

William Orton Tewson Papers

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Collection Summary

Title: William Orton Tewson Papers

Span Dates: 1923-1926

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1926)

ID No.: MSS3199

Creator: Tewson, William Orton, 1877-1947

Extent: 120 items ; 1 container ; .2 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Summary: Editor and literary critic. Primarily a list of contributors and responses from authors, poets, and journalists to Tewson's query, "Do you care what the critics say about you?" posed in the *Literary Review of the New York Evening Post* in 1926.

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.

People

Anderson, Sherwood, 1876-1941--Correspondence.

Chamberlain, George Agnew, 1879-1966--Correspondence.

Conrad, Joseph, 1857-1924.

Donehower, George. Mrs.--Correspondence.

Garland, Hamlin, 1860-1940--Correspondence.

Hecht, Ben, 1894-1964--Correspondence.

Hergesheimer, Joseph, 1880-1954--Correspondence.

Hughes, Rupert, 1872-1956--Correspondence.

Hurst, Fannie, 1889-1968--Correspondence.

Jeffers, Robinson, 1887-1962--Correspondence.

Lardner, Ring, 1885-1933--Correspondence.

Le Gallienne, Richard, 1866-1947--Correspondence.

Lewis, Sinclair, 1885-1951--Correspondence.

Markham, Edwin, 1852-1940--Correspondence.

Masters, Edgar Lee, 1868-1950--Correspondence.

Mencken, H. L. (Henry Louis), 1880-1956--Correspondence.

Nathan, George Jean, 1882-1958--Correspondence.

Nathan, Robert, 1894-1985--Correspondence.

Nicholson, Meredith, 1866-1947--Correspondence.

O'Neill, Eugene, 1888-1953--Correspondence.

Robinson, Edwin Arlington, 1869-1935--Correspondence.

Sinclair, Upton, 1878-1968--Correspondence.

Tarkington, Booth, 1869-1946--Correspondence.

Tewson, William Orton, 1877-1947.

Untermeyer, Louis, 1885-1977--Correspondence.

Wister, Owen, 1860-1938--Correspondence.

Subjects

American newspapers.

Criticism.

Titles

Literary review (New York, N.Y.)

New York evening post.

Occupations

Critics.

Editors.

Administrative Information

Provenance

The papers of William Orton Tewson, editor and literary critic, were purchased by the Library of Congress in 1946. An additional item was transferred from the Alfred Bendiner Memorial Collection of the Prints and Photographs Division in 1997.

Processing History

The papers of William Orton Tewson were arranged and described in 1998. The finding aid was revised in 2009.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of William Orton Tewson is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of William Orton Tewson are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, William Orton Tewson Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of William Orton Tewson (1877-1947) span the years 1923-1926, with all but one of the items dating from 1926 and consisting of responses from poets, writers, and journalists to the question by Tewson "Do you care what the critics say about you?" Tewson had raised the query in the *Literary Review of the New York Evening Post*, a weekly magazine edited by him, on 4 September 1926. More than one hundred authors responded, some at considerable length, with handwritten as well as typewritten and signed contributions. Their replies are arranged alphabetically by name of respondent.

Among the writers represented are Sherwood Anderson, George Agnew Chamberlain, Hamlin Garland, Ben Hecht, Joseph Hergesheimer, Rupert Hughes, Fannie Hurst, Robinson Jeffers, Ring Lardner, Richard Le Gallienne, Sinclair Lewis, Edwin Markham, Edgar Lee Masters, H. L. Mencken, George Jean Nathan, Robert Nathan, Meredith Nicholson, Eugene O'Neill, Edwin Arlington Robinson, Upton Sinclair, Booth Tarkington, Louis Untermeyer, and Owen Wister.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material and name of respondent.

Container List

<i>Container</i>	<i>Contents</i>
BOX 1	Letter to Mrs. George Donehower regarding Joseph Conrad, 1923
BOX 1	Symposium on literary critics, <i>Literary Review of the New York Evening Post</i> , 1926
BOX 1	List of contributors (incomplete)
BOX 1	Correspondence and responses of contributors (3 folders)