Guide to the Angela Mackail Thirkell Collection

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Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** GEN MSS 283

**CREATOR:** Thirkell, Angela, 1890-1961

**TITLE:** Angela Mackail Thirkell collection

**DATES:** 1947–1960

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 1.42 linear feet (4 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Collection contains: holograph manuscript drafts of Thirkell’s novels Private Enterprise and What Did it Mean?; correspondence between Thirkell and James Tinkham Babb, Barbara Waite Davidson, Gordon and Mary Haight, and others; third-party correspondence by Lance Thirkell, Laura Roberts Collins, C. A. Lejuene, and others; and clippings and printed ephemera relating to Thirkell and her work.

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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**

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Conditions Governing Access
The materials are open for research.

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Processing Information
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Scope and Contents
This finding aid encompasses accessions of single manuscripts and small groups of manuscripts and other papers, by or pertaining to Angela Mackail Thirkell, which the library has chosen to group and list as an artificial collection. Materials have been arranged into four series: Gift of Angela Mackail Thirkell, Gift of Gordon Haight, Gift of Margaret Bradley Babb, and Gift of the Angela Thirkell Society.
## Collection Contents

**Series I. Gift of Angela Thirkell**


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<td><em>Private Enterprise</em>, autograph manuscript&lt;br&gt;Written in pencil in eleven notebooks</td>
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<td>Thirkell, Angela Mackail. TLS to Gordon S. Haight. London&lt;br&gt;Removed from <em>Private Enterprise</em>, autograph manuscript</td>
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<td>b. 2, f. 11-20</td>
<td><em>What Did It Mean?</em>, autograph manuscript&lt;br&gt;Written in pencil in 10 notebooks</td>
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<td>1950–55</td>
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| b. 2, f. 22 | Haight, Gordon Sherman. TL (carbon) to George Sherburn, New Haven  
On the same leaf: Haight, Gordon Sherman. TL (carbon) to Willard Thorpe. New Haven, 1948 Nov 8 | 1948 Nov 8 |
| b. 2, f. 23 | Haight, Gordon Sherman. 33 TL (carbons) to Angela Thirkell | 1947–60 |
| b. 2, f. 24 | Kunkel, Beverly W. ALS to Gordon S. Haight, Easton, PA | 1960 May 10 |
| b. 2, f. 25 | Sherburn, George. TLS to Gordon S. Haight, Cambridge, Mass. | 1948 Nov 14 |
| b. 3, f. 26-28 | Thirkell, Angela. 41 ALS, 7 APCS, 5 ACS, 34 TLS (some with manuscript notes), and 2 TL to Gordon and Mary Haight  
With clippings, business and change of address cards, etc. (6 items) | 1947–60 |
| b. 3, f. 30 | Whitney, J. B. TLS (with manuscript note) to Gordon S. Haight, Cambridge, Mass. | 1948 Nov 15 |
| b. 3, f. 31 | 3 printed invitations and 1 business card (some with manuscript notes) | n.d. |
Series III. Gift of Margaret Bradley Babb
Gift of Margaret Bradley Babb, 1962.

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<td>Thirkell, Angela. TLS to Mrs. Babb, London With calling card</td>
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## Series IV. Gift of Angela Thirkell Society


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<td>1951–1960, undated</td>
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<td>b. 4, f. 37</td>
<td>Letters from Angela Thirkell to Mary Lois Mamer</td>
<td>1947–1952</td>
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<td>b. 4, f. 38</td>
<td>Copies of letters from Angela Thirkell to others</td>
<td>undated</td>
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<td>b. 4, f. 39-40</td>
<td>Correspondence between Lance Thirkell and Laura Roberts Collins</td>
<td>1983–1986, undated</td>
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<td>b. 4, f. 41</td>
<td>Letters from Lance Thirkell to Phyllis Croghan</td>
<td>1985–1988</td>
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<td>Includes photograph of Angela Thirkell</td>
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<td>b. 4, f. 42</td>
<td>Correspondence between Lance Thirkell and Barbara Waite Davidson</td>
<td>1961–1978, undated</td>
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<td>b. 4, f. 43</td>
<td>Correspondence between C. A. Lejeune and Barbara Waite Davidson</td>
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<td>b. 4, f. 44</td>
<td>Laura Roberts Collins publications correspondence</td>
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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
Authors, English -- 20th Century -- Archives
English literature -- 20th Century

Names
Babb, James T. (James Tinkham), 1899-1968
Collins, Laura Roberts
Davidson, Barbara Waite
Haight, Gordon Sherman
Haight, Mary
Lejeune, C. A. (Caroline Alice), 1897-1973
Thirkell, Angela, 1890-1961
Thirkell, Lance