

James Lambdin Henderson papers

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Summary Information

Repository	University of Pennsylvania: Kislak Center for Special Collections, Rare Books and Manuscripts
Creator	Henderson, James Lambdin, 1887-
Title	James Lambdin Henderson papers
Call number	Ms. Coll. 623
Date [inclusive]	1911-1967
Extent	0.2 linear feet (1 box)
Language	English
Abstract	James Lambdin Henderson, a native of Philadelphia, was a member of the Philadelphia literary circles and a friend of Lewis and Sophia Mumford, Hilda Doolittle, and members of the Powys family of Welsh writers. This collection includes correspondence with these and several other of Henderson's friends, as well as some miscellaneous material relating to the correspondents, such as photographs and newspaper clippings.

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Biography/History

James Lambdin Henderson, a Germantown, Philadelphia native, was a member of the Philadelphia literary circles and a friend of Lewis and Sophia Mumford, Hilda Doolittle, and members of the Powys family of Welsh writers. Henderson was also a friend of Ezra Pound, although there are no materials from Pound in this collection.

A note from the donor, a grandson of Henderson, describes him as “characterized by consuming curiosity, a wide range of interests, exceptional intelligence, a photo-graphic memory, a real talent for writing and ability to teach and get along with young people...[and] a man of great promise.”

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of correspondence of James Lambdin Henderson. Correspondents include Hilda Doolittle, Mathilda Germann, Dorothy C. Loch, Lewis Mumford, Sophia Wittenberg Mumford, Phyllis Playter, John Cowper Powys, Llewellyn Powys, Marian Powys, and Louis Wilkinson. The correspondence is arranged in alphabetical order by author of the letters. In addition to letters, there are also articles and clippings, photographs, poems, and reviews.

Administrative Information

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Source of Acquisition

Gift of Frank K. Bjornsgaard, 1983.

Related Materials

Related Archival Materials note

New York State Historical Documents: John Cowper Powys, 1872-1963 papers, 1931-1963.
University of Pennsylvania: Lewis Mumford papers.
Miscellaneous Manuscripts.
Theodore Dreiser papers.

Controlled Access Headings

FORM/GENRE(S)

- Clippings (information artifacts)
- Correspondence
- Pamphlets
- Photographs

GEOGRAPHIC NAME(S)

- Philadelphia (Pa.)--History

PERSONAL NAME(S)

- Germann, Mathilda
- H.D. (Hilda Doolittle), 1886-1961
- Loch, Dorothy C. (Dorothy Cecilia)
- Mumford, Lewis, 1895-1990
- Mumford, Sophia Wittenberg, 1899-1997
- Playter, Phyllis

- Powys, John Cowper, 1872-1963
- Powys, Marian, 1882-1972
- Sherman, Paul

SUBJECT(S)

- American literature--20th century
- Authors
- Authors, American--20th century
- Literature

Collection Inventory

	Box	Folder
H.D. (Hilda Doolittle), correspondence to James Lambdin Henderson, 1911-1937.	1	1
H.D. (Hilda Doolittle), articles, photographs (including a print of a Man Ray photograph), reviews, and a manuscript of a poem, 1911-1982.	1	2
Mathilda Germann, correspondence to James Lambdin Henderson, 1934, undated.	1	3
James Lambdin Henderson, correspondence to Lewis Mumford and Sophia Wittenberg Mumford, 1935, 1964, undated.	1	4
Dorothy C. Loch (Dorothy Cecilia), correspondence to James Lambdin Henderson, 1927 December 11.	1	5
Lewis Mumford, correspondence to James Lambdin Henderson, 1940-1967.	1	6

Lewis Mumford and Sophia Wittenberg Mumford, articles, reviews, and miscellaneous clippings, 1921-1963.	1	7
Sophia Wittenberg Mumford, correspondence to James Lambdin Henderson, 1925-1964.	1	8
Sherman Paul, correspondence to James Lambdin Henderson and material regarding Lewis Mumford (resulting from Paul's request for Henderson's memories of Mumford), 1964.	1	9
Phyllis Playter, correspondence to James Lambdin Henderson, 1930-1934, undated.	1	10
John Cowper Powys, correspondence to James Lambdin Henderson, 1913-1936.	1	11
John Cowper Powys, photographs, newspaper clippings, and miscellaneous Powys materials, 1913-1929.	1	12

Llewellyn Powys, newspaper clippings, 1925.	1	13
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Marian Powys, correspondence to James Lambdin Henderson, undated.	1	14
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Louis Wilkinson, lecture program, 1918.	1	15
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