THE RUTH ATWOOD BLACK COLLECTION
OF ALEXANDER BLACK AND EDITH O'DELL BLACK
COLLECTION #4

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE
This collection was presented to St. Lawrence University in July 1980 by Ruth Atwood Black, daughter-in-law of Alexander Black. Alexander Black was the originator of the "picture play," the fore-runner of the motion picture, and was the pioneer of the screen drama. This collection contains an original manuscript of one of these "picture plays" and other works by Black.

Also contained in this collection are approximately 275 letters sent to Edith O'Dell Black and Pomeroy Burton of the New York World from around 1903 to 1944. The letters are by eminent journalists, educators and authors of the first third of the twentieth century and often contain lengthy responses to queries by the World editors.

The collection also contains around 50 copies of Edith O'Dell's letters to her various correspondents; several autographed manuscripts, signed; and newspaper clippings (xerox copies) relating to the achievements of Edith O'Dell, Alexander Black and their contemporaries.

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BIOGRAPHICAL
Alexander Black was born in New York City on February 7, 1859. After a grammar school education he became a reporter for the Brooklyn (N.Y.) "Times" and later became the literary and art editor for that paper.

Black became interested in photography early in his career and eventually became a leading authority on the camera. In 1886 he became the first president of the department of photography in the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Science. While in pursuit of his hobby (photography), Mr. Black originated a series of "picture plays." By means of a dissolving stereopticon he threw a series of several hundred photographs of scenes representing a drama or a story on the screen. The pictures were superimposed at a rate of four or five per minute; the effect was as if the characters were moving. This principle is identical with that of the later motion picture and was the pioneer of the screen drama.

Meanwhile, Black continued in his journalism career and became the art director of the New York Sunday "World." He served in this capacity from 1905 to 1910 when he became editor of the advertising bureau of Frank Seamen, Inc. In 1913 he became editor of the Newspaper Feature Service where he remained until 1920 when he became art editor of the King Features Syndicate where he remained until his retirement in 1935.

In 1935, Alexander Black married Edith O'Dell. Miss O'Dell had a distinguished journalism career of her own. From 1917 to 1924 she served as associate treasurer of the McClure Newspaper Syndicate in New York. In 1924 she became the editor-in-chief of this agency. During her years with the syndicate she came into contact with many eminent American and British writers, many of whom she initially contacted in hopes of getting them to write for her newspaper.

In 1926 Edith O'Dell inaugurated her own O'Dell Newspaper Service and many of the authors that she had known at McClure's began to write for her. In later years Miss O'Dell became known for her Golden Book Magazine.
Description of Symbols

A.B. = Alexander Black
E.O'D. = Edith O'Dell (Black)
P.B. = Pomeroy Burton

a.c.s. = Autographed card signed.
ac. = Autographed card unsigned.
a.l.s. = Autographed letter signed.
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I. ALEXANDER BLACK

A. Biographical. Arranged chronologically. Includes newspaper articles and other printed material relating to A.B.
B. Correspondence. Arranged by author. Includes letters written to A.B.
C. Estate. Arranged chronologically. Includes material relating to the estate of A.B.
D. Manuscripts and Typescripts. Arranged randomly. Includes manuscripts written by A.B.
E. Materials Relating to Black’s Photo Plays & Novels. Arranged randomly. Includes photo play materials and other literary work of A.B.
F. Miscellany. Arranged randomly. Includes material about the motion picture industry and various other items.

II. POMEROY BURTON AUTOGRAPH COLLECTION

Arranged by author. Includes letters to Pomeroy Burton and others.

III. NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW MATERIALS

B. Scrapbook. Arranged by author. Includes letters to various people which were included in a scrap book marked "North American Review."
C. Unidentified letters. Includes letters, the origin of which are unknown.

IV. EDITH O’DELL

A. Biographical
   1. Materials on E. O’D. Arranged chronologically. Includes newspaper articles and other printed material relating to the life of A.B.
B. Correspondence
   2. Personal. Arranged by author. Includes personal letters written to E. O’D.
C. McClure Syndicate
   1. Correspondence. Arranged by author. Includes letters written to and by E. O’D. while at McClure Syndicate.
D. Miscellany
E. O’Dell News Service, Correspondence
   Arranged by author. Includes letters written by and to E. O’D. at O’Dell News Service.
F. P.E.N. Club
   2. P.E.N. Club Miscellany

V. Bound Volumes & Video Tapes
I. **ALEXANDER BLACK**

A. **Biographical**


1940, May 8. Newspaper announcement of the death of A.B.


1940, May 14. *St. Lawrence Plaindealer*, Article on A.B.


1974, February 7. “Dear Mr. Blankman” from Mary Corliss” (Film Stills Archivist - The Museum of Modern Art - NY) informing him that there are no photos of Frederic Remington and has no knowledge of slides donated by Black. (2 copies) Attached are:

1974, February 14. “Dear Sir” from “Edward J. Blankman” asking for assistance in tracking down the slides of a Picture Play collection by Alexander Black in the 1890’s. (2 copies)

1974, March 29. “Dear Mr. Blankman” from “Penelope K. Bardel” (Asst. Secretary - Metropolitan Museum of Art) informing him that they do not have any correspondence concerning the slides. (2 copies)

[n.d.] article *Commercial Advertiser*. “Alexander Black and the Movies”


[n.d.] Announcement of award to be given at St. Lawrence University to commemorate A.B.


