JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY COLLECTION, 1880-1956

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 3 manuscript boxes, 1 oversized manuscripts box, 1 photograph box, 2 flat file folders, 4 OVA folders, 1 35 mm negative folder

COLLECTION DATES: 1880-1956

PROVENANCE: Series I-gift of Harriet Day Eitel Wells Johnson, 1970; Series II-gift of Roger Kahn; Series III-gifts and purchases from various donors and dealers.

RESTRICTIONS: None

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ALTERNATE_FORMATS:

RELATED HOLDINGS: M 0628 Edmund Henry Eitel Papers; M 0660 IMCPL Riley Collection and see numerous entries under Riley, James Whitcomb in card catalogue.


NOTES: Series III is an artificial series to which material relating to James Whitcomb Riley will be added as it becomes available.
BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Harriet Day Eitel Wells Johnson (ca. 1880-January 23, 1958) was born in Indianapolis, Indiana. She died at the Indiana State Soldiers Home in Lafayette, Tippecanoe County, Indiana and is buried in Crown Hill Cemetery in Indianapolis. She was the daughter of Henry Eitel (ca. 1853-February 1934), a prominent Indianapolis banker and financial manager of James Whitcomb Riley, and his first wife, Catherine Schramm (married 1878, died 1881). Henry Eitel subsequently married Elva May Riley, 1884 (d. 1909) and Martha Henderson, 1920, who survived him. Harriet graduated from Shortridge High School (1897) and attended The Castle Finishing School at Tarrytown-on-the-Hudson, NY. Twice married, her first husband was Samuel R. Wells, business manager of the Chicago Daily News; her second husband was Jesse T. Johnson a prominent Indianapolis architect. Harriet's association with James Whitcomb Riley stems from the ten years he resided with the Eitels.

Marcus Dickey (September 26, 1859-October 25, 1950) was born in Fayette County, Indiana. He was the son of Hugh A. and Harriet (Powell) Dickey. He died in Pensacola, Florida, and was interred in Crown Hill Cemetery. He first married Anna Mason (d. 1889) of Hackleman, Indiana in 1887. He then wed Isabelle E. Whyte of Madison, Connecticut in 1892. Educated at Fairmount Academy, Indiana State Normal School, 1880-83, (now Indiana State University) and Harvard, Dickey worked as a school administrator for a number of years. From 1896 to 1901 he was a platform manager for James Whitcomb Riley and Secretary from 1901 to 1906. Following the death of James Whitcomb Riley, Dickey was commissioned to write a biography--The Youth of James Whitcomb Riley (1919); The Maturity of James Whitcomb Riley (1922) and The Life of James Whitcomb Riley (2 vols ed.) 1923.

Margaret M. Scott (d. June 17, 1964), journalist, freelance feature writer, publicist, editor, and critic, was born about 1873 and died in Indianapolis, Indiana. She joined the staff of The News (Indianapolis) in 1892, when there was only one other female employee. She wrote society columns, music, art and drama reviews, and book reviews for Meredith Nicholson, literary editor for The News. Scott left the paper around 1910 after 18 years of service. Other professional interests included the establishment of her literary studio, IN-VAR, derived from a Shakespearian phrase "infinite variety". She worked 12 years as a research editor and literary secretary to Professor Charles R. Williams, a former editor of The News and biographer of Rutherford B. Hayes.

Cornelius Henry Menger of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, married Amber Jean Hornstein, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Crain Hornstein in New York City, on April 7, 1920. Menger first enlisted in the Coast Guard in 1916, transferred to the Coast Artillery Corp in the U.S. Army in 1917 and served in France during World War I as a Captain. He separated from the service in 1920.
Harry A. Kahn, a resident of Indianapolis, may have been married to Caroline Michael Kahn.

