

# Guide to the Jean Paul Oppenheim Autograph Collection

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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 943

**CREATOR:** Oppenheim, Jean Paul, 1907-1933, collector

**TITLE:** Jean Paul Oppenheim autograph collection

**DATES:** 1896-1930

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 0.5 linear feet (1 box)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** A collection of approximately two hundred letters and signatures of notable persons, chiefly United States political figures, including presidents, senators and other government figures. Only a few Europeans are in the papers. Also included are postcards, photographs and printed matter.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box  
f. folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Laurent Oppenheim, Jr., 1952.

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The materials are open for research.

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## Biographical / Historical

Jean Paul Oppenheim, "Opp," was born in New York City on May 7, 1907. His father, Laurent Oppenheim, is a retired banker and a former member of the New York Stock Exchange. Mrs. Oppenheim's name before her marriage was Amy Schwartz. Oppenheim's brother Laurent Oppenheim, Jr., graduated from Sheff in 1921.

His preparatory education was received at the Bovee School and the Allen-Stevenson School in New York City. He heeled the *Record* in Freshman year. He lived alone while at Yale, at 333 York Street, 52 Vanderbilt, and 576 York-Library.

Oppenheim left college in November of Junior year because of ill health. He is now with Simmons & Slade, members of the New York Stock Exchange, his business address being 5 Nassau Street, New York City. He lives at the Hotel Plaza.

From *History of the Class of 1929, Yale College, 1929*, pp. 348-349.

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## Scope and Contents

This is a collection of approximately two hundred letters and signatures of various famous people, including United States presidents, senators, and other government figures, presidents and other officers of colleges, prime ministers, actors, musicians, writers, and so forth. There is also an assortment of miscellaneous items including postcards, photographs, printed matter, and letters from secretaries of notable people to whom Oppenheim had written for autographs.

The letters are arranged in chronological order. An alphabetical index has been provided to both the letters and the autographs.

These papers were donated to Yale University in 1952 by Laurent Oppenheim, Jr., brother of the collector of the papers, Jean Paul Oppenheim.

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**Collection Contents**  
**Inventory, [1896]-1930***0.5 linear feet (1 box)*

b. 1, f. 1-5	Autograph letters	1899-1930, n.d
b. 1, f. 6-13	Autographs, A-W	[1896]-1930, undated
b. 1, f. 14-15	Miscellaneous	1922-1924, undated

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Alexander, John W. (1 item) , [1913]  
Art alliance of America (1 item) , [1922]  
Bacon, Henry (1866-1924) (1 item) , [1922]  
Baruch, Bernard M. (1 item) , [1922]  
Blashfield, Edwin Howland (1 item) , [1913]  
Bok, Edward W. (1 item) , [1922]  
Bryan, William Jennings (1 item) , [1914]  
Carson, Dorothy (1 item) , [1918]  
Churchill, Randolph Spencer (1 item) , [1930]  
Farnham, Sally James (1 item) , n.d.  
Friedsam, Michael (1 item) , [1929]  
Gompers, Samuel (1 item) , [1922]  
Guinness, Frances (1 item) , [1915]  
Halliburton, Richard (1 item) , [1930]  
Hammond, John Hays (1 item) , [1930]  
Harris William Laurel (1 item) , n.d.  
Hassam, Childe (1 item) , [1923]  
Herbert, Victor (1 item) , [1923]  
Landis, Kenesaw Mountain (1 item) , n.d.  
Lewisohn, Adolph (1 item) , [1921]  
Mills, Ogden L. (1 item) , [1922]  
New York (City) Mayor's com. on recep. to disting. guests (1 item) , 1919  
Morgan, John Pierpont, [signature on picture of Morgan Library] (1 item) , [1922]  
Newlin, Lillian Washburn (1 item) , [1918]  
Paderewski, Helena (Modjeska) (1 item) , 1918  
Paderewski, Ignace Jan (1 item) , [1918]  
Partridge, J. Stanley (1 item) , [1918]  
Pennell, Mrs. Elizabeth R. (1 item) , [1922]  
Pilgrims of the U.S. [card of admission to Chauncey M. Depew] (1 item) , [1922]  
Putnam, Nina Wilcox (1 item) , [1922]  
Root, Elihu (1 item) , [1899]  
Sabin, Pauline (Morton) (1 item) , [1920]  
Safonoff, W[assili]? (1 item) , [1906]  
Sargent, John Singer (1856-1925) (1 item) , n.d.  
Schieffelin, William Jay (1 item) , [1923]  
Schwab, Charles M. (1 item) , [1924]  
Sherrill, Mr. & Mrs., and Gibbs Wynkoop Sherrill [invitation to a dinner dance autographed by Grover Whelan] (1 item) , [1927]  
Steinway, William (1 item) , [1896]  
Tree, Herbert Beerbohm 1 , 1916  
Universal Negro improvement association (1 item) , 1924  
Vestal, Albert H. (1 item) , 1920  
Whelan, Grover (1 item) , 1927  
Wadsworth, James W., Jr. (1 item) , 1922  
Washington, Booker Taliaferro (1 item) , 1912  
Wilson, Woodrow, pres. U.S (1 item) , 1916  
Woodbury Gordon, (b. 1863) (1 item) , 1922

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Astor, Nancy Witcher (Longhorne), vicountess (b. 1879) , 1927  
Baker, George Fisher (1840-1931) , 1923  
Baldwin, Stanley (1867-1947) , 1923  
Belasco, David (1854-1931) , 1922

