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**McKee Library Special Collections**

**Finding Aid for Mark Twain Publications; Duane and Eunice Bietz Collection  
1866-2008**

**Summary Information**

Creators: Various

Title: Mark Twain Publications; Duane and Eunice Bietz Collection  
1866-2008

Inclusive dates: 1866-2008

Language: English

Abstract: This collection consists of journals, magazines, newsletters, and newspapers that either contain stories or articles by Mark Twain or analysis and description of his work. The collection also contains Twain-related ephemera such as catalogs, posters and calendars.

Size: 5 boxes, 3 oversized boxes, 5.5 linear feet

Storage: Onsite Storage – Vault 2

Repository: McKee Library  
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**Administrative Information**

Provenance: Duane and Eunice Bietz donated their Mark Twain collection to McKee Library in 2009. Included in this collection of first edition books, signed copies and artifacts are the Twain-related publications described in this finding aid.

Access: Archival papers are available to readers for consultation by appointment only. Please contact library staff by email in advance.

Access Restriction: The collection is unrestricted to readers.

Preferred Citation: Item description, McKee Library: Mark Twain Publications; Duane and Eunice Bietz Collection, Series #, box #, and folder #, McKee Library Special Collections at Southern Adventist University, Collegedale

## Biography

Samuel Langhorne Clemens, better known by his pen name Mark Twain, was born in Florida, Missouri, on November 30, 1835. He was the sixth of seven children of John Marshall Clemens and Jane Lampton. In 1839, Twain and his family moved to Hannibal, Missouri. Twain worked in journalism, first as a printer's apprentice, then a typesetter and editorial assistant at the *Western Union*, a local newspaper owned by his older brother, Orion. He published his first known sketch, "A Gallant Fireman," in this paper. Twain left Hannibal in 1853 to work in a series of typesetting jobs in various cities including St. Louis, New York City, Philadelphia, Keokuk, and Cincinnati.

In 1857 and at the age of twenty-two, Twain learned how to pilot a riverboat on the Mississippi River. He gained his piloting license two years later and worked as a riverboat pilot until the outbreak of the Civil War in April 1861, when all commercial traffic on the river stopped. Twain then joined the Marion Rangers, a group of Confederate volunteers that disbanded after only two weeks. Twain moved to Nevada with his brother Orion, and then decided to try his luck at mining for silver and gold. Failing to strike it rich, he decided to return to journalism, this time as a reporter. Twain joined the *Virginia City Territorial Enterprise* in 1862 and was paid \$25 a week for various kinds of articles. He began using his pen name in 1863.

In 1864 Twain moved to San Francisco and worked for various newspapers. In 1865, when his short story "Jim Smiley and His Jumping Frog" was published by the Saturday Press of New York, he became a nationally known humorist. He gave his first public lecture in October of 1866 and embarked on a lecture tour in the western states. He lectured on and off for the rest of his life.

In 1867, Twain set sail as a traveling correspondent on a grand tour of Europe and the Mideast for the *San Francisco Alto California*. His reports of this journey later became his first best-selling book, *Innocents Abroad*, published in 1869. Upon his return, Twain met Olivia Langdon of Elmira, New York. They married in 1870 and soon settled in Hartford, Connecticut. Together they had four children: a son, Langdon, who died as an infant, and three daughters—Susy, Clara, and Jean.

Twain published *Roughing It*, an autobiographical account of his years in the West, in 1872. He published *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* in 1876 and *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* in 1884. Both of these novels are set in his native Missouri and draw heavily on his boyhood memories of growing up in Hannibal. They are considered classics in American literature.

Twain died of a heart attack on April 21, 1910, at the age of 74. He is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery in Elmira, New York, next to his wife and children.

### Collection Scope and Content Note

- **Series 1: Personal Papers, 1908 (.5 box, .25 linear ft.)**

This series contains a letter of appeal written and signed by Mark Twain asking for aid to the Redding Public Library in Connecticut.