James Whitcomb Riley, a noted Hoosier poet, was born, on October 7, 1849, in Greenfield, Indiana. The third child of Reuben A. and Elizabeth (Marine) Riley, he died on July 22, 1916 in Indianapolis, and is buried at Crown Hill Cemetery. Best known for his dialect verse, such as Raggedy Man (1907) and Little Orphant Annie (1908), his first poem appeared in 1870. In 1877 he started work at the Indianapolis Journal and his first publication The Old Swimmin' Hole and Leven More Poems appeared in 1883. From the mid-1880s Riley travelled the lecture circuit. Never married, he lived in rental quarters with Mr. & Mrs. Charles L. Holstein on Lockerbie Street.

Sources:

Materials in Collection.

(Johnson) Indiana Biography Series Vol. 49, p 119; Vol. 50, p. 6; Vol. 11, p. 112.

(Dickey) Indiana Biography Series Vol. 35., p. 113; Who Was Who in America, Vol. 4, p. 249.

(Scott) Indiana Biography Series Vol. 58, p. 15; Vol. 63, p. 65


SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists mainly of correspondence and literary products, a journal, clippings and some visual images. The collection was started with a bequest from Riley's niece-by-marriage, Harriet Day Eitel Wells Johnson, with other additions by donation and purchase. These various accessions were originally processed as a single collection. In 1995, in an effort to reflect provenance, the collection was reprocessed in three series, each series reflecting a particular donation or artificial collection. Series I represents materials from the original bequest from the Johnson estate and is divided into three subseries: the Johnson Papers; the Margaret M. Scott Papers and the Cornelius H. Menger Papers. No apparent relationship exists between the Menger Papers and the Johnson and Scott Papers. Series II are papers from the Harry A. Kahn’s gift accession and Series III is an artificial collection of James Whitcomb Riley correspondence and verse from various sources. Unlike the other materials within the collection, the Menger papers have no obvious direct relationship to Riley.

Series one is broken into sub series. The first is Box 1, folders 1-15, OVA folders 1-3, Photographs Box 1, folders 1-5, OMB 0057, folders 1-3, and FF 11-m, folder 1, contains papers of Harriet Eitel Wells Johnson. These include correspondence, 1893-1952, Invitations and Programs 1899-1955; Personal writings; photographs, and other personal papers. While much of the correspondence is from family members, Henry Eitel, and Elizabeth Eitel Miesse, there is a large selection of correspondence from Marcus Dickey, Platform Manager and Secretary to James Whitcomb Riley, and his wife Julia Dickey.

The second subseries, Box 1, folders 16-20 and Photograph Box 1, folder 6-8, OVA folder 4, and OMB 0057, folders 4-5, and FF 11-m, folder 2 contains correspondence and other materials of Margaret M. Scott. Letters from George Ade, John T. McCutcheon, and a collage of autographs by Ida M. Tarbell, Julia Marlow Sothern, Otis Skinner, and Charles Major are found in these folders.

The third subseries, Box 1, folders 21-26, contains the World War I journal of Cornelius H. Menger, and other military and personal papers. Maps and broadsides in OMB 0057, folder 5 as well as FF 11-m, folder 2 are part of Menger’s materials. The journal is readable, well written and illustrated and gives a picture of a military career.

Series two, the Kahn papers in Box 2, folders 1-2, contain letters, dictated by James Whitcomb Riley to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kahn, 1914-1916, and one letter from Magdalene N. Holstein to the Kahns. Included with these letters are several photographs of James Whitcomb Riley while in Florida.

The third series represents an artificial grouping of miscellaneous Riley materials acquired by the Indiana Historical Society throughout the years since 1948. The materials have been arranged in two major groups: correspondence and poetry. The correspondence, Box 2, folders 3-16, is filed chronologically. The poetry, Box 3, folders 1-21, is filed in two groups--the first chronological, Box 3, folders 1-15, and the second alphabetical by title of
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4 Dec 1933  Herman W. Kothe, Indianapolis, IN to Mrs. Harriet Eitel Wells, Indianapolis, IN.  TLS, 1p.

