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**Finding Aid for Duane and Eunice Bietz Collection
1866-2014**

Summary Information

Creators: Various

Title: Duane and Eunice Bietz Collection 1866-2014

Inclusive dates: 1866-2014

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 items such as catalogs, posters and calendars, as well as letters written by Twain.

Size: 7 boxes, 3 oversized boxes, 6.5 linear feet

Storage: Onsite Storage – Vault 2

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Administrative Information

Provenance: Duane and Eunice Bietz donated their Mark Twain collection to McKee Library in 2010. Included in this collection of first edition books, signed copies and artifacts are the Twain-related publications described in this finding aid as well as handwritten letters.

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

Dr. Duane Bietz' love of books was developed at a young age. He would accompany his father, a minister, on frequent trips to the library, where he would spend his time poring over books on history and theology.

Bietz decided to collect old books when he enrolled in medical school. Since his area of expertise was cardiac surgery, he decided to collect old cardiac surgical books, but found that there weren't any significant old surgical books. Cardiac surgery was such a new specialty that journals were the venue to report results of surgical procedures. Bietz then started to read books about book collecting, and came across a book written by a Mark Twain collector. This book, coupled with Bietz' love for Twain's stories, influenced his decision to start collecting Twain books and other memorabilia.

Dr. Bietz and his wife Eunice Bietz have collected Mark Twain books and related items throughout the world. In 2010, they graciously donated their collection of books, artifacts, letters, and Twain-related publications to McKee Library, Southern Adventist University.

Collection Scope and Content Note

- **Series 1: Mark Twain Correspondence, 1869 -- 1908 (1 box, .50 linear ft.)**

This series contains handwritten letters from Mark Twain to his friends and a letter of appeal written and signed by Mark Twain asking for aid to the Redding Public Library in Connecticut. This series also includes two handwritten letters from Albert Bigelow Paine to Leigh H. Crosby.

- **Series 2: Journals, 1901--1995 (1 box, .50 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 "To The Person Sitting in Darkness" by Twain.

- **Series 3: Magazines, 1873-2014 (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 and Pamphlets, 1939-2004 (1box, .50 linear ft.)**

This series contains newsletters devoted to Mark Twain and Mark Twain societies as well as informational pamphlets.

- **Series 5: Newspapers, 1895--2010 (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, 1940-2010 (.5 box, .25 linear ft.)**

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

- **Series 7: Ephemera and Miscellaneous, 1866-1923 (.5 box, .25 linear ft.)**

This series contains a steamship ticket from C.A Transit Company.

- **Series 8: Collection Development and Sales Information, 1988-2013 (1 box, .50 linear ft.)**

This series contains information regarding collection development including invoices, receipts, provenance accounts, and correspondence.

- **Series 9: Calendars, Scrapbooks, Games 1891-2011 (.5 OS* box, .50 linear ft.)**

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

- **Series 10: Pictures and Posters, ?-1985 (.5 OS* box, .50 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: Mark Twain Correspondence 1869-1908

Series	Box	Folder	Contents
1	1	1	Handwritten letter from Mark Twain to James Redpath (May 14, 1869)
1	1	2	Handwritten letter from Mark Twain to James Redpath (February 23, 1874)
1	1	3	Handwritten letter from Mark Twain to Mrs. Bigelow (March 18, 1894)
1	1	4	Handwritten letter from Mark Twain to Mr. Lord (possibly Chester Sanders Lord) regarding Horace Porter (June 10, 1902)

Series 1: Mark Twain Correspondence 1869-1908 Cont'd

Series	Box	Folder	Contents
1	1	5	Handwritten letter from Mark Twain to Colonel Charles S. Fairchild (March 2, 1903). Includes mailing envelope.
1	1	6	Printed letter signed by Mark Twain (October 1908) – “To My Guests – Greeting and Salutation and Prosperity! And Therewith, Length of Days. Listen.”
1	1	7	Handwritten letters from Albert Bigelow Paine to Leigh H. Crosby (Feb. 10, 1924; July 20, 1924). Includes mailing envelopes.

Series 2: Journals, 1901 – 1995

Series	Box	Folder	Contents
2	2	1	Lincoln Herald v.49:no.2 (June 1947) – “Mark Twain’s Pension” by R. Gerald McMurtry
2	2	2	Manuscripts v.11: no.4 (Fall 1959) – Hal Holbrook on cover; “Mark Twain, Edited and Bowdlerized” by Dr.Klingelhofer
2	2	3	Mark Twain Journal v.9: no.4 (Summer 1954) – Inscribed to John Howell by Cyril Clemens, Mark Twain’s cousin
2	2	4	Mark Twain Journal v.22: no.1 (Spring 1984)
2	2	5	Mark Twain Journal – Flyers, Correspondence (1984-1995)
2	2	6	The North American Review v.158: no.4 (April 1894) – “Private History of the Jumping Frog Story” by Mark Twain
2	2	7	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, 1873-2014

Series	Box	Folder	Contents
3	3	1	The Bermudian (September 1983) – “Mark Twain Abroad” Parts 1-6 by Tim Hodgson photocopy
3	3	2	The Book News Monthly v.28: no.8 (April 1910) – Mark Twain Special Number
3	3	3	The Century Illustrated Monthly Magazine (excerpt) v.29:new series v.7 (January 1885) – “Jim’s Investments, and King Sollermann” by Mark Twain
3	3	4	The Century Illustrated Monthly Magazine v.45: no.3 (January 1893) -- “The £1,000,000 Bank Note” by Mark Twain
3	3	5	College and University Dialogue v.4: no.1 (1992) “Mark Twain’s Choice” by William F. Fitts

