

J. B. Priestley:

An Inventory of His Collection at the Harry Ransom Center

Descriptive Summary

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| Creator: | Priestley, J. B. (John Boynton), 1894-1984 |
| Title: | J. B. Priestley Collection |
| Dates: | 1909-1992, undated |
| Extent: | 23 boxes (9.66 linear feet) |
| Abstract: | The J. B. Priestley Collection is made up of approximately equal amounts of his manuscripts and his outgoing and incoming correspondence, as well as a smaller amount of third-party works and correspondence. |
| Call Number: | Manuscript Collection MS-03334 |
| Language: | English with small amounts of French, German, and Portuguese |
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Processed by: Joan Sibley and Richard Workman, 2016 **Note:** 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.

Repository: [Harry Ransom Center, The University of Texas at Austin](#)

Works:

- Untitled, unfinished novel / Book one: Birmanpool, Tms / incomplete with signed AN on title page, 96 pages, circa 1939. Included with this: signed TN by Priestley re this and another abandoned novel, The singing and the gold. **Container** 1.1
- Untitled poem, And church clock's deep bay withering on the blast..., Ams, 1 page, undated. Written on verso of his The old man and the newspaper. **Container** 10.8
- Untitled verse, Mary like a brown bird..., Ams with revisions, 1 page, undated. **Container** 1.2
- Adam in moonshine, Tms / incomplete with A revisions, 256 pages, undated. Lacking pages: 1, 196-199. Pages added: 64a, Chapter fourteen (after page 237). **Container** 1.3-4
- Albert goes through, signed Tms with A emendations and ink drawing on title page, 61 pages, undated. **Container** 1.5
- Albert goes through, T and Tccms, 68 pages, undated. Revised version. **Container** 1.6
- Angel pavement, Tms with A revisions, 650 pages bound, undated. **Container** 1.7
- Are authors human beings?, proofs with A emendations, 4 leaves bound, 1931 (copyright date). From the John Sullivan Collection. **Container** 2.1
- Benighted, Tms with A revisions, 199 pages, undated. **Container** 2.2
- Black-out in Gretley: a story of-and-for wartime, Tms with A emendations, 269 pages, undated. **Container** 2.3
- Bright day, T and Tccms with A emendations, 408 pages, circa 1946. **Container** 2.4-5
- Bright day: notes, Ams / notes, 5 pages, circa 1946. Included with these: T note / explanatory note by Priestley. **Container** 2.6
- Cornelius: a business affair in three transactions, signed Tms with A revisions, 95 pages, undated. Included with this: two discarded pages. **Container** 2.7
- Dangerous corner, Tms with A, T and Tcc emendations and drawing of set layout on title page, 114 pages, undated. **Container** 3.1
- Daylight on Saturday: a novel about an aircraft factory, T and Tccms with A emendations, 382 pages, 1943. **Container** 3.2-3
- Delight, Tms with A emendations, 179 pages, undated. **Container** 3.4

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| Dickens, Tms with A emendations, 61 pages, undated. | Container 3.5 |
| Eden end: a play in three acts, signed Tms with A revisions and front matter, 121 pages, undated. | Container 3.6 |
| English journey, Tms with A emendations, 483 pages, undated. | Container 4.1-2 |
| Faraway, Tms with A emendations, 579 pages, undated. | Container 4.3-5 |
| Festival at Farbridge, Tms with A revisions, 939 pages bound, undated. | Container 5.1 |
| For Readers Club edition of Angel pavement, signed Tms with AN, 2 pages, 1 May 1942. | Container 5.2 |
| Frontier Hotel, Tccms, 128 pages bound, undated. From the Hanley Collection. | Container 5.3 |
| The good companions, Tms with A revisions, 921 pages bound, undated. | Container 6.1 |
| The good companions, Tms / printer's copy for American edition, 1024 pages, undated. | Container 6.2, 7.1-3 |
| The good companions: musical version, book by Ronald Harwood, duplicated rehearsal script with A notes and additions and duplicated paste-ins, 114 pages bound, March 1974. | Container 7.4 |
| The inspector calls / titled Está lá fora um inspector; peça em tres actos tradução de Francisco Mata, Tms with few A corrections, 106 pages bound, undated. Portuguese version. | Container 7.5 |
| Johnson over Jordan, the play / titled And all about it (an essay), signed Tms, 27 pages, undated. | Container 8.1 |
| Lancelot: after the burial of Guenevere, Ams / fair copy, 7 pages, 1913. Included with this: T note / explanatory note by Priestley. | Container 8.2 |
| Let the people sing, Tms with A revisions, 372 pages, 1939. | Container 8.3-4 |
| Literature and western man: notes, Ams / notes, 8 pages, undated. Included with these: T note / explanatory note by Priestley. | Container 8.5 |
| Literature and the western man, T and Tccms, 759 pages, undated. | Container 8.6-8 |

- Lost empires, Tms with A emendations, 372 pages, 1965. Included with this: Ams / original notes, 5 pages on 3 leaves. **Container** 9.1
- Low notes on a high level, Tms with A emendations, 153 pages, undated. **Container** 9.2
- The magicians: a topical tale, signed Tms with A emendations, 218 pages, undated. **Container** 9.3
- Man and time, Tms with A emendations and T inserts, approximately 400 pages, 1964. Included with this: A sketch for figure, 1 page. **Container** 9.4, 10.1
- Margin released: part one / titled The Swan Arcadian, Tms with A emendations, 83 pages, 1962. **Container** 10.2
- Margin released: part two / titled Carry on, carry on!, Tms with A emendations, 55 pages, 1962. **Container** 10.3
- Margin released: part three / titled I had the time, a writer's reminiscences and reflections, Tms with A revisions, 93 leaves, undated. **Container** 10.4
- Miscellaneous notes, Ams / notes and doodlings, 7 pages, 27 February 1909, undated. **Container** 10.5
- Music at night; a play in three acts, signed Tms, 98 pages bound, undated. **Container** 10.6
- A nocturne, Tccms, 2 pages, circa 1912. Included with this: 2 T notes / explanatory notes by Priestley. **Container** 10.7
- Notebook, Ams, 68 pages bound, undated. Pasted to cover: T note / explanatory note by Priestley. **Container** 10.8
- The old man and the newspaper (poem), signed Ams, 1 page, undated. Written on verso: Untitled poem, And church clock's deep bay withering on the blast..., Ams, undated. **Container** 10.9
- People at sea (I'm a stranger here, a play in three acts), Tccms / prompt copy with A cuts, additions and cues in various hands, and with some T and Tcc paste-ons, 126 leaves bound, undated. Contains two versions of final scene. From the Hanley Collection. **Container** 10.10
- Rain upon Godshill: a further chapter of autobiography, signed Tms with A emendations, 269 pages, undated. **Container** 11.1
- Rain upon Godshill, page proof used for setting American edition, 331 pages, undated. Included with this: T note / explanatory note by Priestley. **Container** 11.2

