

# Frank R. Adams papers, 1908-1955

## Overview of the Collection

<b>Creator</b>	Adams, Frank R. (Frank Ramsay), 1883-1963
<b>Title</b>	Frank R. Adams papers
<b>Dates</b>	1908-1955 (inclusive) 1908 1955
<b>Quantity</b>	22.5 linear feet, (18 containers)
<b>Collection Number</b>	Ax 527
<b>Summary</b>	Frank Ramsay Adams (1883-1963) was a writer for magazines, film, and television. He also wrote music. The collection contains correspondence, literary manuscripts, sheet music, and selected publications.
<b>Repository</b>	<a href="#">University of Oregon Libraries, Special Collections and University Archives.</a> UO Libraries--SPC, 1299 University of Oregon Eugene OR 97403-1299 Telephone: 541-346-3068 Fax: 541-346-3485 <a href="mailto:spcarref@uoregon.edu">spcarref@uoregon.edu</a>
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<b>Additional Reference Guides</b>	Paper finding aid with additional information available in Special Collections & University Archives.
<b>Languages</b>	English
<b>Sponsor</b>	Funding for encoding this finding aid was provided through a grant awarded by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

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## Historical Note

Frank Adams was born in Morrison, Illinois in 1883 and educated at the University of Chicago. He began a writing career as a newspaper reporter in Chicago. From 1918 to 1932 he was manager of the Playhouse Theater and owner of the Sylvan Beach Resort Co., Whitehall, Michigan. He had stories published in many magazines, including *Smart Set*, *Cosmopolitan*, *Black Cat*, and *Illustrated Detective*. He also wrote plays, musical comedies, motion picture scripts, and lyrics for popular songs ("I Wonder Who's Kissing Her Now?").

## Content Description

The Frank Ramsay Adams Papers consist of manuscripts of published and unpublished short stories, of musical comedies written with William M. Hough and Joseph E. Howard; of plays, motion picture

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scripts, treatments, continuities, and scenarios; a collection of published stories and books; published sheet music; scrapbooks; and correspondence. Major correspondents are: Chambrun and Margulies (agents), Cosmopolitan Magazine, Marian deForest (agent), First National Pictures, Fox Film Corp., William M. Hough, Joseph E. Howard, Miriam Meredith (agent), Frank A. Munsey Co., Paramount Famous Lasky Corp, Red Book Magazine, Paul R. Reynolds (agent), RKO Studios, Smart Set Magazine, Universal Pictures Corp., and Jerry Vogel (Vogel Music Co.).

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## Administrative Information

### Arrangement

Collection is organized into the following series:

- Story Manuscripts
- Unpublished Manuscripts
- Early Musical Comedies
- Sheet Music
- Plays
- Motion Pictures
- Published Works
- Published Books
- Other Books
- Correspondence, Incoming
- Correspondence, Outgoing
- Miscellaneous

## Acquisition Information

Gift of Lorna M. Adams in 1969.

## 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.

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## Detailed Description of the Collection

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box	Folder	
1	1	Story Manuscripts—A
1	2	Story Manuscripts—A
1	3	Story Manuscripts—A
1	4	Story Manuscripts—B
1	5	Story Manuscripts—B
1	6	Story Manuscripts—C
1	7	Story Manuscripts—D
1	8	Story Manuscripts—D
1	9	Story Manuscripts—E
1	10	Story Manuscripts—F
1	11	Story Manuscripts—F
1	12	Story Manuscripts—F
1	13	Story Manuscripts—G

Container(s)	Description	Dates
2 1	Story Manuscripts—H	
2 2	Story Manuscripts—H	
2 3	Story Manuscripts—I	
2 4	Story Manuscripts—J-K	
2 5	Story Manuscripts—L	
2 6	Story Manuscripts—L	
2 7	Story Manuscripts—M	
2 8	Story Manuscripts—M	
2 9	Story Manuscripts—N	
2 10	Story Manuscripts—O	
2 11	Story Manuscripts—P	
2 12	Story Manuscripts—P	
2 13	Story Manuscripts—P	
2 14	Story Manuscripts—P	
2 15	Story Manuscripts—R	
3 1	Story Manuscripts—S	
3 2	Story Manuscripts—S	
3 3	Story Manuscripts—S	
3 4	Story Manuscripts—S	
3 5	Story Manuscripts—S	
3 6	Story Manuscripts—T	

