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Summary

- Main entry:** Cook, William Wallace, 1867-1933
- Title:** William Wallace Cook Papers, 1867-1933
- Size:** 2 lin. ft. linear feet (5 boxes)
- Source:** Purchase, 1936
- Abstract:** William Wallace Cook was an author of westerns, adventure stories and other popular fiction in the form of dime novels, serials, and screen and stage plays. The papers consist largely of letters written to Cook by publishers, newspapers, film companies, producers, literary colleagues and fans.
- Access:** Apply in the Special Collections Office for admission to the Manuscripts and Archives Division.
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Biographical note

William Wallace Cook was an author of westerns, adventure stories and other popular fiction in the form of dime novels, serials, and screen and stage plays. Some of his work appeared under the pen-name John Milton Edwards. Early in his career he worked as a journalist.

Scope and content note

The papers consist largely of letters written to Cook by publishers, newspapers, film companies, theatrical producers, authors' associations, literary colleagues and fans concerning Cook's writings. A few of Cook's letters --originals and carbons-- are included. Some lists of published stories, copyright certificates, sales statistics, royalty statements, publishing contracts, and a few story outlines and character descriptions (including a description of the Nick Carter character) are also present.

Cook's frequent publishers, Street and Smith, Top-Notch magazine, and the Frank A. Munsey Company, are major correspondents. Other correspondents include authors Henry Bedford-Jones, Gilbert Patten (who used the pseudonym Burt L. Standish), St. George Rathbone, and Eugene T. Sawyer. Correspondence with Major Gordon W. Lillie (Pawnee Bill) and P. P. Craft of "Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show combined with Pawnee Bill's Great Far East" and the Buffalo Bill and Pawnee Bill Film Company concerns scenarios Cook wrote for the show. Three of the show's route cards, 1910, are included.

Some letters from family and friends concerning personal matters, and letters and documents concerning Cook's mining interests in Arizona are also included.

Arrangement note

The William Wallace Cook Papers are organized alphabetically by name of correspondent.

Container list

A - D

| <u>Box</u> | <u>Fol</u> | |
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| 1 | 1 | A.C. McClurg Co. |
| | 2 | A.L. Burt Company |
| | 3 | A.N. Kellogg Newspaper Co. |
| | 4 | Adventure Magazine |
| | 5 | Ainslee's Magazine |
| | 6 | America Magazine |
| | 7 | American Play Bureau |
| | 8 | American School of Playwriting |
| | 9 | Associated Editorial Service |
| | 10 | Associated Sunday Magazines |
| | 11 | Authors' League of America |
| | 12 | Authors' Publishing Association |
| | 13 | Beadle & Adams, Publishers |
| | 14 | Bedford-Jones, Henry James O'Brien |
| | 14 | Bedford-Jones, William |
| | 15 | Bird, W.N. |
| | 16 | Blue Book Magazine |
| | 17 | Bobbs-Merrill Company |
| | 18 | Brookfield, E. Wesley |
| | 19 | Brown, A. Watson |
| | 20 | Brown, Herbert Cutler |
| | 21 | Brown, Robert Carlton |
| | 22 | Buffalo Bill and Pawnee Bill Film Co. |
| | 23 | Buffalo Bill's Wild West and Pawnee Bill's Far East |
| | 24 | Cameron, Charles D. |
| | 25 | Carter's Monthly |
| | 26 | Casey, Patrick |
| | 27 | Century Company |
| | 28 | Chicago Record |
| | 29 | Cinema Exchange |
| | 30 | Clark, Eva |
| | | Cook, W. W. |
| | 31 | Personal |
| | 32 | Mining Interests |
| | 33 | Nick Carter |
| | 34 | Serial Stories |
| | | Includes titles, with order of publication; list of Diamond Dick stories, outline of method of writing "Parlan, the Four-Clawed" and brief synopsis of the sixth Frank Merriwell, Jr. story. |
| | 35 | Craft, P.P. |
| | 36 | Cragg Music Publishing Co. |
| | 37 | D. Appleton & Company |
| | 38 | Daily Story Publishing Company |
| | 39 | Damzog, Ernest |
| | 40 | Davies, Mary Carolyn |
| | 41 | De Angelis, Jefferson |
| | 42 | De Bra, L.L. |
| | 43 | Delineator |
| | 44 | Demorest's Family Magazine |
| | 45 | Detroit Free Press |
| | 46 | Detroit Journal |
| | 47 | Dodd, Mead & Company |