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| Review of Oak leaves and lavender by Sean O'Casey, signed Tms, 5 pages, undated. | Container 11.3 |
| Saturn over the water: notes, A and Tms / notes, 7 pages, undated. Included with these: T note / explanatory note by Priestley. | Container 11.4 |
| Saturn over the water, Tms with A emendations, 302 pages, undated. | Container 11.5-6 |
| Self-portrait, Tms, 1 page, circa 1936. For Georges Schreiber's Portraits and self-portraits, 1936. | Container 11.7 |
| The shapes of sleep: notes, Ams / notes, 3 leaves, undated. Written on one leaf are Ams / notes for chapter 15 of Priestley's The thirty-first of June. | Container 11.8 |
| The shapes of sleep (novel), Tms with A emendations and initialed A note, 201 pages, 1962. | Container 11.9 |
| The singing and the gold, signed Tms / unfinished, 49 pages, undated. | Container 12.1 |
| Sir Michael and Sir George, Tms with A emendations, 207 pages, 1964. Included with this: A and Tms / original notes, 4 pages on 2 leaves. | Container 12.2 |
| The song of a mood, Tms, 1 page, circa 1914. Included with this: T note / explanatory note by Priestley. | Container 12.3 |
| They walk in the city, or The stone forest, Tms with A emendations, 457 pages, undated. | Container 12.4-5 |
| The 31st of June (tale), Tms with A emendations, 139 pages, 1961. | Container 12.6 |
| Three men in new suits, Tms with A emendations, 207 pages, undated. | Container 12.7 |
| Time and the Conways: a play in three acts, Tms with A revisions, 97 pages, 1937. Included with this: printed copy of original British cast. | Container 12.8 |
| The two-and-fourpenny fairyland, signed Tms, 7 pages, undated. | Container 12.9 |

Letters:

- ALS to unidentified milkman, 29 December no year. **Container 13.1**
- ALS to unidentified recipient, 11 August no year.
- Christmas card to unidentified recipient, 1938. Card includes photograph by Howard Coster of J. B. Priestley as Henry Ormonroyd.
- 31 ALS, 9 TLS, TL "Jack" to Bannerman, Jane Winifred Mary Holland, 1930-1966, **Container** undated. **13.2-4**
- ALS, 2 TLS to Bannerman, Jane Winifred Mary Holland, 23 September 1968, 15 **Container** July 1970, 17 June no year. **13.5**
- TLS to Bayliss, J. E., 27 June 1938. **Container 13.1**
- TLS to Brodzky, Horace, 8 December 1936.
- APCS to Burke, Thomas, 3 November 1922.
- TLS to Burke, Thomas, 8 February 1939.
- TLS to Callow, Philip, 28 August 1964.
- 11 TLI, TPC, Radiogram to Canfield, Cass, 1939-1944.
- TLS to Cranfill, Thomas M., 8 June 1961.
- APCI to Denny (A. and F.) Ltd., 6 October 1930.
- TLS to Douglas, Arthur, 27 September 1955.
- TLS to Emery, George L., 11 January 1961.
- TLS to Giffen, Ronald, 22 October 1932.
- Radiogram to Harper & Brothers, 19 September 1940.
- TLS "Jack" to Hart-Davis, Rupert, 25 March 1960.
- 3 TLS to Heppner, Samuel, 13 January 1948, 10 and 17 August 1967.
- TLS to Hewitt, John, Mrs., 2 December 1964.
- TLS "Jack" to Holland, Ena, 7 September 1931.
- TLS to Holt, R. G., Mrs., 6 May 1969.

TLS to Kops, Bernard, 19 April 1963.

14 TLS, 4 TLI to John Lane the Bodley Head, 1956-1957.

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13.6

ALS to Lappin, Henry A., 26 February 1931.

TLS to Laski, Harold Joseph, 22 December 1940.

TLS to Laski, Harold Joseph, Mrs., 9 September 1930.

TLS to Leigh, Harold, 1 May 1967.

TLS to Linton, 20 August 1958.

TLS to Lonsdale, J., 8 February 1956.

TLS to Lowman, Matthias Paul II, 9 May 1958.

APCS to Man, Hamilton, 1 May 1934.

TLS to Peikes, Joseph, 8 June 1962. Mentions his Bright day and his Festival at Farbridge.

5 ALS to Priestley, Jonathan, 27 September, 26 October, 15 November and 17 December 1915, 22 January 1916.

TLI, TLI / verifax to Roberts, Francis Warren, 4 and 5 October 1962.

TLS to Rogers, W., 2 July 1958.

TLS to Salpeter, Harry, 25 February 1931. Letterhead: Harper & Brothers.

2 ALS, 2 TLS, 6 TLI to Saxton, Eugene Francis, 1931-1942, undated.

APCS, TLS to Titus, Edward W., October 1930, 18 November no year. The APCS is written for Priestley by his wife Jane and signed by her.

2 TLS "Jack" to Walpole, Hugh, Sir, 26 July 1928, 10 June 1929.

TLS to Williams, C. Geoffrey, 30 September 1931. Discusses music in his Angel pavement.

