

American Heritage Center
Collection Accretion Material Type & Content Worksheet

Collection Title:	Owen Wister	Accession / Accretion Number:	00290.2011-05-19
Scope of this document:	The following document is derived from information gathered during an initial examination and re-housing of this material upon its arrival at the American Heritage Center. It is intended as an overview of the contents of this portion of the collection rather than a detailed inventory. Also, the contents of this portion of the collection are in the original order in which it was received. It has not been re-arranged in any way except for what was necessary for re-housing the material. Therefore, the <i>Original Order Note</i> provides information regarding the current organizational status of the material.		

AHC Collecting Area (from Accession Record):	Writers
Sage Subject Headings for this Accretion:	Western fiction; Writers

RESTRICTED MATERIAL IS LOCATED IN THE FOLLOWING CONTAINERS:	
Access Restrictions (from Deed of Gift):	
Use/Reproduction Restrictions (from Deed of Gift):	

Collection Copyright Status (from Deed of Gift):	unknown
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Size of this accretion:	.38 cu. ft.	No. of containers in this accretion:	1	Container number(s):	15		
Was any material separated during examination?	X	No		Yes (see Separation Memo for this accretion)			
Are there any preservation concerns?	X	No		Yes (Please specify in the table below)			
Current condition rating for this accretion:		Excellent	X	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor

Dates encompassed by this accretion: 1888,1909, 2011	
Biographical Note: (Who was/is this person?) Owen Wister was a prominent writer during the late 1800s and early 1900s. He is best known as the author of "The Virginian" (1902), which describes cowboy life in Wyoming. Wister was born to Dr. Owen Jones Wister and Sarah Butler Wister in Germantown (now part of Philadelphia), Pennsylvania on July 14, 1860. Wister graduated from Harvard University with a music degree in 1882 and from Harvard Law in 1888. Due to poor health, he came west in 1885 to spend a summer on a friend's ranch. Eventually, he would make many trips to the West before 1900. Wister married Mary Channing in 1898, who was a second cousin once removed. Owen Wister passed away on July 23, 1938.	

Scope & Content Note: (What is this accretion about?)	
Two original, handwritten, stories of Owen Wister and information regarding publication of both writings in the local paper, as well as copies of official publication of stories.	

Original Order Note: (How well is the material organized?)	
X	Excellent (The contents of all of the containers are clearly identified and well organized into a discernible order)
	Good (The contents of most of the containers are clearly identified and well organized into a discernible order)
	Fair (The contents of some of the containers are clearly identified and well organized into a discernible order)
	Poor (The contents of the containers are not identified, nor organized, and there is no discernible order)

Note:

Material Type Summary

Category	Material Type:	Unique?		Container Number:					
		Yes	No	15					
	Correspondence	X		15					
	Manuscript Material	X		15					
	Newspapers		X	15					
	Printed Material		X	15					

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Container Content List

Container Content Description Level Key:

Item	The contents are individually placed into the container (i.e. artifacts, books, compact discs, cassette tapes) and may have no relation to each other or to the rest of the container contents, so each item is listed individually.	
Container Number:	Content Description Level:	Description:
15	Item	Dec. 19, 1906 letter signed by Owen Wister and printed information/ biography on Wister Copy of The Saturday Evening Post Feb. 2, 1907 Sept. 22 letter to Frank from Owen Wister and typed translation of letter Copy of Owen Wister Register of his papers from The Library of Congress 1972 Red binder 1: rough draft manuscript in pencil of "The Gift Horse" Copy of "The Gift Horse" in The Saturday Evening Post July 18, 1908 Copy of "The Gift Horse" found in Owen Wister's book, <i>Members of the Family</i> Copy of Golden Book magazine Red binder 2: original autographed manuscript of "Extra Dry" Copy of "Extra Dry" in The Saturday Evening Post Feb. 27, 1909 Copy of "Extra Dry" found in Owen Wister's book, <i>Members of the Family</i>