- **Series 2: Journals, 1894 – 1995 (.5 box, .25 linear ft.)**

This series contains journals dedicated to the study of Mark Twain's work and journals that contain stories written by Twain himself. Included in the series is the April 1894 issue of *The North American Review*, which contains the first appearance of "Fo The Person Sitting in Darkness" by Twain.

- **Series 3: Magazines, 1885-2008 (2boxes, 1 OS\* box 2 linear ft.)**

This series contains magazines that include articles by Mark Twain or about Mark Twain. Included in the series is the January 1885 issue of *Century Magazine*, which contains "Jim's Investments, and King Sollermun" by Mark Twain. Also included in the series is the first appearance of "Extracts from Adam's Diary" in the April 1901 issue of Harper's Monthly Magazine.

- **Series 4: Newsletters, 1939-2004 (1box, .5 linear ft.)**

This series contains newsletters devoted to Mark Twain and Mark Twain societies.

- **Series 5: Newspapers, 1910 (1 OS\* box, 1 linear ft.)**

This series contains the *Oakland Examiner* dated April 22, 1910, announcing the death of Mark Twain.

- **Series 6: Plays, 1940 (.5 box, .25 linear ft.)**

This series contains two limited edition synopsis booklets of *Tom Sawyer: A Drama* by Jake Blanck.

- **Series 7: Ephemera, ?-1994 (.5 box, .25 linear ft.)**

This series contains catalogs of Mark Twain item auctions and Mark Twain related gifts and a steamship ticket from C.A Transit Company.

- **Series 8: Calendars and Scrapbooks, 1892-1994 (.5 OS\* box, .5 linear ft.)**

This series contains two Mark Twain calendars including one from 1917, and a Mark Twain scrapbook by Daniel Slote & Co.

- **Series 9: Pictures and Posters, ?-1985 (.5 OS\* box, .5 linear ft.)**

This series contains advertisement posters of Mark Twain materials. Also included in the series is a photographic negative image of Mark Twain.

\*Oversized

## Processing

Materials have been rearranged from their original order. Staples were removed from materials as needed, and folded items were flattened. Materials were placed in new acid-free folders and boxes.

## Contents list

### Series 1: Personal Papers, 1908

#### Series Box Folder Contents

Series	Box	Folder	Contents
1	1	1	Printed letter signed by Mark Twain (October 1908) – “To My Guests – Greeting and Salutation and Prosperity”

### Series 2: Journals, 1894 – 1995

#### Series Box Folder Contents

Series	Box	Folder	Contents
2	1	2	Lincoln Herald v.49:n.2 (June 1947) – “Mark Twain’s Pension” by R. Gerald McMurtry
2	1	3	Manuscripts v.11: no.4 (Fall 1959) – Hal Holbrook on cover; “Mark Twain, Edited and Bowdlerized” by Dr. Klingelhofer
2	1	4	Mark Twain Journal v.9: no.4 (Summer 1954) – Inscribed to John Howell by Cyril Clemens, Mark Twain’s cousin
2	1	5	Mark Twain Journal v.22: no.1 (Spring 1984)
2	1	6	Mark Twain Journal – Flyers, Correspondence (1984-1995)
2	1	7	The North American Review v.158: no.4 (April 1894) – “Private History of the Jumping Frog Story” by Mark Twain
2	1	8	The North American Review v.172: no.2 (Feb. 1901) – First appearance of “To The Person Sitting in Darkness” by Mark Twain

### Series 3: Magazines, 1885-2008

#### Series Box Folder Contents

Series	Box	Folder	Contents
3	2	1	The Bermudian (September 1983) – “Mark Twain Abroad” Parts 1-6 by Tim Hodgson photocopy
3	2	2	The Book News Monthly v.28: no.8 (April 1910) – Mark Twain Special Number
3	2	3	Century Magazine (excerpt) v.29 :new series v.7 (January 1885)-- “Jim’s Investments, and King Sollermun” by Mark Twain
3	2	4	The Cosmopolitan v.16:no.2 (December 1893) – First appearance of “Traveling with a Reformer” by Mark Twain
3	2	5	Country Living (August 1994) – “Mark Twain’s Town” 2 page advertisement for Hannibal, Missouri
3	2	6	Harper’s Monthly Magazine no.611 (April 1901) – First appearance of “Extracts from Adam’s Diary” by Mark Twain