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| 1 | 48 | Dodge Publishing Company |
| E - L | | |
| 2 | 1 | The Editor |
| | 2 | Empire Book Company |
| | 3 | Essanay Film Manufacturing Co. |
| | 4 | Fessler, Walter |
| | 5 | Flynn, Harry E. |
| | 6 | Foster, W. Bert |
| | 7 | Four O'Clock |
| | 8 | Fox Film Corp. |
| | 9 | Frank A. Munsey Company |
| | 10 | Frank Tousey's Publishing House |
| | 11 | Fred H. McClure Company |
| | 12 | Frederick A. Stokes Company |
| | 13 | Funk & Wagnalls Company |
| | 14 | Frank Leslie's Publishing House |
| | 15 | G.P. Putnam's Sons |
| | 16 | G.W. Dillingham Co. |
| | 17 | Garnsey Weeks |
| | 18 | Gay, E. Eugene |
| | 19 | The Georgian American |
| | 20 | Golden Days |
| | 21 | Golden Hours |
| | 22 | Gorham, J.D. |
| | 23 | Grafton Press |
| | 24 | Greening, Harry G. |
| | 25 | Gunter's Magazine |
| | 26 | Herbert S. Stone & Co. |
| | 27 | Hewitt, Frederick |
| | 28 | Hollingsworth, Henry |
| | 29 | International Press Bureau |
| | 30 | Jean Wick |
| | 31 | Jesse L. Lasky Feature Play Co. |
| | 32 | John B. Rogers Producing Company |
| | 33 | Journey, Charles W. |
| | 34 | Kaeuffer, Eugene` |
| | 35 | Kenney, Edward Freeland |
| | 36 | Keppler & Schwarzmann |
| | 37 | Kerr, Alvah Milton |
| | 38 | Keyes, S. P. |
| | 39 | Ladies' Home Journal |
| | 40 | Ladies' World |
| | 41 | Le Roy, R.B. |
| | 42 | League of American Pen Women |
| | 43 | Life |
| | 44 | Lillie, G.W. (Pawnee Bill) |
| | 45 | Loescher, William R. |
| | 46 | The Lotus |
| M - R | | |
| 3 | 1 | M.J. Ivers & Co. |
| | 2 | M.W. Hazen Co. |
| | 3 | MacLean Publishing Company |
| | 4 | Macy, Carleton |

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| 3 | 5 | The Marconigraph |
| | 6 | Markley, Horace |
| | 7 | Michigan Authors Association |
| | 8 | Mitchell, J. R. |
| | 9 | Moser, Vivian M. |
| | 10 | Mosley, A. |
| | 11 | Musson, Ben W. |
| | 12 | New Idea Woman's Magazine |
| | 13 | Northwestern Newspaper Union |
| | 14 | Oliver Typewriter Company |
| | 15 | Palmer Photoplay Corporation |
| | 16 | Patten, Gilbert |
| | 17 | Penn Publishing Company |
| | 18 | People's Magazine |
| | 19 | Phillips, Henry Albert |
| | 20 | Popular Magazine |
| | 21 | Porter, Sydney |
| | 22 | The Powers Co. |
| | 23 | Press Club of Chicago |
| | 24 | Progress Company |
| | 25 | Ramage, George W. |
| | 26 | Ramsay, Alfred James |
| | 27 | Rathbone, St. George |
| | 28 | Rea, Ben C. |
| | 29 | Red Book Magazine |
| | 30 | Rice, Frank Henry |
| | 31 | Rood, Kenneth Casey |
| | 32 | Rousseau, Ethel Irene |

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| 4 | 1 | St. Nicholas |
| | 2 | Salt Lake Tribune |
| | 3 | Samuel French |
| | 4 | Sanger & Jordan |
| | 5 | Saturday Night |
| | 6 | Sawyer, Eugene T. |
| | 7 | Schlosser, Charles |
| | 8 | Scientific American |
| | 9 | Seth Moyle, Inc. |
| | 10 | Shannon, William J. |
| | 11 | Slater, J. Ellis |
| | 12 | Smiley, Howard D. |
| | 13 | Smith, Jack Wilkinson |
| | 14 | Smith, Russell Edgar |
| | 15 | Smith, William B. |
| | 16 | Southern Tobacco Journal |
| | | Street & Smith |
| | 17 | 1899-1810 |
| | 18 | 1911-1919 |
| | 19 | Swan, Mark |

T - Y

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| 5 | 1 | T. Tennyson Neely |
| | 2 | Top-Notch Magazine |
| | 3 | Townsend, Myron |

| <u>Box</u> | <u>Folder</u> | |
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| 5 | 4 | Tozer, Alfred B. |
| | 5 | Universal Film Manufacturing Company |
| | 6 | Up to Date Publishing Co. |
| | 7 | W.B Conkey Co. |
| | 8 | W.D. Boyce Co. |
| | 9 | W.J. Watt & Co. |
| | 10 | Watson, Mark S. |
| | 11 | Waynick, S.D. |
| | 12 | Wayside Publishing Company |
| | 13 | Werner, Clyde |
| | 14 | Western Review Corp. |
| | 15 | The Western World |
| | 16 | Whitson, John H. |
| | 17 | Wide-Awake Magazine |
| | 18 | Wilcox, H.J. |
| | 19 | Windle, E. |
| | 20 | Wireless Age |
| | 21 | Woman's Home Companion |
| | 22 | Woodward & Burgess Amusement Co. |
| | 23 | World-Herald (Omaha, Neb.) |
| | 24 | The Writer |
| | 25 | Wyckoff, Alvin |
| | 26 | Wynekoop, C.I. and Helen |
| | 27 | Yankee Film Company |
| | 28 | Youth's Companion |