1 Jan 1935  M.D. [Marcus Dickey], Pensacola, FL to Hattie [Harriet Eitel Wells Johnson]. TLS. 1p.

Sep 1936  Marcus Dickey to Harriet and Jesse Johnson.  2 ACS and 1 postcard.

1 Sep 1937  Julia Y. Dickey, Bear Wallow, Brown County, IN to Mrs. Johnson [Harriet Eitel Wells Johnson].  TLS, 1p.

17 Sep 1937  Julia Y. Dickey, Bear Wallow, Brown County, IN to Hattie [Harriet Eitel Wells Johnson].  TLS, 1p.

30 Jul 1938  Julia Dickey, Bear Wallow, Brown County, IN to Hattie [Harriet Eitel Wells Johnson].  TLS, 1p.


9 Mar 1940  Placecards for dinner honoring Ted Malone, Columbia Hills, [IN]. Signatures from attendees, 2 (1 each for Mrs. Jesse Johnson and Major Jesse Johnson)

24 Mar 1940  Calling card, "Mrs. Johnson," Indianapolis.

23 Sep 1943  Julia and Marcus [Dickey], Bear Wallow, Brown County, IN to Hattie [Harriet Eitel Wells Johnson].  ALS, 3pp.

29 Jan 1944  Jane to Aunt Harriet and Uncle Jesse [Harriet Eitel Wells Johnson and Jesse Johnson].  ALS, 1p.


29 Jan 1945  Elizabeth [Eitel Miesse], Indianapolis, IN to Harriet [Eitel Wells Johnson].  ALS, 8pp.

4 Feb 1945  Elizabeth [Eitel Miesse], Indianapolis, IN to Harriet [Eitel Wells Johnson], Columbus, IN.  ALS, 4pp. with envelope.

26 Apr 1945  Mary Ellen Cook, Bloomington, IN to Mrs. Jesse T. Johnson [Harriet Eitel Wells Johnson].  TLS, 1p.

18 Jul 1945  Elizabeth [Eitel Miesse], Indianapolis, IN to Harriet [Eitel Wells Johnson], Columbus, IN.  ALS, 12 pp. with envelope.
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1949  Julia and Marcus [Dickey] to Dear Friends [Harriet Eitel Wells Johnson and Jesse Johnson]. ACS.

15 Feb 1950  Elizabeth [Eitel Miesse], Indianapolis, IN to Harriet [Eitel Wells Johnson], Columbus, IN. ACS, with envelope.


24 Jun 1950  Julia and Marcus [Dickey], Fairmount, IN to Hattie [Harriet Eitel Wells Johnson]. ACS.


9 Jul 1950  Julia [Dickey], Indianapolis, IN to Hattie and Colonel [Harriet Eitel Wells Johnson and Jesse Johnson]. ALS, 2pp.


18 Sep 1950  Julia D[ickey] to Hattie [Harriet Eitel Wells Johnson], Columbus, IN. ACS.


14 Oct 1950  Julia [Dickey], Pensacola, FL to Hattie and Colonel [Harriet Eitel Wells Johnson and Jesse Johnson], Columbus, IN. ACS.

26 Oct 1950  Julia Dickey, Pensacola, FL to Colonel and Mrs. J. P. Johnson [Harriet Eitel Wells Johnson and Jesse Johnson], Columbia, IN. Telegram.

5 Nov 1950  Julia Dickey, Indianapolis, IN to Colonel and Hattie [Jesse Johnson and Harriet Eitel Wells Johnson], Columbus, IN. ACS, with envelope.
16 Jun 1951    Teddie, New York to Aunt Harriet & Uncle Jesse [Harriet Eitel Wells Johnson and Jesse Johnson], Columbus, IN. ACS.

28 Jul 1951    Julia D[ickey], Nashville, IN to Hattie [Harriet Eitel Wells Johnson], Columbus, IN. ALS, 1p, with envelope.