TLS to Wilson, Mr., 26 March 1927. Discusses his early literary efforts, including his Adam in moonshine.

Recipient:

Agate, James Evershed, 1877-1947. 2 TLS to Priestley, John Boynton "Jack," 11 July 1945, 6 May 1947. **Container**
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Ainley, Henry. ALS to Priestley, John Boynton, 8 August 1938.

Arlen, Michael, 1895- . 2 ALS to Priestley, John Boynton, 17 December 1932, 26 June no year.

Ashcroft, Peggy, Dame. 3 ALS to Priestley, John Boynton "Jack," undated.

Attlee, Clement Richard Attlee, 1883- . 2 ALS to Priestley, John Boynton, 17 January 1950, 11 April 1951.

Baldwin, Stanley Baldwin, Earl, 1867-1947. 2 ALS to Priestley, John Boynton, 12 March 1934, 23 July 1938.

Baring, Maurice, 1874-1945. ALS to Priestley, John Boynton, 10 September 1934.

Barrie, James Matthew, Sir, 1860-1937. ALS to Priestley, John Boynton, 1 October 1930.

Barrie, James Matthew, Sir, 1860-1937. ALS, TLS to Priestley, John Boynton, 14 September 1930, 28 November 1933.

Baum, Vicki, 1888- . ALS to Priestley, John Boynton, undated.

Bax, Clifford, 1886-1962. 2 ALS, TLS to Priestley, John Boynton "Jack," 2 March, 28 March, 19 September no year. Attached to ALS March 28: Ams astrological chart and Tms horoscope for Priestley, 2 pages.

Beerbohm, Max, Sir, 1872-1956. 2 ALS to Priestley, John Boynton, 2 August 1940, undated.

Belloc, Hilaire, 1870-1953. TLS to Priestley, John Boynton, 1 August 1940.

Bennett, Arnold, 1867-1931. ALS, 2 TLS to Priestley, John Boynton, 5 September 1924, 26 April 1930, 4 October 1930.

Berenson, Bernard, 1865-1959. 2 ALS to Priestley, John Boynton, 5 October 1953, 15 March 1955.

Beresford, John Davys, 1873-1947. ALS to Priestley, John Boynton, 5 August 1946.

Bergner, Elizabeth. 2 ALS, TLS to Priestley, John Boynton, 3 and 15 July 1937, 24 August 1938.

Bevin, Ernest, 1884-1951. TLS to Priestley, John Boynton, 9 August 1940.

Bevin, Ernest, 1884-1951. TLS to Priestley, John Boynton, 17 May 1944.

Birrell, Augustine, 1850-1933. ALS to Priestley, John Boynton, 3 February 1931.

Bowen, Elizabeth Dorothea Cole, 1899- . ALS to Priestley, John Boynton, 31 October 1948.

Braine, John. 4 TLS to Priestley, John Boynton, 28 May, 19 September, 19 November 1962, 30 December 1964.

Brown, Ivor John Carnegie, 1891- . 4 ALS to Priestley, John Boynton "Jack," 7 May 1961, 9 September 1962, 26 April no year, undated.

Buchan, John, 1875-1940. 2 TLS to Priestley, John Boynton, 4 April 1935, 26 May 1937.

Canfield, Cass, 20 TccL, 3 cablegrams / Tcc copies to Priestley, John Boynton, 1939-1944.

Container
13.8

Cardus, Neville, 1889- . 4 ALS, ALI to Priestley, John Boynton "Jack," 8 April 1935, 15 September 1947, 13 April 1950, 5 and 10 January 1956.

Carpentier, Alejo, 1904- . TLS to Priestley, John Boynton, 26 November 1956. Written in French.

Cary, Joyce, 1888-1957. ALS to Priestley, John Boynton, 7 March 1939.

Casson, Lewis, Sir. ALS, TLS to Priestley, John Boynton "Jack," 15 December 1944, 26 November 1956. Written on ALS: ANS from Dame Sybil Thorndike.

Cecil, Edward Christian David Gascoyne, Lord, 1902- . ALS to Priestley, John Boynton, undated.

Chandler, Raymond, 1888- . 2 TLS to Priestley, John Boynton, 10 December 1953, 29 July 1955.

Chaplin, Charles, 1889- . 3 TLS to Priestley, John Boynton, 17 February and 25 March 1953, 18 September 1959.

Church, Richard, 1893- . 7 ALS, ALI, TLS to Priestley, John Boynton "Jack," 1939-1965.

Churchill, Winston Leonard Spencer, Sir, 1874-1965. TLS to Priestley, John Boynton, 22 December 1940.

Connolly, Cyril, 1903- . APCS to Priestley, John Boynton, 16 April 1952.

Coward, Noel Pierce, 1899- . ALS to Priestley, John Boynton "Jack," 9 January 1947.

De la Mare, Walter John, 1873-1956. 3 ALS, 12 TLS to Priestley, John Boynton, 1922-1944.

Container
13.9

De la Mare, Walter John, 1873-1956. 2 ALS, ALI, TLS to Priestley, John Boynton, 16 May 1938, 14 March 1947, 26 and 31 May 1948. Enclosed with ALI: Untitled poem Pan held a greenwood bird... by de la Mare, signed Tms / copy, 1 page, May 1948; The traveler by unidentified author, Tccms, 1 page, 17 February 1948.

De la Pasture, Edmée Elizabeth Monica, 1890-1943. ALS Elizabeth Ml. Delefield to Priestley, John Boynton, 10 August 1930.

Donat, Robert. ALS to Priestley, John Boynton, 23 April 1935.

Drinkwater, John, 1882-1937. ALS to Priestley, John Boynton "Jack," 29 December 1936.

Dulac, Edmund. ALS to Priestley, John Boynton, 24 June 1930.

Dunne, John William, 1875-1949. ALS to Priestley, John Boynton, 8 June 1937.

Ehrenberg, Ilya. ALS to Priestley, John Boynton, undated. Written in French.