B. **Correspondence**

1 2 Black, Alexander. a.l.s. to Dr. Gunnison. Attached is “a pencil cartoon a self portrait by Alexander Black drawn about 1903-4”

[Black, Alexander?] a.l. to Dr. [?]. Signed only "yours for the long road."

1934, November 5. Black, Alexander. a.l.s. to Abbie K. Cleaveland, N.Y.

1981, October 26. Black Alexander “Sandy” to Edward Blankman. Attached are:

1981, November. Edward J. Blankman to “Dear Sandy”

1937, January 30. [8 leaves] [?] to “My dear Alexander Black”. (2 copies)

Howland, H.H. Telegram to A.B. August 9, 1924 [copy with original]

#Gaines, Charles Kelsey. a.l.s. to A.B. August 9, 1924 [copy with original]

[Original - see Gaines, Charles Kelsey]

Southworth, Dr. a.l.s. to A.B. Tacoma, Wash.


C. Estate - Contents arranged chronologically

1940, June 14. Lydenberg, H.M. {t.l.s} to Mrs. A.B. (Edith). NY, NY.
1940, June 20. Lydenberg, H.M. {t.l.s.} to Mrs. A.B. (Edith). NY, NY.
1940, June 27. Form letter of thanks for a gift. (Book donated = “Miss Jerry”, “Richard Gordon”, and “The Girl and the Guardsman”.
1940, June 28. copy of {t.l.s} from Carl Black (son of AB) to John W. Hannon. Attached is a letter from Edith Black (wife) to Carl. 1940, June 29.
1940, June 28. Lydenberg, H.M. {t.l.s.} to Edith. NY, NY.
1940, August 6. Halpin, Thomas {t.l.s.} to Edith. explanation of estate. NY, NY.
1940, August 7. Halpin, Thomas {t.l.s.} to Carl. NY, NY.
1940, August 9. Edith {t.l.s.} to George Freedley. (NY Public Library) NY, NY.
1940, September 3. Freedley, George {t.l.s.} to Edith.
1940, September 17. Receipt of a gift to NY Public Library to Edith from Lydenberg. A.M.
1940, September 18. Edith {t.l.s.} to Lydenberg, H.M.
1940, October 31. Halpin, Thomas {t.l.s.} to Edith.
1940, November 2. Lydenberg, H.M. to Edith.
1940, November 5. Edith to Lydenberg.
1941, January 14. Freehafer, E.G. to Edith. NY Public Library.
1942, November 9. Hannon, John W. {t.l.s.} to Carl. 3 pages.
1942, November 10. Hannon, John W. {t.l.s.} to Edith and Carl. 3 pages.
1942, November 10. Edith {t.l.s.} to Hannon, John W. copy with original.
1942, November 11. Edith {t.l.s.} to Hannon. copy with original.
1942, November 13. Hannon {t.l.s.} Edith.
1942, October 29. Hannon {t.l.s.} to Edith. 3 pages.
1945, August 28. Freedley, George {t.l.s.} to Edith.
1948, November 16. Barrett to Black. {t.l.s.} 1 page.
1949, May 13. Wells to Black. {t.l.s.} 1 page.
1949, May 16. Black to Wells. {t.l.s.} 2 pages.
1949, May 16. Black to Barrett. {t.l.s.} 1 page.
1949, May 25. Barrett to Black. {t.l.s.} 1 page.
1968, April 11. Edith {t.l.s.} to Freehafer, E.G. Copy with original.
1968, April 24. Edith {t.l.s.} to Myer.
1968, April 24. Myer {t.l.s.} to Edith.
Balance Sheet of Estate Taxes.
D. Manuscripts and Typescripts

    Black, Alexander. "Stacy." Sketch. 4 leaves. Contains pencil sketch. Note written on top of
    manuscript by [E. O'D].
    Black, Alexander. "Don't You Just Love Crime?" 8 leaves.
    Black, Alexander. Unidentified Poem "What is the real good..." Original and typed translation.

E. Materials Relating to Alexander Black's Photoplays and Novels

1 5  1830. Photograph. Scene from AB's “Miss Jerry” - the first of all picture plays, brought out in
    1894.
    [no date]. New York Public Library “Theatre Collection” brochure.
    Large poster advertising The Great Desire. Shelved in Flat File Drawer 1.
    [no date]. List of books by AB. with copy.
    1819, October 19. “A Remarkable Tribute to an Editor by the Dean of American Literature”
    [photo]. Contains the NY Times Book Review AB’s The Great Desire by William Dean
    Howells. Also contains an excerpt of an interview with AB from the February 7, 1820 The
    Evening Post by J. Ames. 2 copies. Additional copy in Flat File Drawer 1.
    [no date]. Magazine page to be syndicated by King Features Syndicate, Inc. “He made the movies
    talk in ‘94” by Arthur Wynne. 5 photographs. Additional copy in Flat File Drawer 1.
    Seventh Angel.
    1860, January 27. Editorial letter by Edith Black to NY Herald Tribune and article that inspired the
    writing of it.
    [no date]. Brochure advertising AB’s book Thorney. Photograph of AB.
    [no date]. Editorial comments about the work of AB.
    [no date]. “The Story of Two Stories”. Ad by Harper and Brothers. 4 page booklet.
    Song by C.M. Skinner titled “Song of the Seasons: To Alexander R. Black” [music score is
    included]
    Additional copy in Flat File Drawer 1.