**Series 3: Magazines, 1885-2008 (Cont.)**

Series	Box	Folder	Contents
3	2	7	Harper's New Monthly Magazine no. 631 (December 1902) – –Was it Heaven? Or Hell? A Story” by Mark Twain
3	2	8	Harper's Monthly Magazine p.339-348 (August 1910) – –My Memories of Mark Twain” by H.D. Howells
3	2	9	Harper's Monthly Magazine no.795 (August 1916) – –The Mysterious Stranger. A Romance (Continued)” by Mark Twain
3	2	10	Harper's Monthly Magazine no.804 (May 1917) – –Some Mark Twain Letters” Edited by Albert Bigelow Paine
3	3	1	Harper's Monthly Magazine no.810 (November 1917) – –Mark Twain's Letters” Edited by Albert Bigelow Paine
3	3	2	Harper's Magazine v.217no.1303 (December 1958) – –Mark Twain Speaks Out: Four Unpublished Pieces”
3	3	3	Time Magazine (July 2008) – –The Dangerous Mind of Mark Twain”
3	OS4	1	Harper's Weekly Magazine v.48:no.2462 (Feb.27, 1904)
3	OS4	2	Life Magazine v.65:no.25 (December 20,1968) – –Tom and Huck Among the Indians” by Mark Twain (3 copies)

**Series 4: Newsletters, 1939-2004**

Series	Box	Folder	Contents
4	5	1	Ephemera News (Spring 2001)
4	5	2	Mark Twain Circular (January-March 1993-October-December 1998)
4	5	3	Mark Twain Circular – Correspondence (May 3, 1994)
4	5	4	Mark Twain News (Spring 1995-Summer 2004)
4	5	5	Mark Twain Society Bulletin (January 1994-July 1996)
4	5	6	The Twainian (March 1939-May-June 1947)

**Series 5: Newspapers, 1910**

Series	Box	Folder	Contents
5	OS6	1	<i>Oakland Examiner</i> (April 22, 1910) announcing the death of Mark Twain (front section only)

**Series 6: Plays, 1940**

Series	Box	Folder	Contents
6	7	1	Synopsis of <i>Tom Sawyer: A Drama</i> by Jake Blanck (1940) (1 <sup>st</sup> edition-small and large versions)

**Series 7: Ephemera, 1866-1994**

Series	Box	Folder	Contents
7	7	2	Bleak House Books, Inc. Catalogue 1 (no date)
7	7	3	Mark Twain Museum gift catalog (Winter 1993/1994)
7	7	4	Detached pages for auction (unknown) of Mark Twain items (October 17, 1988)
7	7	5	Steamship ticket for Steamship America, San Francisco to New York via Nicaragua from C.A. Transit Company. Explanation summary included (1866)

**Series 8: Calendars and Scrapbooks, 1892-1994**

Series	Box	Folder	Contents
8	OS8	1	Mark Twain Calendar (1917) Published by Sully and Kleinteich
8	OS8	2	Mark Twain Wall Calendar (1994)
8	OS8	3	Mark Twain's Scrapbook (1892) Manufactured by Daniel Slote & Co.

**Series 9: Pictures and Posters, ?-1985**

Series	Box	Folder	Contents
9	OS8	4	Poster Advertisement: "Mark Twain's Six Funniest Books" – Harper & Brothers
9	OS8	5	Poster Advertisement: "Mark Twain Journal" (1985) – Vanity Fair Supplement
9	OS8	6	Photographic Negative – image of Mark Twain