Eliot, Thomas Stearns, 1888-1965. 2 TLS to Priestley, John Boynton, 3 May 1939, 3 January 1948. Letterhead 1939 TLS: Faber & Faber Ltd.

Epstein, Jacob, 1880-1959. ALS to Priestley, John Boynton, 6 September no year.

Evans, Edith, Dame. ALS, ANS to Priestley, John Boynton, 7 and 18 September no year.

Fields, Gracie. ALS to Priestley, John Boynton, 18 May 1934.

Fonteyn, Margot, Dame. TLS to Priestley, John Boynton, 28 April 1951.

Forester, Cecil Scott, 1899- . ALS to Priestley, John Boynton, 31 August 1937.

Forster, Edward Morgan, 1879-1970. 3 ALS to Priestley, John Boynton, 18 July and 19 December 1926, 20 September 1934.

Forster, Edward Morgan, 1879-1970. 2 ALS, TLS, APCS to Priestley, John Boynton, 16 February, 30 May and 12 July 1935, 7 August 1940.

Container
13.10

Gaitskell, Hugh. TLS to Priestley, John Boynton, 25 June 1956.

Galsworthy, John, 1867-1933. 2 ALS to Priestley, John Boynton, 5 September 1930, 18 July 1932.

Garland, Claude. ALS to Priestley, John Boynton, 31 August 1932.

Geismar, Maxwell David, 1909- . ALS, TL, 7 TLS to Priestley, John Boynton, 1947-1963.

Gordon, George S. ALI to Priestley, John Boynton, 6 August 1940.

Gosse, Edmund William, Sir, 1849-1928. ALS to Priestley, John Boynton, 11 February 1927.

Greene, Graham, 1904- . TLS to Priestley, John Boynton, 10 September 1954.

Guinness, Alec, Sir. 7 ALS, TLS, to Priestley, John Boynton "Jack," 1950-1964.

Hardy, Thomas, 1840-1928. 2 ALS to Priestley, John Boynton, 15 October 1924, 8 August 1926. **Container**
13.11

Harper & Row, Publishers. 7 TccL to Priestley, John Boynton, 1940-1943.

Harper & Row, Publishers. TccL Executive Vice President Frank S. MacGregor to Priestley, John Boynton, 16 July 1943.

Hartley, Leslie. ALS to Priestley, John Boynton, 9 July 1932.

Harwood, H. M. ALS to Priestley, John Boynton, 4 March no year.

Henriques, Robert David Quixano, 1905- . ALS to Priestley, John Boynton "Jack," 20 December 1962.

Housman, Alfred Edward, 1859-1936. ALS to Priestley, John Boynton, 19 April 1922.

Housman, Alfred Edward, 1859-1936. ALS to Priestley, John Boynton, 18 September 1924.

Hoyle, Fred. ALS to Priestley, John Boynton "Jack," 6 September no year.

Huxley, Aldous Leonard, 1894-1963. TccL / copy to Priestley, John Boynton, 17 December 1937.

Huxley, Aldous Leonard, 1894-1963. ALS, TLS to Priestley, John Boynton, 17 December 1937, 21 October 1938.

Huxley, Julian Sorrell, Sir, 1887- . ALS to Priestley, John Boynton "Jack," 5 September 1964.

Jackson, Mary. TLS to Priestley, John Boynton, 25 May no year.

Container
13.12

Jacobs, William Wymark, 1863-1943. ALS to Priestley, John Boynton, 5 September 1924.

Jameson, Storm, 1897- . 2 TLS to Priestley, John Boynton "Jack," 30 June 1940, 3 November 1964.

Jellicoe, John Rushworth Jellicoe, Earl, 1859-1935. ALS to Priestley, John Boynton, 4 January 1935.

Joad, Cyril Edwin Mitchinson, 1891-1953. 2 ALS to Priestley, John Boynton, 9 September no year, undated.

Jung, Carl Gustav, 1875-1961. 5 TLS to Priestley, John Boynton, 7 and 23 May 1946, 28 January and 7 February 1948, 27 January 1950.

Jung, Carl Gustav, 1875-1961. ALS, 2 TLS to Priestley, John Boynton, 17 July and 9 August 1946, 8 November 1954.

Kennet, Edward Hilton Young, Sir, 1879-1960. ALS to Priestley, John Boynton, 4 July 1940.

Lansbury, George, 1859-1940. ALS to Priestley, John Boynton, 13 March 1934.

Container
13.13

Laski, Harold Joseph, 1893-1950. ALS, TLS to Priestley, John Boynton, 4 May 1947, 18 January 1950.

Laughton, Charles. ALS to Priestley, John Boynton "Jack," 20 March 1939.

Lawson, J. ALS to Priestley, Mr. and Mrs. John Boynton, 25 November 1932.

Lejeune, C. A. ALS to Priestley, John Boynton, 4 August 1940.

Lewis, Clive Staples, 1898- . 2 ALS to Priestley, John Boynton, 12 and 18 September 1962.

Lindsay, A. D. ALS to Priestley, John Boynton, 7 July no year.

Linklater, Eric, 1899- . 3 ALS to Priestley, John Boynton, 20 February 1944, 17 January 1948, 3 May no year.

Lodge, Oliver Joseph, Sir, 1851-1940. TLS to Priestley, John Boynton, 13 January 1933.

Lorenz, Konrad. TLS to Priestley, John Boynton, 2 April 1950.

Low, David. 2 ALS to Priestley, John Boynton, 20 March 1934, 24 September 1949.

Lucas, Edward Verrall, 1868-1938. ALS, 2 TLS, 31 October 1924, 18 September 1934, 9 April 1935. Letterhead both TLS: Methuen & Co., Ltd.

Lynd, Robert, 1879-949. TLS to Priestley, John Boynton, 28 July 1922.
Letterhead: Daily News, Ltd.

Lynd, Robert, 1879-1949. 5 ALS, TLS to Priestley, John Boynton, 1922-1949.
Letterhead TLS: Daily News, Ltd.