F. Miscellany

Correspondence

1 6  Galsworthy, John. Feb. 1933. Card of thanks from the family of Mrs. Galsworthy for the "kind
    sympathy" on his death.
    Reedy, William Marion. t.l.s. to D. Davies. Dec. 30, 1911. St. Louis.
    Wilson, Woodrow. t.l.s. to "Miss Hallmark." Oct. 26, 1915. Washington, D.C. Salutation is to
    "Miss Hallmark," note at bottom of letter indicates Miss Anne Rittenhouse, New York City.
    Unidentified. t.l Nov. 2, 1922. Handwritten message added.

Drawing  - "The Brat's Dream" 6 1/4" x 9 1/2" drawing. Signed by A.B.

Manuscript  Kipling, Rudyard. "The Scholars." Typed manuscript. 3 leaves. Contains authors
    corrections.

1 photograph - unidentified
1 envelope containing the program of a testimonial dinner given for Bernard Peters. Feb. 25, 1893.
    Signed by those present.
    List of Autographs in collection. Note. These autographs have been sold.
3 oriental items
1 envelope addressed to The New York World.
1 booklet. 14 pages. no english.
1 cartoon. "The Big Laugh"
Card. Cirrolo Mazionale Italiano.

Articles:
Book review “Eadweard Muybridge: The Father of the Motion Picture”
By Francis X. Clines “About New York: The Return of Gloria Swanson.”
By H. Paul Draheim “Theater Pipe Organ Important Part Of Long-Departed Silent Screen Era”
By Richard Eder “Grandfather of the Film Cartoon Is Honored Here at 96.” [John Raldolph Bray]

“The Last Reel.”
“Speaking of Pictures... These Are By A Village Photographer” [shows a number of pictures.]
“Speaking of Pictures... Library of Congress Unearths First Newsreels.” [shows a number of pictures.]
“The Movie Finer Writes” by Frank S. Nugent from The New York Times Magazine - May 21, 1939. [original article is attached]
“Cavalcade of Movie Comics” by Bosley Crowther from The New York Times Magazine - October 20, 1940 [original article is attached]
“Pioneer of the Film Art” by Seymour Stern from The New York Times Magazine - November 10, 1940.

Advertisement. from the International Museum of Photography “60’s Continuum: A Slide Set of 29 Contemporary Photographer’s Work.”

II POMEROY BURTON AUTOGRAPH COLLECTION

Arbuckle, John. a.l.s. to P.B. Mohawk Lake, Ulster Co., N.Y.
Beck, James. t.l.s. to P.B. Mar. 16, 1905. New York
Bernstein, Herman. a.l.s. to Mr. Johnson. July 20, 1905. Conn.
Bertram, James. t.l.s. to P.B. Mar. 21, 1905. New York
Bok, Edward. t.l.s. to P.B. May 10, 1905. Philadelphia.
Brewer, David J. a.l.s. to P.B. June 15, 1905. Washington, D.C.
Cleveland, Grover. a.l.s. to P.B. [March?] 14, 1905. Princeton. Photograph of Cleveland.
Creelman, James. a.l.s. to P.B. July 1, 1905. Flagship of the Commander in Chief, North American Fleet.
Dunne, F.P. t.l.s. to P.B. Oct. 29, 1903. New York
Edison, Thomas--see Burton, Pomeroy. Three hand-written lines on a t.l.s. from Burton.
Evans, R.D. a.l.s. to Mr. [Creelman?]. June 12, U.S.S. Maine. Includes a cut-out photo of William J. Gaynor.
Furness, Harry. Lithograph. Dickensian scene.
Goodwin, J. Joseph. t.l.s. to P.B. May 18, 1905. Times Square, N.Y.
Green, Anna Katharine--see Rohlfs, Anna K.
Harmsworth, Alfred Charles William--see A.W.H.
Jachman, A. a.l.s. to Madam. [July 13, 1905?]. Westminster.
Knabenshue, Roy t.l.s. to P.B. July 8, 1905.
[L?], Wm. t.l.s. to P.B. Jan. 27, 1905. Washington
Lawson, Thomas W. t.l.s. to P.B. Mar. 15, 1905. Boston
McGee, Anita Newcomb. t.l.s. to P.B. Jan. 6, 1905. Washington D.C.