Container(s)		Description	Dates
3	7	Story Manuscripts—T	
3	8	Story Manuscripts—U-V	
3	9	Story Manuscripts—W	
3	10	Story Manuscripts—W	
3	11	Story Manuscripts—W	
4	1	Unpublished Manuscripts—A	
4	2	Unpublished Manuscripts—B	
4	3	Unpublished Manuscripts—B	
4	4	Unpublished Manuscripts—C	
4	5	Unpublished Manuscripts—D	
4	6	Unpublished Manuscripts—D	
4	7	Unpublished Manuscripts—E	
4	8	Unpublished Manuscripts—F	
4	9	Unpublished Manuscripts—G	
4	10	Unpublished Manuscripts—H	
4	11	Unpublished Manuscripts—I-J-K	
4	12	Unpublished Manuscripts—L	
4	13	Unpublished Manuscripts—M	
4	14	Unpublished Manuscripts—N-O	
4	15	Unpublished Manuscripts—P	
4	16	Unpublished Manuscripts—Q-S	

Container(s)	Description	Dates
5 1	Unpublished Manuscripts—S	
5 2	Unpublished Manuscripts—T	
5 3	Unpublished Manuscripts—T	
5 4	Unpublished Manuscripts—U-V-W	
5 5	Unpublished Manuscripts—W-Z	
5 6	Early Musical Comedies, Manuscripts 1	
5 7	Early Musical Comedies, Manuscripts 2	
5 8	Early Musical Comedies, Manuscripts 3	
5 9	Early Musical Comedies, Manuscripts 4	
5 10	Early Musical Comedies, 5	
5 11	Early Musical Comedies, Manuscripts 6	
5 12	The Baby in the Ice-Box, Motion Picture Script	
5 13	The Cape of Good Hope, Motion Picture Script	
5 14	Happiness Preferred, Motion Picture Script	
5 15	Malibu, Motion Picture Script	
5 16	The Other Passport, Motion Picture Script	
5 17	Paid to Laugh, Motion Picture Script	
5 18	Peg O' My Heart, Motion Picture Script	
5 19	Portrait of Laura Bales, Motion Picture Script	
5 20	Tarzan and his Mate, Motion Picture Script	
5 21	Trade Winds, Motion Picture Script	

Container(s)	Description	Dates
6 1	The Big Broadcast of 1934, Motion Picture Script	
6 2	The Goddess, Motion Picture Script	
6 3	Lizzie Skerrit, Motion Picture Script	
6 4	Sailor Beware, Motion Picture Script	
6 5	The Virginia Judge, Motion Picture Script	
6 6	Wagons Westward, Motion Picture Script	
6 7	Win or Lose, Motion Picture Script	
6 8	Motion Picture Treatments, Outlines	
6 9	Motion Picture Treatments, Outlines	
7 1	The Bell and the Shadow, Play	
7 2	Black is White, Play	
7 3	Burlesque, Play	
7 4	Even Adam, Play	
7 5	The Great Prophetstown Bank Robbery, Play	
7 6	Fast and Grow Fat, Play	
7 7	The Flypaper Salesman, Play	
7 8	Forever Ago, Play	
7 9	Friend Wife, Play	
7 10	The Haunted Hat, Play	
7 11	In Dutch, Play	
7 12	Jaegerschmidt's Golden Wedding, Play	