Lynd, Sylvia Dryhurst, 1888-1952. ALS to Priestley, John Boynton "Jack," 29 June 1932.

MacAlister, Ian. ALS to Priestley, John Boynton, 10 October 1941.

Container
14.1

Macaulay, Rose, Dame, 1881-1958. ALS to Priestley, John Boynton "Jack," 28 June no year.

MacCarthy, Desmond, Sir, 1878-1952. ALS, APCS to Priestley, John Boynton, 2 September 1939, 23 June 1940.

MacDonald, James Ramsay, 1866-1937. TLS to Priestley, John Boynton, 24 August 1933.

Mackenzie, Compton, Sir, 1883- . ALI, TLI to Priestley, John Boynton "Jack," 22 June and 1 July 1953.

Maugham, William Somerset, 1874-1965. 3 ALS to Priestley, John Boynton, 5 February, 1 March, 30 June no year.

Maugham, William Somerset, 1874-1965. 2 ALS, 2 TLS to Priestley, John Boynton, 14 November 1932, 12 January 1948, undated.

Mavor, Osborne, Henry, 1888- . ALI, 4 TLI to Priestley, John Boynton, 9 July 1945, 16 July 1947, 21 October 1948, 5 May 1949, 2 March no year. Writes under pseudonym James Bridie.

Morley, Christopher Darlington, 1890-1957. TLS to Priestley, John Boynton, 14 September 1950.

Morrison, Herbert Stanley, 1888- . TLS to Priestley, John Boynton, 13 December 1949.

Mortimer, James, Tobacco Dealer. TLS to Priestley, John Boynton, 18 September 1934.

Mortimer, Raymond. TLS to Priestley, John Boynton, 11 September 1962.

Muggeridge, Malcolm. 2 ALS to Priestley, John Boynton, 7 September 1953, 1 April 1954. Letterhead 1953 ALS: Punch.

Murdoch, Iris, 1919- . ALS, 2 ALI to Priestley, John Boynton "Jack," 24 February no year, undated.

Myers, L. H. ALS to Priestley, John Boynton, 7 October 1935.

Nichols, Robert Malise Bowyer, 1893-1944. ALS to Priestley, John Boynton "Jack," 14 July 1940.

Container
14.2

O'Casey, Sean, 1884-1964. 2 TLS to Priestley, John Boynton, 12 May 1942, 29 December 1944.

Olivier, Laurence, Sir. ALS "Larry" to Priestley, John Boynton "Jack," 21 August 1947.

Perelman, Sidney Joseph, 1904- . TLS to Priestley, John Boynton, 1 August 1959.

Container
14.3

Powell, Dawn, 1897- . TLS to Priestley, John Boynton, 28 August 1957.

Powys, John Cowper, 1872-1963. 2 ALS to Priestley, John Boynton, 29 March and 5 April 1955.

Powys, John Cowper, 1872-1963. ALS to Priestley, John Boynton, 7 July 1961.

Rattigan, Terence. ALS to Priestley, John Boynton, 22 August 1947.

Read, Herbert, Sir. ALS to Priestley, John Boynton, 5 April 1954. Letterhead: Routledge & Kegan Paul Ltd.

Reeves, Cedric E. ALS to Priestley, John Boynton, 28 December 1934. Enclosure: receipt from Reeves.

Russell, George William, 1867-1935. ALS to Priestley, John Boynton, undated.

Russell, Mary Annette Beauchamp Russell, Countess, 1866-1941. ALS Elizabeth Russell to Priestley, John Boynton, 7 August 1930.

Saintsbury, George Edward Bateman, 1845-1933. ALS to Priestley, John Boynton, 20 April 1922.

Container
14.4

Saintsbury, George Edward Bateman, 1845-1933. 2 ALS to Priestley, John Boynton, 8 September 1922, 5 September 1924.

Samuel, Herbert Louis Samuel, Viscount, 1870-1963. TLS to Priestley, John Boynton, 13 March 1933.

Santayana, George, 1863-1952. ALS to Priestley, John Boynton, 15 September 1924. Re Priestley's Figures in modern literature.

Saroyan, William. TLS to Priestley, John Boynton, 22 January 1947.

Shaw, George Bernard, 1856-1950. TLS, TLI, APCS, 2 APCI to Priestley, John Boynton, 5 February 1934, 14 November 1938, 1 August 1940, 15 February 1944, 16 January 1948.

Sinclair, Upton Beall, 1878- . ALS to Priestley, John Boynton, 8 May 1949.

Sitwell, Edith, Dame, 1887-1964. ALS to Priestley, John Boynton, 12 November 1956.

Snow, Charles Percy, Sir, 1905- . 2 ALS to Priestley, John Boynton "Jack," April 1958, 26 February 1959.

Squire, John Collings, Sir, 1884-1958., 5 ALS to Priestley, John Boynton, Christmas 1922, 3 September 1924, 8 May 1925, 14 and 18 June 1932. Letterhead on 3 of these: London Mercury.

Stapledon, William Olaf, 1886-1950. 5 ALS to Priestley, John Boynton, 29 May and 5 June 1934, 7 May 1948 (originally dated 20 April 1948), 15 and 25 May 1948.

Strong, Leonard Alfred George, 1896- . TLS to Priestley, John Boynton, 20 May 1932.

Swinnerton, Frank Arthur, 1884- . ALS to Priestley, John Boynton, 25 November 1939.

Tairov, Aleksandr IĀkovlevich, 1885-1950. TLS to Priestley, John Boynton, 17 December 1945.

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14.5

Thorndike, Sybil, Dame. ALS to Priestley, John Boynton "Jack," 16 June no year.

Toller, Ernst, 1893-1939. TLS to Priestley, John Boynton, 25 October 1934.

Tomlinson, Henry Major, 1873-1958. 8 ALS to Priestley, John Boynton, 1925-1940.

Tomlinson, Henry Major, 1873-1958. 4 ALS to Priestley, John Boynton, 9 April 1934, 30 March 1937, 18 March and 20 June 1941.