Maybrick, Florence [E?], a.l.s. to P.B. Feb 4, 1905.
O’Henry--see Porter, Sydney.
Peary, Robert E. a.l.s. to [P.B.?]. Final page of a letter
Porter, Horace. a.l.s. to Mr. MacKenna. May 11, 1905.
Porter, Sydney. a.l.s. to Mr. Johnson. [O’Henry/William Sydney Porter].
Reid, Whitelaw. t.l.s. to P.B. May 12, 1905. [New York]. Attached--photo of Whitelaw Reid, L.L.D.
Rohls, Anna K. a.l.s. to P.B. Dec. 6, 1903. Attached--photo of Anna Katharine Green.
Smith, Goldwin. a.l.s. to P.B. July 20, 1905. Toronto.
Smoot, Reed. t.l.s. to P.B. Jan. 25, 1905. Washington, D.C.
White, Andrew D. a.l.s. to P.B. July 19, 1905. Syracuse, N.Y.

III. NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW MATERIALS

A. Manuscript

2 9 Eggleston, [Edward?]. "Dr. Eggleston and Workingmen." 4 leaves.
[?], "Realities of the South African War." 10 leaves.

B. Scrapbook

Adams, J.C. a.l.s. to A.B. Aug. 25, 1892. Farmington, N.H.
Aldrich, Jennie Chaffee. a.l.s. to "Artie." Dec. 21, 1897. Conn.
Bancroft, Geo. t.l.s. to Mr. Rice. Dec. 16, 1884. Washington, D.C.
Bancroft, Geo. t.l.s. to Allen Thorndike Rice. Dec. 4, 1885. Washington, D.C.
Barry, T.J. a.l.s. to A.B. Wednesday. Brooklyn.
Belmont, August. t.l.s. to A.D. Chandler. May 5, 1899. New York.
Blair, W.J. a.c.s. to David Munro. July 1897.
Blind, Karl. a.l.s. to Mr. [Thiding?]. Nov. 8, 1892. London.
Blind, Karl. a.c.s. to The Editor of the North America Review. Aug. 13, 1895. London.

Boyesen, H.H. a.l.s. to Dear Sir. Sept. 5, [1892?] Long Island, N.Y.
Bunce, George. a.l.s. to [?]. Nov. 3, 1892. Bridgeden, Glamorgan. Autographed calling card enclosed.

Burdette, Robert J. a.l.s. to [?]. Number 10 at top of the page. May be the last page of a letter or a poem.
Burroughs, John. a.l.s. to Editor North American Review. Nov. 3, 1898. West Park, N.Y.
Burroughs, John. a.l.s. to A.D. Chandler. Apr. 14, West Park, N.Y.
Butler, Benjamin F. t.l.s. to A. Thorndike Rice. Nov. 9, 1885. Boston.

Carpenter, Frank G. t.l.s. to General Bryce. Sept. 30, 1895. Washington, D.C.
Chandler, W.E. t.l.s. to Lloyd Bryce. Dec. 9, 1892. Washington, D.C.
Cheney, John Vance. a.l.s. to Editor North American Review. Apr. 28, 1892. San Francisco.
Clemens, S.L. Receipt signed by S.L. Clemens. The sum of one thousand dollars to S.L. Clemens from North American Review Publishing Company for the manuscript copyright of an article entitled, "Does the race of Man Love a Lord." Apr. 1, 1902.
Clemens, S.L. a.l.s. to "Major." June 10, 1902.
Conway, M.D. a.l.s. to "Dear Sir." Oct. 27. Brooklyn.
Curtis, George T. a.c.s. to D.A. Munro. May 11. postcard.
Davis, Noah K. a.l.s. to Editors, North American Review. Feb. 12, 1885.
Dodge, Mary Mapes. a.l.s. to Mr. Brooks. Apr. 18, 1888.
Donnelly, Ignatius. a.l.s. to Willaim H. Rideing. May 8, 1890.
Duer, Caroline. a.l.s. to Mr. McVeagh. Thursday.
Eaton, Dorman B. a.l.s. to Mr. Bryce. Aug. 20.
[Ellero?], Pietro. a.l.s. to "Illustre signore." Dec. 20, 1889. Roma [Italy]. Note written in Italian.
Fawcett, M.G. a.l.s. to "Dear Sir". Aug. 5.
Field, David Dudley. a.l.s. to J.S. Metcalf. [?] 8, 1885. New York.
Field, Kate. a.l.s. to Editor North American. Feb. 4.
Fiske, John. a.l.s. to Mr. Metcalf. Feb. 9, 1885. Washington, D.C.

