

Arthur and Mary Frank Mason papers, 1920-1957

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Mason, Arthur, 1876-1955Mason, Mary Frank, 1888-1966
Title	Arthur and Mary Frank Mason papers
Dates	1920-1957 (inclusive) 1920 1957
Quantity	1.5 linear feet, (1 containers)
Collection Number	Ax 402
Summary	Mason, Arthur (1876-1955) and Mary Frank (1888-1966) were children's book authors. The collection includes holograph manuscripts of novels and short stories, correspondence with agents and friends, contracts, reviews, diaries, and photographs that reflect their work as authors.
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Languages	English
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Historical Note

Arthur Mason (March 14, 1876-1955), a children's book author, was born in Strangford, Ireland. He did not begin to write until the age of 44. First he was a sailor, gaining first command by the age of 25. He became a citizen of the United States in 1899. He mined for gold in Australia, Alaska, and the western United States, and was a marine superintendent during World War I. Mary Frank Mason (1888-1966), his wife, was an author of children's stories and a librarian.

Content Description

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Administrative Information

Arrangement

Collection is organized into the following series:

- Arthur Mason
- Books and Publications
- Mary Frank Mason

Processing Note

Collection processed by processing staff.

This finding aid may be updated periodically to account for new acquisitions to the collection and/or revisions in arrangement and description.

Detailed Description of the Collection

Arthur Mason

Container(s)		Description	Dates
Manuscripts			
Box	Folder		
1	1	<i>Come easy, go easy.</i> Day	1933
1	2	<i>Cook and the captain bold.</i> Little	1924
1	3	<i>Flying bo'sun; a mystery of the sea.</i> Holt	1920
1	4	<i>From the horn of the moon.</i> Doubleday	1931
1	5	<i>Swansea Dan.</i> Cosmopolitan Book	1929
1	6	<i>The wee man of Ballywooden.</i> Doubleday	1930
1	7	Short stories A-L	
1	8	Short stories M-Z	
1	9	Miscellaneous manuscripts	
Correspondence			
Box	Folder		
1	10	General incoming	1922-1953
1	11	Author's League of America	1932-1933
1	12	Curtis Brown, Ltd.	1928-1953
1	13	Jonathan Cape Limited	1930-1957
1	14	John Day Co.	1932-1934
1	15	Doubleday and Co., Inc.	1929-1948
1	16	William Heinemann	1930-1935

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1 17	Stephens, L. Louise	1940-1957
1 18	Outgoing letters	1926-1956
Miscellaneous		
Box	Folder	
1 19	Miscellaneous material	
1 20	Scrapbook	

Books and Publications

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box	Volume	
1 1	<i>Wide Seas & Many Lands</i> . By Arthur Mason. Includes holographic revisions by Arthur and Mary while in Paris, 1925-1926 for a later edition.	1923
1 2	"Crack On" By Arthur Mason for Century magazine	August 1928
1 3	<i>The Water Babies</i> . By Charles Kingsley. Illustrated by Jean Cruickshanks. Holographic notations on cuts by Mary Mason.	1954
1 4	<i>The Water Babies</i> . By Charles Kingsley. Illustrated by Rosalie K. Fry. Holographic notations on cuts by Mary Mason.	1958
1 5	"An Author Begins at Forty" by Arthur Mason . <i>The Writer's Club Bulletin</i> .	May 1938
1 6	<i>The Golden Book Magazine</i>	July 1931

Mary Frank Mason

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Manuscripts		

Container(s)		Description	Dates
Box	Folder		
1	21	Short stories A-N	
1	22	Short stories O-Z	
1	23	Articles	
1	24	Book reviews	
1	25	Miscellaneous manuscripts	

Correspondence

Box	Folder		
1	26	General incoming	1947-1966
1	27	Burn, June and Farrar	1959
1	28	Hader, Berta and Elmer	1958
1	29	McAllester, David and Susan	1956-1960
1	30	Muir, Edwin	1927-1956
1	31	Reader's Digest	1945-1961
1	32	Rice, Elmer	1923-1966
1	33	Sauter, Bill and Beatty, Bessie	1947
1	34	Trask, Sherwood	1930-1949
1	35	Viking Press	1951-1961
1	36	Outgoing letters, including autographed letters and attempts to sell them	1940-1966

Diaries

Box	Folder		
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Container(s)	Description	Dates
1 37	European diary	1924-1928
1 38	Diary	1937

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Authors, American--20th century
 Children's books--Specimens
 Children's literature--Publishing--United States
 Children's stories, American--Authorship
 Publishers and publishing--United States--Correspondence
 Women authors, American--20th century

Personal Names :

Mason, Arthur, 1876-1955.
 Mason, Arthur, 1876-1955--Correspondence
 Mason, Arthur, 1876-1955--Diaries
 Mason, Mary Frank, 1888-1966
 Mason, Mary Frank, 1888-1966--Correspondence
 Mason, Mary Frank, 1888-1966--Diaries

Form or Genre Terms :

Diaries
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