Benes, Edvard (1884-1948) , 1923  
Borah, William Edgar (1865-1910) , 1922  
Brookhart, Smith Widman (1869-1944) , 1923  
Bryan, William Jennings (1860-1925) , n.d.  
Bullard, Robert Lee (1861-1947) , 1923  
Burbank, Luther (1849-1926) , 1923  
Burnett, Frances Hodgson (1849-1924) , 1923  
Butler, Nicholas Murray (1862-1949) , 1922  
Calder, William Musgrave (1869-1945) , 1922  
Capper, Arthur (b. 1865) , 1922  
Choate, Joseph Hodges (1832-1917) , 1910  
Christian, George Busby, Jr. (1873-1930) , 1922  
Coolidge, Calvin, pres. U.S. (1872-1933) , 1922  
Copeland, Royal Samuel (1868-1938) , 1924  
Davis, James John (1873-1947) , 1922  
Dawes, Gen. Charles Gates (b. 1865) , 1924  
De Forest, Lee (b. 1873) , [1924]  
Dempsey, Jack , 1923  
Denby Edwin (1870-1929) , 1923  
Doyle, Sir Arthur Conan (1859-1930) , 1922  
du Pont, Thomas Coleman (1863-1930) , 1922  
Edison, Thomas Alva (1847-1931) , 1922  
Firestone, Harvey Samuel (b. 1868) , 1923  
Fish, Hamilton (1849-1936) , 1874  
Frelinghuysen, Joseph Sherman (1869-1948) , 1922  
French, Daniel Chester (1850-1931) , 1922  
Gary, Elbert Henry (1846-1927) , 1922  
Geddes, Sir Auckland Cambell , [1922]  
Gibson, Charles Dana (b. 1867) , 1923  
Gilbert, Cass (1859-1934) , 1923  
Glyn, Elinor (Sutherland) , [1922]  
Gouraud, Henri Joseph Eugène (1867-1946) , 1923  
Harbord, James Guthrie (b. 1866) , 1923  
Harding, Warren Gamaliel, pres. U.S. (1865-1923) , 1922  
Hawkins, Anthony Hope , 1923  
Hays, Will H. (b. 1879) , 1922  
Hibben, John Grier (1861-1933) , 1922  
Hoover, Herbert Clark, pres. U.S. (b. 1874) , 1922  
House, Edward Mandell (b. 1858) , 1922  
Hughes, Charles Evans (b. 1862) , 1922  
Hughes, William Morris (b. 1864) , 1924  
Huntington, Henry Edwards (1850-1927) , 1922  
Hylan, John F. (b. 1868) , 1922  
Jardine, William M (b. 1879) , 1927  
Joffre, Joseph Jacques Césaire (1852-1931) , 1922  
Johnson, Magnus (1871-1936) , 1923  
Johnson, Hiram Warren (1866-1945) , 1923  
Joyce, Peggy , n.d.  
Kellogg, Frank Billings (1856-1937) , 1927  
LaFollette, Robert Marion (1855-1925) , 1924  
Lloyd-George, David (b. 1863) , 1922  
Lodge, Henry Cabot (1850-1924) , 1922  
Lowden, Frank Orren (1861-1943) , 1922  
Mac Monnies, Frederick William (b. 1863) , 1922  
Mc Kenna, Joseph (1843-1926) , 1923  
Mellon, Andrew William (b. 1854) , 1923

Miller, Nathan L. (1868) , 1922  
Moore, John Bassett (1860) , 1922  
Morgenthau, Henry (b. 1856) , 1922  
Moses, George Higgins (1869-1944) , [1922]  
New, Harry Stewart (1858-1937) , 1923  
Newberry, Truman Handy (b. 1864) , 1922  
Osborn, Henry Fairfield (1857-1935) , 1922  
Peabody, George (1795-1869) , n.d.  
Pershing, John Joseph (b. 1860) , 1922  
Poindexter, Miles (1868-1946) , 1922  
Reid, Whitelaw (1837-1912) , 1898  
Rogers, Will (1879-1935) , 1922  
Roosevelt, Theodore Jr. (b. 1887) , 1922  
Root, Elihu (1845-1937) , 1922  
Rosenwald, Julius (1862-1932) , 1922  
Ruppert, Jacob, Jr. (1867-1939) , 1923  
Sims, William Sowden (1858) , 1922  
Smith, Alfred Emmanuel (b. 1873) , 1923  
Smoot, Reed (1862-1941) , 1922  
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Steinmetz, Charles Proteus (1865-1923) , [1922]  
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Sunday, William Ashley (1862-1935) , [1924]  
Sutherland, Howard (1865-1950) , 1922  
Taft, William Howard (1857-1930) , 1923  
Tarkington, Booth (1869-1946) , 1922  
Terhune, Albert Payson (b. 1872) , 1922  
Thomas, Augustus (1857-1934) , 1922  
Thompson, William Boyce (1869-1930) , n. d.  
Underwood, Oscar Wilder (1862-1929) , 1922  
Wallace, Henry Agard (b. 1888) , 1922  
Walsh, Thomas James (1859-1933) , 1922  
Wanamaker, John (1838-1922) , 1922  
Weeks, John Wingate (1860-1936) , 1922  
Wilbur, Curtis Dwight (b. 1867) , [1924]  
Willis, Frank Bartlett (1871-1928) , [1922]  
Wood, Maj. Gen. Leonard (1860-1927) , 1923  
Work, Hubert (b. 1860) , 1923  
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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.

### **Genres / Formats**

Autographs