Garner, R.L. a.l.s. to Lloyd Bryce. May 3, 1891. Wilmington, N.C.
Gibson, Charles. a.l.s. to Editor of the North American Review. May 27. Boston.
Gibson, W. Hamilton. a.l.s. to A.B. Mar. 6, 1894. Brooklyn, N.Y.
Gilman, G.H. a.l.s. to A.B. Mar. 15, 1913.
Grey, Albert a.l.s. to "Sir." July 22, 1890.
Hazeltine, M.W. a.l.s. to Lloyd Bryce. May 4, 1890.
Heaton, Eliza P. a.l.s. to A.B. Sept. 8, 1892. Providence, R.I.
Ingersoll, Robert G. a.l.s. to Mr. Metcalf. Dec. 15, 1884. Washington, D.C.
Larcom, Lucy. a.l.s. to Editors "Saint Nicholas". Apr. 8, 1882. Boston.
Lincoln, F. a.l.s. to "Dear Sir." Feb. 9, 1893.
Lodge, H.C. t.l.s. to Lloyd Brice [Bryce]. Apr. 8, 1890. Washington, D.C.
Loring, George B. a.l.s. to Lloyd Bryce. Apr. 7, 1890. Lisbon.
Low, Seth. t.l.s. to Lloyd Brice [Bryce]. May 3, 1890. New York.
Lowell, J.R.--see post script on letter written by G. Monroe Royce (file #14).
Lothrop, D. a.l.s. to [?]. Boston.
Lucy, Henry. a.c.s. to "My Dear Rideing." Sept. 30, 1892. Victoria Station.

McElroy, William H. a.l.s. to A.B. Apr. 9.
MacVeagh, Wayne. a.l.s. to A. Thorndike Rice. Nov. 24, 1884.
Mendes, Pereira H. a.l.s. to D.A. Munro. Apr. 18, 1898. New York.
Miller, F. Max. a.l.s. to "Dear Sir." Nov. 10, 1884. Oxford.
O'Halloran, Rose. a.l.s. to Editor, North American Review. Nov. 29, 1895. San Francisco.
Ouida, [Louise Ramee]. a.l.s. to "Dear Sir." Nov. 31, 1892.
Palmer, Courtland. a.l.s. to Mr. Metcalf. Apr. 23, 1885. Stonington.
Perry, Nora. a.l.s. to Mr. Dodge. Melrose Highlands, Mass.
Phelps, E.S. a.l.s. to Mr. Metcalf. June 10, [1885?]. East Gloucester, Mass.
Phelps, Wm. Walten. t.l.s. to Lloyd Bryce. 2 leaves. Apr. 21, 1890. Berlin.
Porter, David D. a.l.s. to Lloyd Bryce. Mar. 6, [1894?]. Washington, D.C.

Randall, Sam J. a.l.s. to A. Thorndike Rice. Nov. 25, 1884. Washington D.C.
Reed, T.B. a.l.s. to Lloyd Bryce. May 20, 1890.
Reed, T.B. t.l.s. to David Munro. Apr. 18, 1897. Washington D.C.

Royce, G. Monroe. a.l.s. to Editor North American Review. Dec. 18, 1884. Also includes a note of recommendation signed by J.R. Lowell.
Russell, Edmond. a.l.s. to Mr. Skinner.
#St. Gauden, Augustus. a.l.s. to "My dear Sir." 2 leaves. July 1, 1890.
Schells, David A. a.l.s. to Mr. Rice. June 11. [Norwich?].
Seeley, Howard. a.l.s. to "Dear Old Boy." Apr. 24, [1941?]. Brooklyn, N.Y.
Seitz, D.C. a.l.s. to A.B. Jan. 29.
Smith, Chat Emory. t.l.s. to General Bryce. Page 2 of a 2-page letter.
Smith, Goldwin. a.l.s. to Lloyd Bryce. June [4, 1894?]. Toronto.
Smith, Goldwin. a.l.s. to General Lloyd Bryce. Nov. 5, 1894. Toronto.
Soley, L.de. a.l.s. to "Sir!" July 2, 1890. Paris.
Stanton, Elizabeth Cady. a.l.s. to L.S. Metcalf. Dec. 8 Johnstown.
Stokes, Anson Phelps. a.l.s. to Editor North American Review. Nov. 6, 1894.
Taylor, Harris, a.l.s. to Lloyd Bryce. Apr. 16, 1895. Madrid.
Thurby, Emma C. a.l.s. to Mr. Peters. May 15, 1883. Brooklyn.
Tourgee, Albion W. a.l.s. to Allen Thorndike Rice. Nov. 9, 1885. Mayville, N.J.
Twain, Mark -- see Clemens, S.L. (folder #11).
Watson, John. a.l.s. to "Dear David." June 12, 1899. Liverpool.
Whitman, Walt. a.c.s. to Mr. Chandler. Apr. 19, 1887. Camden, N.J.
Wilson, James Grant. a.l.s. to Editor North American Review. June 17, 1891. New York.
Worstell, Mary V. a.l.s. to A.B. September 20, 1892. New York.

C. Unidentified letters

2 15 Four letters, origins unknown.
IV. EDITH O'DELL

A. Biographical

1. Material on E. O'D.

2 16 *1925 Apr. 4. Editor and Publisher
Newspaper article relating to E. O'D and her trip to London, includes photo. Attached is an article from Editor and Publisher, July 21, 1928, includes photo.

#1925 Dec. 5. This looks like a letter of recommendation for E. O'D. It lists her attributes.

1925-1928. Typed copy of biographical sketch of E. O'D. from Who's Who in Journalism 1925-1928. Also included is this same sketch "Amended and brought up to date."

#1943. 3 newspaper clippings reporting E. O'D.'s speech at The Women's Club.