1 Aug 1951     Julia D[ickey], Nashville, IN to Hattie [Harriet Eitel Wells Johnson]. ALS, 3pp.


[Dec n.y.]     JWR, Indianapolis, IN to Hattie and Elizabeth [Harriet and Elizabeth Eitel]. ANS, 1p. with attached gift card.

n.d.           JWR, Calling Card, attached to paper

n.d.           JWR(?), Allls. on piece of torn paper.


n.d.           Printed invitation to wedding of Harriet Eitel and Samuel Wells, 1p, with envelope. Enclosure printed card.

n.d.           Local Board for Division No. 5, Indianapolis, IN to Mrs. Wells [Harriet Eitel Wells Johnson], Indianapolis, IN. TLS, 1p. with typed transcript.


n.d.           ACS from Cousin Dora with envelope.

n.d.           AN, 1p. [A card acknowledging receipt of a newspaper story in re: Senator Watson's mother...]


n.d. Printed invitation to wedding of Helen Dorrance Eitel and Alexander Bealer II to Mr. and Mrs. Johnson [Harriet Eitel Wells Johnson and Jesse Johnson], 1p. with envelope. Enclosures, printed reception card and newspaper clipping.


23 May 1899 Printed program with IIs., 4pp.

3 Aug 1913 Printed invitation to breakfast honoring JWR, 2pp. Attachment newspaper clipping.


26 Nov 1918 Printed program for unveiling of JWR statue, Greenfield, with 2 IIs., 4pp.


1935 Printed program for Golden anniversary of Fortnightly Literary Club, bound with cord, 7pp.


7 Oct 1940 Printed program for JWR anniversary reading with signatures and IIs., 4pp.

7 Oct 1955 Printed program for Riley Day with signatures of attendees and IIs., 4pp. with enclosure, 1p.

13 May 1941 Mrs. Jesse T. Johnson [Harriet Eitel Wells Johnson], "Character sketch for 'Professor Quiz' Program" TMs, 4pp.


May 1935  Harriet Eitel Wells' membership card for International Social Executives Association with Signatures.

1942  Chicago Association of Credit Men, War Production Board Forum broadside.

n.d.  Printed advertisement for Simpson's Jewelry Cleaner with AN, 4pp. [featuring Elizabeth Eitel's hands]


n.d.  Elizabeth Whitcomb Eitel [Miesse]. Photograph mounted on cardboard with attached JWR, TMs, 1p.

n.d.  Edmund Henry Eitel. Photograph mounted on cardboard with attached JWR, TMs, 1p.

20 Aug 1907  JWR, Portrait Photograph, autographed, mounted on cardboard.

n.d.  JWR, Photograph originally mounted with JWR "A Glowworm," AMsS, 1p. (photographic copy of original format included)


n.d.  Marcus Dickey and group of eight people. Photograph.


6 Sep 1937  Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Dickey, Nashville, IN. Photograph.


n.d.  M. J. O'Connell, "The Home Going." Oil painting with attached mat, JWR, AMsS.


1927  The Ravina Company. Printed list of ticket subscribers. 40pp.

12 Nov 1930  Dickey, Franklin. "What Kind of an Industry are We In?" Printed address, 13pp.

Oct 1949  Healthways, Vol. 4, No. 5. Printed magazine with Ills., 52pp. [see pp. 15-18 Long, Glenn E., "Ninety years vigorous" illustrated article about Marcus Dickey]

8 Jan 1894  JWR, Toledo, OH to Walter. Photograph of ALS with Ills., 1p.


n.d. Dec. 1911 Madison Cawein, Louisville, KY. "He was not learned in any art..." Photograph of AMsS, 1p.


