TLS to Finley, William Lovell, 27 November 1920.

Howell, Alfred Brazier, 1886-. TLS to Finley, William Lovell, 27 December 1919.

Huey, Laurence Markham, 1892-. AL to Finley, William Lovell, 24 April 1920.



Huxley, Julian Sorrrell, 1887-. 2 ALS to Finley, William Lovell, 22 March and 5 May 1922.

International Press Photo Co. TNS to Finley, William Lovell, 26 May 1911.

**Container**  
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Jewett, Stanley Gordon, 1885-. 3 TLS to Finley, William Lovell, 1919-1920.

Johnson, Herbert. ALS to Finley, William Lovell, 13 December 1930.

Jordan, David Starr, 1851-1931. TLS, TNS to Finley, William Lovell, 2 February 1925, 27 December 1926.

Keller, Helen Adams, 1880-1968. TLS to Finley, William Lovell, 9 May 1929.

Keyser, D. S. TLS to Finley, William Lovell, 25 June 1938.

LaVarre, William Johanne, 1898-. ANS to Burroughs, undated.

Lewis, Thomas, Sir, 1881-1934. ALS to Finley, William Lovell, 17 January 1924.

Lord, William Rogers, 1847-1916. ALS to Finley, William Lovell, 2 February 1912.

Lowell, Abbott Lawrence, 1856-1943. ALS to Finley, William Lovell, September 19-3?

McClure's Magazine. FL to Burroughs, John with TN on AN on verso, 10 May 1919.

McIntyre, M. H. Memorandum to Darling, J. N. (Bureau of Biological Survey), 3 December 1935.

McNary, Charles Linza, 1874-1944. TLS to Jordan, David Starr, 20 November 1919.

Massachusetts. Department of Agriculture. TLS to Finley, William Lovell, 7 July 1924.

Merriam, Clinton Hart, 1855-1942. ALS, TLS to Finley, William Lovell, 10 December 1906, 2 December 1909.

Myers, Harriet Williams. TLS to Finley, William Lovell, 8 December 1922.

National Association of Audubon Societies. 12 TLS to Finley, William Lovell, 1905-1910.

**Container**  
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Nelson, Edward William, 1855-1934:

5 ALS, 4 TLS, telegram to Finley, William Lovell, 1920-1933.

**Container**  
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TLS to Finley, William Lovell, 5 October 1926. Enclosure: TccL to Grosvenor, Gilbert H.

TccL to Grosvenor, Gilbert Hovey (National Geographic Society), 5 October 1926. Enclosed with: TLS from Nelson to Finley, William Lovell.

New York Conservation Commission. TLS to Finley, William Lovell, 18 September 1919.

Pack, Arthur Newton, 1893-. TNS to Finley, William Lovell, 21 January 1927.

Pack, Arthur Newton, 1893-. TccL to Seton, Ernest Thompson, 21 January 1927.

Phillips, John Charles, 1876-. ALS to Finley, William Lovell, 3 July 1925.

Pope, Alexander. 4 ALS to Finley, William Lovell, 1908-1909.

Roberts, Thomas Sadler, 1858-. ALS, Christmas card to Finley, William Lovell, 15 December 1936, 28 December 1944. Included with this: photo and negatives of Roberts.

**Container**  
2.5

Roosevelt, Franklin Delano, 1882-1845. 2 TLS, TNS to Finley, William Lovell, 1935-1936.

Roosevelt, Kermit, 1889-1943. ALS to Finley, William Lovell, 20 April 1928.

Roosevelt, Theodore, 1858-1919. TLS to Finley, William Lovell, 27 March 1928.

S., F. K. TLS to Burroughs, Julian, 29 July 1946.

Seton, Ernest Thompson, 1860-1946:

2 TLS to Finley, William Lovell, 24 October and 24 November 1923.

**Container**  
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TLS to Finley, William Lovell, 9 March 1928.

TLS to Pack, Charles Lathrop, 12 January 1927.

Skinner, Milton Philo, 1879-. TLS to Finley, William Lovell, 22 September 1937.

Sterling, Douglas. TNS to Finley, William Lovell, undated.

Torrey, Bradford, 1843-1912. ALS to Finley, William Lovell, 1911.

Townsend, Charles Wendell, 1859-1948. ALS to Finley, William Lovell, 25 November 1908.

U. S. Department of Agriculture. TLS to Jordan, David Starr, 20 November 1919.

U. S. Department of the Interior. National Park Service. 2 TLS to Finley, William Lovell, 1 November 1934, 7 August 1935.

U'Ren, William S. 2 TccL to Finley, William Lovell, 23 February 1920.

Walker, George F. A. ALS to Finley, William Lovell, undated.

Wallace, H? TLS to Finley, William Lovell, 21 December 1923.

Warren, Edward Royal, 1860-1942. TLS to Finley, William Lovell, 2 May 1927.

White, Stewart Edward, 1873-1946. 4 TLS to Finley, William Lovell, 1933-1935.

Wilde, Allan H. TLS to Finley, William Lovell, 28 September 1931.

Willett, George, 1879-1945. TLS to Finley, William Lovell, 25 December 1919.

Wright, William Henry, 1856-1937. TLS to Finley, William Lovell, 19 August 1930.

## 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