1969 Mar. 24. Copy of E. O'D.'s will. 2 leaves

2. Materials on friends

2 17 #Atwood, John Murray
Black, Algernon
#Black, Mrs. Alexander (Elizabeth Helmle)
Bennington, Arthur
#Brainard, Walter Frederick
#Forgie, James
#Gibbs, Sir Philip
Gibbs, Sir Philip - photo
#Kaempffert, Waldemar
#Kilbourne, Fannie
#Lydenberg, Harry M.
#Morris, George D.
#Oberhardt, William - photo
#O'Dell, Mrs. Stackpool
#Miscellaneous obituaries

B. Correspondence

1. Business

2 18 Bain, R. t.l.s. to E. O'D. Nov. 2, 1944. Glasco (envelope).
Boytel, Leona. t.l.s. to E. O'D. Jan. 12, 1943. New York, N.Y. Attached--*transcript of E. O'D. reply. Also program including names of members of the Town Hall Club.
#Foster, Edward. Carbon from E. O'D. Apr. 18, 1932.
Foster, Edward. a.l.s. to E. O'D. Apr. 26, 1932. Rochester, N.Y.
Frank, Glenn. a.l.s. to E. O'D. 4 leaves. Nov. 23, 1925. Chicago.
Frazer, John Foster. a.l.s. to E. O'D. 2 leaves. Sept. 5, 1921. Rumford, Me.
Frazer, John Foster. a.l.s. to E. O'D. Sept. 30, 1921. London.
Frazer, John Foster. a.l.s. to E. O'D. Nov. 2, 1921 London.
Frazer, John Foster. a.l.s. to E. O'D. Feb. 7, 1922. London.
Gale, Zona. t.l.s. to E. O'D. Aug. 27, 1929. Portage, Wisconsin.
Galsworthy, John a.l.s. to E. O'D. May 9, 1925. London.
Galsworthy, John. carbon from [?] Nov. 19, 1930. (clipping).
Gettysburg Battlefield Preservation Association, Inc. t.l. to E. O'D. May 29, 1960 [Deed to 5 square feet of the battlefield in folder #26].
Gibbs, Philip. a.l.s. to E. O'D. Mar. 9, 1919. Greenwich, Conn.
Gibbs, Philip. a.l.s. to E. O'D. October 6, 1921. London.
Gibbs, Philip. a.l.s. to E. O'D. April 5. Greenwich, Conn.
Gibbs, Philip. a.l.s. to E. O'D. June 27. London.
Gibbs, Philip. a.l.s. to E. O'D. London.
Gibbs, Philip. a.l.s. to E. O'D. Greenwich, Conn.
[Gibbs, Philip. Photo in file #17.]

Hannon from [E. O'D.].
Herford, Oliver. t.l.s. to E. O'D. Sept. 20.
[Kaempffert], Waldemar. t.l.s. to E. O'D. Mar. 25, 1941. New York.
[Kaempffert], Waldemar. t.l.s. to E. O'D. May 12, 1942. New York.
*Kaempffert, Waldemar. transcript from [E. O'D.?].

Maule, H.E. t.l.s. to E. O'D. Aug. 11, 1930. Garden City, N.Y. Attached--#copy of title page Our Miracles and Mistakes: Talks with American Women by Kathleen Norris, 2 copies; also #copy of contents page; also *transcript to Harry Mauls from E. O'D; also "Suggestions re Kathleen Norris book "with comments by author. 2 leaves; also "Selections" signed by E. O'D.
*Readers Digest. Transcript from [E. O'D.].
22 Personal

Typed note signed Edith O'Dell Black regarding the contents of this file.

Bacheller, Irving. a.l.s. to E. O'D. 2 leaves. May 9, 1940. New York.
Barton, Clara. a.l.s. to E. O'D. Jan. 22, 1911. Glen Echo.
Black, Malcolm. Telegram to E. O'D. May 9, 1940.
Carey, Edward. a.l.s. to E. O'D. Notation "see framed cartoon."
Caruthers, F.D. a.c.s. Dec. 25, 1911. Christmas card with personal message and signed by the F.D.C.
#Crosby, Percy. Carbon from E. O'D. April 9, 1931.
Crosby, Percy. t.l.s. to E. O'D. 3 leaves. May 1, 1931. McLean, Va.
Gilman, Charlotte Perkins. a.l.s. to E. O'D. and A.B. May 16, 1935 (with photo of Gilman).
Glass, Montague. t.l.s. to E. O'D. Nov. 16, 1929. Harbor Sanitarium.
Hurst, Fannie. Telegram to E. O'D. Apr. 8, 1925.
Kaempffert, Waldemar. Telegram to E. O'D. May 9, 1940.
[Libby.] Laura Jean. a.l.s. to E. O'D. July 17, 1924. Brooklyn, N.Y.
Lowndes, Marie Bellocc. a.l.s. to E. O'D. May 31, 1932. London.
Lowndes, Marie Bellocc. a.l.s. to E. O'D. July 18, 1932. London.
Lowndes, Marie Bellocc. a.l.s. to E. O'D. May 30. London.
Lowndes, Marie Bellocc. t.l.s. to E. O'D. May 2, 1942. London (envelope).
Lowndes, Marie Bellocc. a.l.s. (initialed). Tuesday. London.
McDougall, Walt. t.l.s. to E. O'D. 2 leaves. Rockledge, Fla.
Markham, Edwin. t.l.s. to E. O'D. May 6, 1919. West New Brighton, N.Y.
Maxim, Hudson. t.l.s. to E. O'D. 4 leaves. June 12, 1905. Mexico City, Mexico. Handwritten note to E. O'D. signed Lillie.
Muller, Florence. a.l.s. to E. O'D. Oct. 4, 1925. Pen and ink drawing on top of letter.
Mumford, Claire. t.l. "24th Aferward." Christmas card attached.