5 Oct 1903 Printed envelopes announcing JWR appearance in Dayton, OH. 4 copies.  

Margaret M. Scott Papers

4 Sep 1916 Otis Skinner, New York to Miss Scott [Margaret Scott]. ALS, 1p. attached to scrapbook page.

31 Jan 1917 Julia Marlowe Sothern, New York to Miss Scott [Margaret M. Scott]. ALS, 1p. attached to scrapbook page.

n.d. Tom Shipp to Margaret [M. Scott]. ACS, attached to scrapbook page.


n.d. Wm. R. Kane, editor. Autograph attached to scrapbook page.

9 Sep 1921 National Arts Club, New York. Printed guest privileges card with signatures mounted to cardboard mat.


14 Aug 1923 Mary Anderson de Naverro, Stratford-Upon-Avon, Great Britain to Miss Scott [Margaret M. Scott.] TLS, 1p. mounted on cardboard.

6 Sep 1923 Mrs. Harding, Washington, DC to Miss Margaret M. Scott, Indianapolis, IN. Printed sympathy acknowledgement, 1p. with envelope mounted on cardboard mat.

9 Oct 1928 George Ade, Brook, IN to Margaret M. Scott, Indianapolis, IN. TLS with annotation in shorthand, 2pp.
11 Jan 1938  John T. McCutchen, Chicago, IL to Miss Scott [Margaret M. Scott].  ALS, 1p. mounted to cardboard.


13 Jan 1938  George Ade, Miami Beach, FL to Miss Margaret M. Scott, Indianapolis, IN.  TLS, 1p.

13 Feb 1938  George Ade, Miami Beach, FL to Miss Margaret M. Scott, Indianapolis, IN.  TLS, 1p.


10 Sep n.y.  Women's City Club of New York to Miss Margaret M. Scott.  Printed club visitor card.  1p. Mounted on cardboard mat.


15 Feb 1883  JWR, Indianapolis, In to Miss Tarkington.  Photograph of ALS, 1pp.  (Bass Photo)

12 May 1894  JWR, Indianapolis, IN to Miss Sharpe [Julia G. Sharpe], Indianapolis, IN.  Photograph of ALS, 1p. with envelope.

2 Jan 1895  JWR to Miss Sharpe [Julia G. Sharpe], Indianapolis, IN.  Photograph of ALS, 1p. with envelope.

28 May 1900  JWR to Miss Julia Sharpe.  Photograph of Ills. and AMsS, 1p.

9 Sep 1902  JWR, Indianapolis, IN to [Miss Julia Sharpe].  Photograph of ANS book inscription, 1p.

26 Nov 1909  JWR to Miss Julia Graydon Sharpe.  Photograph of ALS, 1p.

n.d.  JWR to Miss Julia Sharpe, Indianapolis, IN.  Photograph of AMsS, 1p.

n.d.  JWR and Skinner (?).  Photograph.

n.d.  Ellen Terry.  PS, 1p. mounted on cardboard.


n.d.  William Hershell to Margaret M. Scott.  PS, 1p.

Cornelius H. Menger Papers

1915-1920  World War I Memoirs and Papers of Cornelius H. Menger approximately 228p. with maps and photographs.

Series II: Harry Kahn Papers

1914-1916
9 Mar 1914  Magdalene N. Holstein, Miami, FL to My dear friends (Mrs. Harry Kahn). ALS, 4p. with envelope.

15 Mar 1915  JWR, Miami, FL to Mrs. Kahn. AL (dictated), 3p. with envelope.

30 Mar 1915  JWR, Miami, FL to Mrs. Kahn. AL (dictated), 3p. with envelope.

7 Oct 1915  Invitation (printed) to dinner in honor of JWR's birth.

17 Dec 1915  JWR, Miami, FL to Edmond Eitel. Telegram.

24 Dec 1915  JWR, Miami, FL to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kahn. Telegram.

31 Dec 1915  JWR, Miami, FL to Harry Kahn. Telegram.

7 Jan 1916  JWR, Miami, FL to Dear Friend (Harry Kahn). AL (dictated), 3p. with envelope.

21 Jan 1916  JWR, Miami, FL to Mrs. Kahn. AL (dictated), 3p. with envelope.

28 Jan 1916  JWR, Miami, FL to Harry Kahn. AL (dictated), 4p. with envelope.

18 Mar 1916  JWR, Miami, FL to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kahn. AL (dictated), 4p. with envelope.