Trevelyan, George Macaulay, 1876-1962. ALS, TLS to Priestley, John Boynton, 31 July 1940, 29 December 1944.

Turner, Walter James, 1889-1946. ALS to Priestley, John Boynton, 9 March 1939.

Turner, Walter James, 1899-1946. ALS to Priestley, John Boynton, 11 March 1939.

Ustinov, Peter. ALS to Priestley, John Boynton "Jack," 13 June 1956.

Van der Post, Laurens. ALS to Priestley, John Boynton "Jack," 9 November 1964.

Van Druten, John William, 1901-1957. ALS, TLS to Priestley, John Boynton, 25 May 1935, 25 January 1956.

Van Maanus, A. TLS to Priestley, John Boynton, 8 July 1937.

Wain, John. ALS, TLS to Priestley, John Boynton, 7 December 1953, 1 October 1962. **Container**
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Walpole, Hugh, Sir, 1884-1941. 4 ALS to Priestley, John Boynton "Jack," 29 May 1925, 16 and 20 September 1936, 30 August 1937. **Container**
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Walpole, Hugh, Sir, 1884-1941. 35 ALS, 6 ALI to Priestley, John Boynton "Jack," 1925-1940.

Watson, William, Sir, 1858-1935. 2 ALS to Priestley, John Boynton, 9 and 27 September 1921. **Container**
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Waugh, Evelyn, 1903- . ALS to Priestley, John Boynton, undated.

Weidman, Jerome, 1913- . TLS to Priestley, John Boynton, 26 September 1963.

Wells, G. P. ALS "Gip" to Priestley, John Boynton, 20 August 1946.

Wells, Herbert George, 1866-1946. 3 ALS, 13 ALI to Priestley, John Boynton, 1930-1940, undated.

West, Rebecca, pseud., 1892- . 3 ALS, ALI, TLS to Priestley, John Boynton, 7 and 31 July 1940, 7 December 1942, 22 June 1955, undated.

Wilder, Thornton, 1897- . ALS, APCS to Priestley, John Boynton, 27 January and 7 February 1938.

Wilson, Angus, 1913- . ALS to Priestley, John Boynton, 19 August 1952.

Wilson, Colin, 1931- . 4 TLS to Priestley, John Boynton, 27 November 1957, 15 November 1958, 19 January 1960, 4 September 1962.

Wilson, Harold. 2 TLS to Priestley, John Boynton, 7 March 1963, 26 February 1964.

Woolf, Virginia Stephen, 1882-1941. TLS to Priestley, John Boynton, 2 August 1940.

Miscellaneous:

Unidentified author. J. B. Priestley bibliography, Tms with A emendations, 10 pages, undated. Lists works published 1922-1962. With HRC call numbers. **Container** 14.8

Unidentified author. T memo AF to Fiske, Miss re Daylight on Saturday, 28 December 1942.

Unidentified author. Cablegram / Tcc / copy to Hamilton, 13 June 1941.

Andrews, Alexander S. 2 TLS to Dorothy Fiske at Harper & Brothers, 31 January and 7 February 1940.

Bannerman, Jane Winifred Mary Holland:

Autobiography, Ams written in notebook, 83 pages, 1973-1974. Written in front of notebook are 3 pages of miscellaneous notes. Seven leaves loosely laid in. **Container** 14.9

Marrying John: A mid-Victorian comedy by Mary Priestley, signed Tms, 58 pages, circa 1930.

4 ALS, 2 TLS Jane Priestley to Canfield, Cass, 23 October and 15 December 1939, 22 October 1940, 14 December 1941, undated. One undated ALS directed to Cass and Jane.

TL / draft Jane Priestley to Walpole, Hugh, 1932. Written on this: AN by Jane Bannerman re the letter.

Bliss, Arthur, Sir, 1891- . ALS to Bannerman, Jane Winifred Mary Holland, 16 November no year.

Bone, Stephen. ALS to Bannerman, Jane Winifred Mary Holland, undated. Letter is illustrated with a drawing with dialogue "those are palefaces who always sketch in spurs."

Braille Institute of the Blind. TLS managing director J. Robert Atkinson to Harper & Brothers, 4 August 1944.

British Broadcasting Corporation. TLS Gerald Cock to Harper & Brothers, 19 September 1940.

Canfield, Cass. 3 TccL to Bannerman, Jane Winifred Mary Holland / Priestley, Jane, **Container** 20 November 1939, 14 November 1940, 12 January 1942. 14.10

Church, Richard, 1893-1972. ALS to Bannerman, Jane Winifred Mary Holland / Mrs. Priestley, 23 September 1944.

Cock, Gerald. Priestley as a broadcaster, signed Tms, 1 page, undated.

Coldstream, William, Sir. ALS to Bannerman, Jane Winifred Mary Holland / Mrs. Priestley, 16 September 1940.

Davis, Desmond. An inspector calls (screenplay), duplicated playscript with A emendations, 85 pages, 1 July 1953. Adapted from Priestley's play. From the Hanley Collection. **Container** 14.11

Day, A. E. J. B. Priestley: an interim bibliography, Tms, 164 pages bound, 1962. Gift of A. E. Day, Headington, Oxford. **Container** 14.12

Epstein, Kathleen. ALS to Roberts, Francis Warren, 14 November 1962. **Container** 14.10

Fiske, D. B. Tcc memo to Harwood re royalty to Mrs. Priestley, 14 November 1940. **Container** 15.1

Forster, Edward Morgan, 1879-1970. ALS to Bannerman, Jane Winifred Mary Holland / Mrs. Priestley, 27 October 1947.

Hagen, B. W. Tcc memo to Herdman, Miss re Desert highway, 26 April 1944.

Hamilton, Hamish. Initialed T memo to Saxton, Eugene F. re Let the people sing, 11 November 1942.

Hamilton, Hamish. 5 Radiograms T and Tcc / copies to Harper & Brothers, 17 July 1941, 15 August 1942, 27 April, 10 and 13 May 1944.

