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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

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
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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
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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
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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)