1914-1916  Photographs (4) JWR in Florida.

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1880-1916

5 Feb 1880  JWR, Indianapolis, IN to Prof. J.H. Madden. ALS, 1p.

29 Nov 1881  JWR, Indianapolis, IN to Dear Friend [Clarence A. Buskirk]. ACS.

27 Jan 1883  JWR, Philadelphia, PA to Miss Coe. ALS, 2pp.

5 Jul 1883  JWR, Indianapolis, IN to Clarence. ALS, 2pp.

11 Mar 1884  JWR, Tremont House, to Mr. Bensel. ALS, 3pp.

4 Aug 1884  JWR, Greenfield, IN to Mr. Mitchell. ALS, 1p.

22 Dec 1885  JWR, Indianapolis, IN to Mr. Applegate [Hon. Judson Applegate], Delphi, IN. ALS, 2pp. with envelope.

12 May 1888  JWR, Indianapolis, IN to Mr. Gilder. ALS, 1p.

7 Oct 1888  JWR, Indianapolis, IN to Dear Century. ALS, 1p. [Originally framed with ink drawing by Agnes Johnson, Toronto, Canada, 20 Dec 1901, of JWR. See Box 3, Folder 22]

10 Feb 1890  JWR, Indianapolis, IN to Mr. Stoddart. ALS, 1p.
20 Feb 1890  JWR, Indianapolis, IN to Mr. A.W. Gillette.  ALS, 1p.

9 Jan [1891]  JWR, Indianapolis, IN to Vawter & Overstreet, Franklin, IN.  Als. 1p. with envelope.

20 Apr 1891  JWR, Indianapolis, IN to H.C. Bowen.  ALS, 1p.

19 Aug 1891  JWR, Indianapolis, IN to Bram Stoker, London.  ALS, 1p. with envelope.

25 Aug 1891  JWR, Indianapolis, IN to My dear Cawein [Madison Cawein], Louisville, KY.  ACS.

15 Dec 1891  JWR, Indianapolis, IN to H.O. Kaplan, Cincinnati, OH.  ALS, 1p. with envelope.

1 Apr 1892  JWR, Washington, DC to Mrs. Early and daughter [Mrs. John D. Early], Baltimore, MD.  ALS. 2pp. with envelope.  Enclosure, AMsS for Mrs. John D. Early, Baltimore [MD], 30 Mar 1892. 1p.


21 Dec 1892  JWR, to Joaquin Miller, Oakland, CA, ALS, 1p.

6 Jan 1893  JWR, Montana Club, Helena, Montana, to Dear Grandpa, ALS, 2pp.

11 Apr 1893  JWR, Shirley Place to Miss Patty Thum.  ALS, 1p.

11 Sep 1893  JWR, Indianapolis, IN to Mr. McClure.  ALS, 1p.

15 Apr 1894  JWR, Indianapolis, IN to James E. Furlong, Rochester, NY.  ALS, 2pp. with envelope.

23 Nov 1894  JWR to Frank L. Stanton.  ALS, 1p.

3 Jun 1895  JWR, Indianapolis, IN to Mrs. Early [Mrs. John D. Early], Franklin Co., PA.  ALS, 2pp. with envelope.

24 May 1897  JWR, Indianapolis, IN to Arthur Young.  TLS, 3pp.

10 Jun 1897  JWR, Indianapolis, IN to Mr. Young [Arthur Young], New York City, NY.  ALS, 1p. with envelope.  Signed verse attached.