Harper & Row, Publishers:

Tcc memo D. B. Fiske to Henderson and Marple re printing jacket for Faraway, 11 May 1932. **Container** 15.2

2 TccL to Andrews, Alexander S. re copyright on Let the people sing, 24 January and 6 February 1940.

2 TccL Cass Canfield to British War Relief Association, 27 December 1940, 22 January 1941.

2 TccL to Hugh B. Eayrs of The Macmillan Co. of Canada re copyright of Let the people sing, 2 and 8 February 1940.

TccL Cass Canfield to William Roughead of Peters (A. D.), 27 January 1941.

TccL D. B. Fiske to Musson Ralph re edition of Benighted, 13 March 1941.

TccL D. B. Fiske to John Dettmer of Heinemann (William), Ltd re Benighted edition, 25 March 1941.

2 Radiograms / Tcc / copies, Cablegram / Tcc / copy to Hamilton, Hamish, 1 April 1942, 29 July 1943, 20 April 1944.

2 TccL Eugene Francis Saxton to Peters (A. D.) Literary Agent, 12 November and 16 December 1942.

TLS Beulah Hagen (assistant to Cass Canfield) to Roberts, Francis Warren, 18 February 1963.

Heinemann (William), Ltd. 2 TLS John Dettner to Harper & Brothers re edition of Benighted, 31 January and 5 May 1941. **Container 15.1**

Heinemann (William), Ltd. FLS D. E. Priestley to Bartlett, 5 September 1958. Removed from AC-L P933 top 1958.

Holland, Ena Edith, 1898- . 5 ALI to Bannerman, Jane Winifred Mary Holland, 9, 23, 26 October and 5 November 1931, undated.

Hollom, Philip A. D. ALS to Bannerman, Jane Winifred Mary Holland, 21 November 1943.

Hollom, Vincent. ALS to Bannerman, Jane Winifred Mary Holland / Mrs. Priestley, 11 July 1944.

House of El Dieff, Inc. TccLS to Bannerman, Jane Winifred Mary Holland, 29 December 1969. Included with this: TccL Bannerman to El Dieff.

Kendon, Frank. ALS to Bannerman, Jane Winifred Mary Holland, 28 October no year. **Container 15.3**

Kennet, Kathleen Young, Lady, d. 1947. ALS to Bannerman, Jane Winifred Mary Holland / Mrs. Priestley, undated.

Korner, Harry V. TLS to Burger, Adam, 1 August 1932. Letterhead: The Korner & Wood Co. Attached to this: 2 newspaper reviews of Faraway.

Macaulay, Emilie Rose, Dame, 1881-1958. 2 ALS to Bannerman, Jane Winifred Mary Holland, 21 August 1958, 21 June no year. **Container 15.4**

Macmillan Company of Canada, Limited. TLS to Dorothy Fiske of Harper & Brothers, 5 February 1940.

Montgomery, F. Tcc memo to Hoops re Priestley request for American materials, 26 April 1940.

Musson Book Company Ltd. TLS Ralph T. Musson to Dorothy Fiske of Harper & Brothers re edition of Benighted, 21 March 1941.

Myers, Leopold Hamilton, 1881-1944. ALS to Bannerman, Jane Winifred Mary Holland / Mrs. Priestley, 2 November 1943.

Peters (A. D.), Literary Agent. 5 TLS to Cass Canfield and Eugene Francis Saxton of Harper & Brothers, 30 October 1939, 3 January and 11 December 1940, 13 February 1941, 18 November 1942. Initialed A note by Cass Canfield on TLS 3 January 1940. Initialed T note by D. B. Fiske on TLS 11 December 1940. Attached to TLS 3 January 1940: TL / copy from the Macmillan Company of Canada Limited by Hugh B. Eayrs to A. D. Peters Literary Agent, 14 December 1939. **Container 15.5**

Peters (A. D.), Literary Agent. Correspondence files relating to John Boynton Priestley, 29 ALS, 585 TLS, 645 TccL, 9 PC, 24 telegrams, 1956-1961. Included are 31 TLS, TccL from Priestley to Peters. Materials dated 1956-1957 relate to plays; arranged alphabetically by play; 1961 material arranged chronologically. Some documents written in French and German. Acquired with A. D. Peters archive, R2187, 1965-1966. Earlier Priestley files (39 boxes) still remain with the A. D. Peters archive. Files:

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| Accounts, 1956-1957 | Container 15.6-7 |
| Dangerous corner, 1956-1957 | Container 15.8 |
| Eden end, 1956 | Container 15.9 |
| Ever since paradise, 1956-1957 | Container 15.10 |
| The golden entry, 1956-1957 | Container 15.11 |
| Good companions, 1961 | Container 15.12 |
| I have been here before, 1956-1957 | Container 15.13 |
| An inspector calls, 1956-1957 | Container 15.14-15 |
| Johnson over Jordan, 1956-1957 | Container 16.1 |
| Laburnum grove, 1956-1957 | Container 16.2 |
| The linden tree, 1956-1957 | Container 16.3 |
| Low notes on a high level, 1956 | Container 16.4 |
| Music at night, 1956-1957 | Container 16.5 |
| The roundabout, 1956 | Container 16.6 |
| Summer day's dream, 1956-1957 | Container 16.7 |
| They came to a city, 1956-1957 | Container 16.8 |

