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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: WA MSS S-2761

CREATOR: Grey, Zane, 1872-1939

TITLE: Zane Grey collection

DATES: 1905-1922

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 0.84 linear feet (2 boxes)

LANGUAGE: In English.

SUMMARY: The collection contains writings and correspondence of American writer Zane Grey.

ONLINE FINDING AID: To cite or bookmark this finding aid, please use the following link: <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/beinecke.greyzaneoll>

Requesting Instructions

To request items from this collection for use in the Beinecke Library reading room, please use the request links in the HTML version of this finding aid, available at <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/beinecke.greyzaneoll>.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Acquired from various sources, as indicated in the container list.

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

The Zane Grey Collection is the physical property of the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Yale University. Literary rights, including copyright, belong to the authors or their legal heirs and assigns. For further information, consult the appropriate curator.

Preferred Citation

Zane Grey Collection. Yale Collection of Western Americana, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library.

Processing Information

Former call numbers: Za Grey; Uncat MSS 319; Uncat MSS 437; Uncat MSS 909.

Collections are processed to a variety of levels, depending on the work necessary to make them usable, their perceived research value, the availability of staff, competing priorities, and whether or not further accruals are expected. The library attempts to provide a basic level of preservation and access for all collections, and does more extensive processing of higher priority collections as time and resources permit. Folder titles and descriptions appearing in the contents list below are based on those provided by previous custodians or repurposed from previous descriptions by the library.

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

Zane Grey (1872-1939)

Zane Grey, writer of popular adventure stories about the American West, was born Pearl Zane Gray in Zanesville, Ohio, in 1872, to Lewis M. Gray, a dentist, and Josephine Zane Gray. Changing his name to Zane Grey in early adulthood, he trained in dentistry and had a practice in New York City before turning to writing full time. Grey's prolific output included best-selling novels, many of which were made into equally successful Hollywood films. Grey lived the adventurous life he wrote about, spending months of each year camping in the Arizona desert or fishing off Tahiti and Australia.

Scope and Contents

The collection contains miscellaneous writings and correspondence of American writer Zane Grey.

Arrangement

Organized into two series: I. Writings and II. Other Papers.

Collection Contents

Series I: Writings, 1922, undated

0.63 linear feet

This series contains drafts of stories, novels, and essays by Zane Grey.

Arranged alphabetically by title.

b. 1	<p><i>The Short Stop</i>, autograph manuscript 2 Folders</p> <p>Page 7 present in photocopy only; accompanied by carbon copy of letter, unsigned, explaining that page 7 was given to Walter A. Haas in 1972. Some losses due to pest damage on first several pages.</p> <p>Purchased from Serendipity Books on the Frederick W. and Carrie S. Beinecke Fund for Western Americana, 2002</p>	undated
b. 1	<p>"Surprise Valley," draft, typescript, corrected</p> <p>Purchased from Serendipity Books on the Frederick W. and Carrie S. Beinecke Fund for Western Americana, 2002</p>	undated
b. 1	<p>"Tahiti: the Latest Angler's El Dorado," draft, typescript, corrected</p> <p>Purchased from Serendipity Books on the Frederick W. and Carrie S. Beinecke Fund for Western Americana, 2002</p>	undated
b. 1	<p><i>Tales of Lonely Trails</i>, "Tonto Basin," draft, autograph manuscript 4 Folders</p> <p>Autograph manuscript of Chapter IV of <i>Tales of Lonely Trails</i>. Accompanied by <i>Tales of Lonely Trails</i>. New York: Harper & Brothers, 1922. First edition G-W. Embossed front flyleaf "Zane Grey"</p> <p>Purchased from William Reese Co. (Bonham's sale, Los Angeles and San Francisco, 2006 October 17, lot 3339), on the Frederick W. and Carrie S. Beinecke Fund for Western Americana, 2006</p>	undated
b. 2	<p>"Trails over the Glass Mountains," draft, typescript carbon</p> <p>Purchased from William Reese Co. (Bonham's sale, Los Angeles and San Francisco, 2006 October 17, lot 3340), on the Frederick W. and Carrie S. Beinecke Fund for Western Americana, 2006</p>	undated
b. 2	<p><i>Vanishing American</i>, partial draft, notes, and research material</p> <p>Autograph manuscript draft fragments; manuscript and typescript notes; letter from Westbrook Robertson; letters from J. A. Kiern, Fort Apache Agency, Whiteriver, Arizona, to Lillian Wilhelm Smith [then Mrs. Robertson]; and newspaper clippings</p> <p>Purchased from Serendipity Books (Butterfield's sale, 2002 November 14, lot 3191), on the Frederick W. and Carrie S. Beinecke Fund for Western Americana, 2002</p>	1922

b. 2	<p><i>The Young Lion Hunter</i>, autograph manuscript and typescript, corrected 5 Folders</p> <p>Original autograph manuscript of a volume in his "Ken Ward" series for boys (1st 30 leaves wanting), with 2 other manuscript versions of Chapter XII and carbon copy of a typescript of the same chapter.</p> <p>Gift of James T. Babb, 1949</p>	undated
	<p>Series II: Other Papers 2 Folders</p> <p>This series contains correspondence and a diary by Zane Grey.</p>	1905-1915
b. 2	<p>ALS to Mr. Hamilton, Lackawaxen, Pa. Gift of F. W. Beinecke, 1971</p>	no year May 12
b. 2	<p>Journal, autograph manuscript</p> <p>Purchased from Serendipity Books (Butterfield's sale, 2002 November 14, lot 3181), on the Frederick W. and Carrie S. Beinecke Fund for Western Americana, 2002</p>	1905 July 15-1910 July 15

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

American literature -- 20th Century
Authors, American -- 20th Century
Western stories

Geographic Names

West (U.S.) -- In literature

Occupations

Authors

Names

Grey, Zane, 1872-1939 -- Archives