6 Aug 1897  JWR, Indianapolis, IN to Carey, Ellsworth & Co.  ALS, 1p.


1 Sep 1898  JWR, Indianapolis, IN to Dear my favorite author [Clara E. Laughlin].  ALS, 1p.  Laid in book, Laughlin, 1916, between pp. 72 & 73.


4 Nov 1898  JWR, Boston, MA to Irving Swan Brown. ALS, 2pp.

25 Nov 1898  JWR, Indianapolis, IN to Nathan Haskell Dole. ALS, 1p.

16 Feb 1899  JWR, Indianapolis, IN to Dear friend Piatt [John James Piatt], North Bend, Hamilton Co., OH. ALS, 1p. with envelope.


29 May 1899  JWR, Indianapolis, IN to George Riddle, Boston, MA. ALS, 1p. with envelope.

11 Oct 1899  JWR, Indianapolis, IN to Mrs. Gilder, Century Magazine. ALS, 1p.

19 Feb 1900  JWR, Indianapolis, IN to Lewis K. Davis, Indianapolis, IN. ALS, 1p. with envelope.


4 Jun 1902  JWR, Indianapolis, IN to Eugene F. Ware. ALS, 2pp. (2 words partially defaced from hold punch)

24 Aug 1903  JWR, Indianapolis, IN to Dr. Mitchell. ALS, 2pp. (includes poem "The Old Days").

7 Jan 1904  JWR, Indianapolis, IN to S.E. Kiser. ALS, 2pp.

18 Feb 1904  JWR, Indianapolis, IN to Mr. Lambert [John Lambert], Philadelphia, PA. ALS, 1p. with envelope.

14 Jun 1904  JWR, Indianapolis, IN to Mr. Paine. ALS, 1p.

25 Nov 1909  JWR to Booth Tarkington.  ALS (Copyprint of microfilm of letter), 3pp.  2 copies and microfilm copy.

10 Dec 1911  Charles Martindale, Indianapolis, IN to Jim [James Whitcomb Riley], Indianapolis, IN.  ALS, 2pp. with envelope.

7 Oct 1915  Printed invitation to dinner in honor of JWR, 1p.

12 Nov n.y.  JWR, New York to Mr. Bowen.  ALS, 1p.

n.d.  JWR to Mr. Bobbs.  ALS, 1p.


Apr 1885  JWR, Indianapolis, IN, "The Shower."  AMsS, 1p.

1888  JWR, Indianapolis, IN, "To The Clover Club."  AMsS with Ills. (Photocopy), 1p.

1888  JWR, Signed inscription, Title Page of Afterwhiles to W.C. Bobbs, 4pp.

23 May 1890  JWR, Indianapolis, IN, "Little Georgie Tompers."  AMsS, 1p.

[1891]  JWR, "Dedication to Neighborly Poems."  AMs Bound Volume (1 of 6 volumes).


[1891]  JWR, "Decoration Day on the Place."  AMs Bound Volume with Photograph (5 of 6 volumes).

[1891]  JWR, "Ode on a Dead Babe."  AMs Bound Volume (6 of 6 volumes).


July 1895  JWR. "Our Hired Girl."  AMs, 1p.

25 Mar 1897  JWR, to Richard Henry Stoddard.  AMsS, 1p.

8 Jun 1900  JWR, Indianapolis, IN.  "On Procrastinating-In the Interest of the Editor, Miss Holly."  AMsS, 1p.


22 June 1903  JWR, "The Singer, Rebecca S. Nichols." AMsS, 1p.


n.d.  JWR, "We Say and we say...," [On Procrastinating-In the Interest of the Editor, Miss Holl.] AMsS, 1p.

n.d.  JWR, "Our Hired Girl." AMs, 1p.


n.d.  JWR, "There Little Girl Dont Cry." AMs, 1p. (not JWR's handwriting)


20 Dec 1901  Agnes Johnson, Toronto, Canada. Ink portrait of JWR, 1p. [originally framed with letter 7 October 1888, JWR to Century see Box 2 folder 5]


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