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| Time and the Conways, 1956-1957 | Container 16.9 |
| Treasure on Pelican, 1956 | Container 16.10 |
| When we are married, 1956-1957 | Container 16.11 |
| Foreign miscellaneous, 1956-1957 | Container 16.12 |
| Miscellaneous, 1961 | Container 16.13-15 |
| Peters (A. D.) empty folders, 1956-1961 | Container 16.16 |
| Readers Club. 2 TLS director George Macy to Eugene Francis Saxton of Harper and Brothers re Angel pavement, 22 May and 8 June 1942. Attached to 8 June TLS: printed sheet of Priestley letter to Readers Club members. | Container 17.1 |
| Roberts, Francis Warren, 1916- . TccL to Hagen, Beulah re Priestley correspondence, 25 February 1963. | |
| Saxton, Eugene Francis, 1884- . TccL to Sherwood, Robert E. re rebroadcasting Priestley's radio talks in U.S., 30 July 1940. | |
| Scott, Peter, 1909- . ALS to Bannerman, Jane Winifred Mary Holland / Mrs. Priestley, undated. | |
| Sherwood, Robert Emmet, 1896-1955. TL / copy to Saxton, Eugene Francis re rebroadcasting Priestley's radio talks in U.S., 1 August 1940. | |
| Squire, John Collings, Sir, 1884-1958. To J. B. Priestley, Ams with initialed A note to Priestley, 1 page, undated. | |
| Walpole, Hugh, Sir, 1884-1941. 11 ALS to Bannerman, Jane Winifred Mary Holland, 1927-1941. | Container 17.2 |
| Williams, B. Tcc memo to Harwood re earnings of Britain speaks, 23 October 1940. | |
| Catalogs, receipts, and empty envelope, 1937, undated. | Container 17.3 |
| Priestley empty folders, 1936, undated. Titles: | |
| A-C | Container 17.4 |
| D-E | Container 17.5 |
| F-M | Container 17.6 |
| N-Z | Container 17.7 |

Additional Acquisitions: Not Described in Card Catalog:**Gift 2406, 1985:**

Works. Tms with A emendations of 21 works, plus 25 articles and 4 introductions, circa 1964-1977:

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| Anyone for tennis (television script), 56 pages, undated. | Container 18.1 |
| Articles, 1964-1977, undated. Titles include: Unsocial hours; The English scene; David Copperfield; The life-saver; Mostly about nothing; Let the people sing; Don't do something, just stand there!; Eroticism, sex and love; Time and the lens; Too big – too costly; These our revels; The old provincial theatre; The Chaplin epic; Angry or dotty; The fanatic; Let the people sing; States of mind; The thirties; A warm snow man; The other strike; What about common sense?; Jacques Tati; Worse – or better?; Island report; Arizona. | Container 18.2 |
| The Carfitt crisis (novella), 96 pages, undated. | Container 18.3 |
| Cloud cuckooland (play), 79 pages, undated. | Container 18.4 |
| The Edwardians (nonfiction), 242 pages, undated. | Container 18.5-6 |
| The English (nonfiction), 211 pages, undated. | Container 18.7-8 |
| English humour (nonfiction), 207 pages, undated. | Container 19.1 |
| Found, lost, found (novel), 108 pages, undated. | Container 19.2 |
| The image men, vol. I. Out of town, vol. II. London end (novel), 817 pages, undated. | Container 19.3-9, 20.1 |
| Instead of the trees (nonfiction), 168 pages, undated. | Container 20.2-3 |
| Introductions, 1972-1974, undated. Includes introductions to: Great British short stories; Everyman anthology; Constable edition of Patrick Hamilton's novels; Parapsychology series. | Container 20.4 |
| It's an old country (novel), 253 pages, undated. | Container 20.5-7 |
| Now let him go (television script), 59 pages, undated. Includes drawing of set layout on title page. | Container 20.8 |

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| The other window (television script), 35 pages, undated. | Container 20.9 |
| Outcries and asides (nonfiction), 195 pages, undated. | Container 20.10-11 |
| Over the long high wall (nonfiction), 155 pages, undated. | Container 21.1-2 |
| Particular pleasures (nonfiction; acting and clowning sections), 109 pages, undated. | Container 21.3 |
| Pavilion of masks (novella), 113 pages, undated. | Container 21.4 |
| The prince of pleasure (nonfiction), 309 pages, undated. | Container 21.5-7 |
| Salt is leaving (novel), 248 pages, undated. | Container 21.8-9 |
| Snoggle (novel), 123 pages, undated. | Container 21.10-11 |
| Take the fool away (play) 33 pages, undated. | Container 22.1 |
| Victoria's heyday (nonfiction), 253 pages, undated. | Container 22.2-3 |

Purchase R11676, 1989:

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| Letters to Mary Priestley, 343 signed A and TL, 1940-1984, undated. | Container 22.4-7 |
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Purchase LH 9083, 1989:

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| Works. Particular pleasures (nonfiction; painting and composing sections), initialed Tms / incomplete with A revisions, 109 pages, undated. | Container 22.8 |
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Purchase R12107, 1990:

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| Works. Are authors human beings?, Tms with A corrections, bound with corrected proofs, 11 pages, 1931. | Container 22.9 |
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Purchase R12146, 1990:

Letters to Peters (A. D.), Literary Agent, 14 ALS, 110 TLS, 5 APCS, 1925-1953, undated. Includes photograph of J. B. Priestley, 1936; printed text of Priestley's tribute to H. G. Wells spoken at Golders Green Crematorium on 16 August 1946.

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23.1-3

Purchase R12241, 1990:

Works. Tms and Tccms with A revisions of 3 works:

Manikin Saturday (screenplay), 7 pages, undated.

Container 23.4

The Pennington story (scenario and 2 versions of screenplay, one incomplete), 14, 69, and 137 pages, 1950, undated.

Container
23.5-6

Quaternion (play), 106 pages, undated.

Container 23.7

Purchase R12933, 1993:

Letters to Michael Dawson, 4 TLS, 1971-1973.

Container 23.8

Transfer from Library:

Works. The Edwardians, bound proof copy with A corrections, 155 pages, undated.

Container
23.9

Purchase R15176, 2003:

Letters to Sir Alan P. Herbert, 2 TLS, 16 December 1938, 29 January 1948.

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23.10

Purchase R15339, 2004:

Letters to A. D. Peters ("Peter"), 3 TLS, ALS, 1931.

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23.11

Purchase 13-09-019-P, 2013:

Miscellaneous. Victor Gollancz Limited. Correspondence file re Priestley's English journey, 1933-1936; 1982; 1992. Includes letters from Priestley to Gollancz, carbons of Gollancz's letters, and other correspondence and related documents.

Container
23.12

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