Container(s)	Description	Dates
7 13	The Lost Love Song, Play	
7 14	The Lost Love Song, Play	
7 15	The Man Outside, Play	
7 16	Mister Man, Play	
7 17	Molly and I, Play	
7 18	O.D., Play	
7 19	Peace Conference at the Hague, Play	
7 20	Pot Boiler, Play	
7 21	Princess April, Play	
7 22	Ransom, Play	
7 23	The School for Brides, Play	
7 24	The Spanish Cavalier, Play	
7 25	Static, Play	
7 26	This Gleen Person, Play	
7 27	Us Boys, Play	
7 28	Vaudeville Act, Play	
7 29	Vaudeville Act (Fairy Story), Play	
7 30	Woman's Weapons, Play	
7 31	Yours Truly, Archie, Play	
8 1	Correspondence: A	
8 2	Correspondence: B	



Container(s)	Description	Dates
8 3	Correspondence: C	
8 4	Correspondence: D	
8 5	Correspondence: E	
8 6	Correspondence: F	
8 7	Correspondence: G	
8 8	Correspondence: H-I-J-K	
8 9	Correspondence: L	
8 10	Correspondence: M	
8 11	Correspondence: N-O	
8 12	Correspondence: P	
8 13	Correspondence: R	
8 14	Correspondence: S	
8 15	Correspondence: T-Z	
8 16	Correspondence: American Society of Composers	
8 17	Correspondence: Chambran and Marguiles	
8 18	Correspondence: Ward Chapman	
8 19	Correspondence: Century Play Company Inc.	
8 20	Correspondence: Cosmopolitan	
8 21	Correspondence: Marian deForest	
8 22	Correspondence: First National Pictures Inc.	
8 23	Correspondence: Harry Fox	

Container(s)	Description	Dates
8 24	Correspondence: William Fox Studios (Fox Film Corp.)	
8 25	Correspondence: Charles K. Harris	
8 26	Correspondence: Will M. Hough	
8 27	Correspondence: Joseph E. Howard	
8 28	Correspondence: Irvin S. Koll	
8 29	Correspondence: Edward B. Marks Music Corp.	
8 30	Correspondence: Miriam Meredith	
8 31	Correspondence: Frank A. Munsey Co.	
8 32	Correspondence: Music Publishers Holding Corp.	
8 33	Correspondence: The National System	
8 34	Correspondence: Paramount Famous Lasky Corp.	
8 35	Correspondence: <i>Redbook</i>	
8 36	Correspondence: Paul R. Reynolds	
8 37	Correspondence: RKO Studios	
8 38	Correspondence: Service for Authors	
8 39	Correspondence: <i>Smart Set</i>	
8 40	Correspondence: Universal Pictures Corp.	
8 41	Correspondence: Ida Verdon	
8 42	Correspondence: Jerry Vogel	
8 43	Correspondence: M. Witmark + Sons	
8 44	Correspondence: The World (New York)	

Container(s)	Description	Dates
8 45	Correspondence: Unidentified	
8 46	Outgoing Correspondence 1	
8 47	Outgoing Correspondence 2	
8 48	Outgoing Correspondence 3	
8 49	Outgoing Correspondence, Personal	1944-1962
8 50	Outgoing Correspondence, Personal	1917-1943
8 51	Always Handmade Gift Enclosure Cards	1931-1963
9	Published and Unpublished Works, Books, Journals, Scrapbooks, and Note Cards	
10	Published and Unpublished Works, Scrapbooks, Photos, Sheet Music, and Newspapers	
10	Public Ownership League of America, Bulletins No. 1-3, 5-7	
10	[Untitled]	
10	Odds and Ends, Adams and Hough Musicals	
11	Published Works, Magazines	
12	Published Works, Magazines	
13	Published Works, Magazines	
14	Published Works, Magazines and Screenplays	
15	Published Works, Magazines	
16	Published Works, Magazines and Books	
17	Published Works, Magazines	
18	Published Works, Sheet Music	

# Names and Subjects

## **Subject Terms :**

Authors, American--20th century

Dramatists--United States

Lyricists--United States

Screenwriters--United States

## **Personal Names :**

Adams, Frank R. (Frank Ramsay), 1883-1963

Adams, Frank R. (Frank Ramsay), 1883-1963--Correspondence

## **Form or Genre Terms :**

Manuscripts for publication

Scrapbooks.

Sheet music

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