[Norris?], Kathleen. a.l.s. to E. O'D.
O'Dell, Edith. t.l.s. to "Sandy." July 23, 1934.
*[O'Dell, Edith?], transcript to "Bertha". Feb. 1962.
3. Golden Book

*Benchley, Robert. Transcript to E. O'D. Feb. 18, 1929. New York, N.Y.
Biddle, A.J.D. a.l.s. to E. O'D. Apr. 20, 1929. Atlantic City.
Freeman, Mary E. Wilkins. t.l.s. to E. O'D. Dec. 16, 1928. Metuchen, N.J. Attached--clipping; also transcript of this letter.
*Garrison, Theodosia. Transcript to E. O'D. Feb. 7. Short Hills, N.J.
Hedrick, T.K. t.l.s. to E. O'D. Dec. 13, 1928. Chicago. Includes sketches and a handwritten note signed T.K.H.
Hurst, Fannie. a.l.s. to E. O'D. Dec. 7, 1925.
Hurst, Fannie. t.l.s. to E. O'D. Dec. 20, 1928.
Hurst, Fannie. t.l.s. to E. O'D.
Maugham, W. Somerset. t.l.s. to E. O'D. July 8, 1929.
Norris, Charles G. Telegram to E. O'D. Dec. 28, 1928.
324 Norris, Charles G. t.l. to E. O'D. July 10, 1929. Saratoga, Calif.
Norris, Charles G. t.l.s. to E. O'D. July 28. Saratoga, Calif.
*O'Higgins, Harvey. Transcript to E. O'D. Feb. 2, 1929. Martinville, N.J.
Richey, Lawrence. t.l.s. to E. O'D. June 28, 1929. Washington, D.C.
*Sarett, Lew. Transcript to E. O'D. April 5, 1929. Forest County, Wisconsin.
*Scruggs, Anderson. Transcript to E. O'D. Sept. 7, 1929. Atlanta, Georgia.
*Shaw, Dr. Transcript from [ ? ]. August 30, 1928.

C. McClure Syndicate

1. Correspondence

Baker, Ray Stannard. t.l. from [E. O'D.]. Nov. 22, 1921.
Handwritten note added.
Burgess, Gelett. t.l.s. to E. O'D. Nov. 5, 1920. New York, N.Y.
Glass, Montague. t.l.s. to P.C. Eastment. Feb. 9, 1921. Pasadena, Calif.
Glass, Montague. Telegram to E. O'D. February 23, 1921.
#Lavell, Mr. Transcript from E. O'D. Nov. 14, 1923.
#Lavell, Mr. Transcript from E. O'D. Nov. 14, 1923. 2 leaves.
Libbey, Laura Jean. a.l.s. to E. O'D. Sept. 17, 1917. Brooklyn, N.Y.
Maxim, Hudson. t.l.s. to E. O'D. May 6, 1921. Landing, N.J.
Maxim, Hudson. t.l.s. to E. O'D. June 26, 1922. Landing, N.J.
Norris, Charles G. a.l.s. to E. O'D. Apr. 19, 1923. New York, N.Y.
ODell, Edith. t.l.s. to A.B. Oct. 4, 1920. New York, N.Y.
ODell, Edith. t.l.s. to A.B. Oct. 20, 1919. New York, N.Y.
Roosevelt, Theodore. t.l.s. to Mr. Brainerd. Nov. 9, 1914. New York, N.Y.
"Wee Cubby." t.l.s. to E. O'D. 3 leaves. Long Island.
Wells, H.G. envelope containing 1 post card. H.G. W. and 1 change of address card, engraved.
Wells, H.G. t.l.s. to "Sirs." Dunmore.
Wells, H.G. Telegram to E. O'D. Nov. 5. London.
Wheeler, Howard. a.l.s. to E. O'D. New York, N.Y.
White, W.A. t.l.s. to E. O'D. November 23, 1925.
2. Miscellany

3 25 1 article from Authors League Bulletin.
   1 telegram to McClure News from Rudyard Kipling. 5 leaves.
   1 letterhead from McClure Newspaper Syndicate.
   #1 copy from Editor and Publisher. May 10, 1924.
   1 announcement of serial story for newspaper by Laura Jean Libbey.
   1 "Features" of the McClure Newspaper Syndicate.

3 26 List of transactions between E. O'D. and Mrs. Rita Halle Kleeman between Sept. 15, 1965 and Sept. 23.
   #Newspaper clipping from The Villager, Greenwich Village, May 15, 1952. "The Stroller" by N.S. Olds. Includes paragraph about Edith O'Dell Black. 2 leaves.
   Town Hall Club Preliminary Ballot for the Role of Honour 1931-1932. Includes Edith O'Dell.
   Menu. Restaurant Michaud. Handwritten notes by E. O'D. on back.
   Deed to Gettysburg Battlefield 5 square feet. Letter in Folder #19.
   Holmes, Oliver Wendell. Army Hymn. Paperbound booklet, "With best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year" from Mr. and Mrs. George Arents. {One of four hundred and thirty five copies).
   O'Dell, Edith. A Bit of Old London. a sketch. N.Y. 1931. (Limited edition of 1 copy). Alexander Black had this sketch made into a book. It was first published in the "Prairie Schooner." [shelved at end of collection]
   Writing Album. Contains drawings and autographs of friends of Edith O'Dell.

E.O'Dell News Service, Correspondence

3 27 Austin, Mary. t.l.s. to E. O'D. Nov. 13, 1931. Santa Fe, N.M. Attached--*transcript to Mary Austin. Nov. 9, 1931.
   #Bell, Monta. Transcript from E. O'D. Aug. 3, 1926.
   Bell, Monta. t.l.s. to E. O'D. 2 leaves. Aug. 10, 1926. Culver City, Calif.
   Briggs, William H. t.l.s. to E. O'D. July 20, 1926. New York, N.Y.
   [Geoger?], Marvin H. t.l.s. to E. O'D. July 30, 1926. Milwaukee, Wis.
   Custis, J.T. t.l.s. to E. O'D. July 29, 1926. New York, N.Y.
   Farrar, John. t.l.s. to E. O'D. July 28, 1926. New York, N.Y.
   Houdini. t.l.s. to E. O'D. Aug. 3, 1926. New York, N.Y.
   Howland, Hewitt H. t.l.s. to E. O'D. July 21, 1926. New York, N.Y.
   Hoyns, Henry. t.l.s. to E. O'D. July 22, 1926. New York, N.Y.
   Meloney, Marie M. t.l. to E. O'D. July 31, 1926. New York. (Signed by Mrs. Meloney's secretary).
   Merrill, Bradford. t.l.s. to E. O'D. Dec. 1, 1926. New York.
   Merrill, Bradford. t.l.s. to E. O'D. Apr. 18, 1927. New York.
   Merrill, Bradford. t.l.s. to E. O'D. May 2, 1927. New York.
   Merrill, Bradford. t.l.s. to E. O'D. May 5, 1927.
LIST OF HEARST PAPERS

F. P.E.N. Club

1. Correspondence

3 29 Adams, J. Donald. t.l.s. to A.B. Dec. 16, 1936. New York, N.Y.
  Chute, Marchette. a.l.s. to E. O'D. July 17, 1969. New York, N.Y.
  Floods, Charles Bracelen. t.l.s. to "P.E.N. Member." Sept. 8, 1969. New York, N.Y.
  Galsworthy, John. a.l.s. to A.B. April 5, 1922. London. (envelope)
  Galsworthy, John. a.l.s. to A.B. April 12, 1922. London.
  Galsworthy, John. a.l.s. to A.B. May 17, 1922. Devon.
  Latham, Robert t.l.s. to E. O'D. May 6, 1943. Hollywood, Calif.
  *O'Dell Black, Edith. Transcript to Pen and Brush Club.
3 30 2. P.E.N. Club Miscellany

Order form for a history of the first 50 years of P.E.N. American Center. 2 pages.
1924, May 13-15. P.E.N. Program of 1924 Annual International Convention Representing the
Writers of the World. AB-Chairman of Executive Committee of the American Center. NY, NY.
Third and fourth page of a newsletter.
Membership List of P.E.N. Club. Copy.
1922, March 10. AB {t.l.s.} to Farrar, John. NY, NY.
1922, March 7. AB {t.l.s.} to Edith. NY, NY.
1930, April 15. Membership list of P.E.N. New York Center.
1924, May 13. Table assignments for the P.E.N. International Dinner. 2 pages. Copy.
Copy of a cartoon depicting dinner. 2 pages.
Edith’s dinner invitation. Handwritten notes on it.
Copy of invitation to National Arts Club Meeting of P.E.N. Club.

3 31 Song written by Alexander Black, M.A. 1908 “Old St. Lawrence, Here’s to You”

V. BOUND VOLUMES AND VIDEOTAPES

4 Bound manuscript of "Miss Jerry" written and photographed by A.B.
Xerox copy of manuscript "Miss Jerry".
Writing Album of E. O'D. which includes sketches, written notes to E. O'D., and poems.
Bound appraisal of the Ruth Atwood Black Collection by The Rendells, Inc. Newton, Mass.
Video tape of Alexander Black: Grandfather of picture plays including footage of "Evolution of the
Picture Play" prepared by Paramount Screen Magazine.