Series 3: Magazines, 1873-2014 Cont'd

Series	Box	Folder	Contents
3	3	6	The Cosmopolitan v.16:no.2 (December 1893) – First appearance of “Traveling with a Reformer” by Mark Twain
3	3	7	The Cosmopolitan v.27: no.6 (October 1899) – “Christian Science and the Book of Mrs. Eddy” by Mark Twain
3	3	8	Country Living (August 1994) – “Mark Twain’s Town” 2 page advertisement for Hannibal, Missouri
3	3	9	Firsts: The Book Collector’s Magazine v.8: no.7/8 (July/August 1998) – “Collecting Mark Twain” by Kevin MacDonnell
3	3	10	Firsts: The Book Collector’s Magazine v.8: no. 9 (September 1998) – “Mark Twain Special”
3	3	11	Firsts: The Book Collector’s Magazine v.17: no.7 (September 2007) – “Bernard DeVoto’s America” by Jerry Bartholomew
3	3	12	Harper’s Monthly Magazine no.611 (April 1901) – First appearance of “Extracts from Adam’s Diary” by Mark Twain
3	3	13	Harper’s New Monthly Magazine no. 631 (December 1902) – “Was it Heaven? Or Hell? A Story” by Mark Twain
3	3	14	Harper’s Monthly Magazine p.339-348 (August 1910) – “My Memories of Mark Twain” by H.D. Howells
3	3	15	Harper’s Monthly Magazine no.795 (August 1916) – “The Mysterious Stranger. A Romance (Continued)” by Mark Twain
3	3	16	Harper’s Monthly Magazine no.804 (May 1917) – “Some Mark Twain Letters” Edited by Albert Bigelow Paine;
3	4	1	Harper’s Monthly Magazine no.810 (November 1917) – “Mark Twain’s Letters” Edited by Albert Bigelow Paine; two unbound pages from Harper’s Magazine Advertiser
3	4	2	Harper’s Magazine v.217: no.1303 (December 1958) – “Mark Twain Speaks Out: Four Unpublished Pieces”
3	4	3	Harper’s Magazine v.300: no.1801 (December 2000) – “Celebrating 150 Years of Literature 1850-2000”
3	4	4	Harper’s Magazine v.322: no.1931 (April 2011) – “Democracy 101: Mark Twain’s Farewell Address” by Lewis H. Lapham
3	4	5	History of Redding website (Nov.1, 2012) – “Mark Twain’s Stormfield-Redding, Connecticut” (print-out)
3	4	6	Martha Stewart Living (April/May 1993) – “Saving Old Books”

Series 3: Magazines, 1873-2014 Cont'd

Series	Box	Folder	Contents
3	4	7	Nast's Illustrated Almanac (1873) – "The Story of the Good Little Boy Who Did Not Prosper" by Mark Twain
3	4	8	The Pacific Monthly v.8: no.4 (October 1907)
3	4	9	Reader's Digest: The World's Best Reading (1992) – "The Celebrated Jumping Frog and Other Stories" Mark Twain
3	4	10	Salon Magazine (March 23, 2014) – "How Mark Twain became Mark Twain: The amazing story of the lectures that made him a superstar" by Ben Tarnoff, excerpted from <i>The Bohemians: Mark Twain and the San Francisco Writers Who Reinvented American Literature</i> (print-out)
3	4	11	The Saturday Review of Literature v.12: no.24 (October 12, 1935) – "Mark Twain: Anti-Victorian; a Review of Mark Twain's Notebook" by Henry Seidel Canby
3	4	12	Smithsonian (September 2003) – "Keeping Up with Mark Twain" by Ron Powers
3	4	13	Smithsonian (October 2012) – "The Adventures of the Real Tom Sawyer" by Robert Smith
3	4	14	Time Magazine (July 2008) – "The Dangerous Mind of Mark Twain"
3	4	15	Yankee (June 1967) – "Mark Twain's Last Years at Redding" by Thomas J. Smith
3	4	16	Yankee (January 1969) – "Portrait of a Friendship"
3	OS5	1	Harper's Weekly Magazine v.48:no.2462 (Feb.27, 1904)
3	OS5	2	Life Magazine v.65:no.25 (December 20,1968) – "Tom and Huck Among the Indians" by Mark Twain (3 copies)

Series 4: Newsletters and Pamphlets, 1939-2004

Series	Box	Folder	Contents
4	6	1	Bancroftiana: Published occasionally by the friends of the Bancroft Library University of California, Berkeley (April 1972)
4	6	2	Educulture: A Word to Teachers (no date)
4	6	3	Ephemera News (Spring 2001)
4	6	4	The Fence Painter: Bulletin of the Mark Twain Boyhood Home Associates (1997-1998)

Series 4: Newsletters and Pamphlets, 1939-2004 Cont'd

Series	Box	Folder	Contents
4	6	5	Mark Twain Circular v.7-12 (1993-1998)
4	6	6	Mark Twain Circular – Correspondence (May 3, 1994)
4	6	7	Mark Twain News (Spring 1995-Summer 2004)
4	6	8	Mark Twain Society Bulletin (January 1994-July 1997)
4	6	9	The Mark Twain Study Review (Summer 2002)
4	6	10	The Twainian (March 1939-May-June 1947)
4	6	11	Publications of the Mark Twain Project (no date)
4	6	12	Hannibal & Mark Twain Region Visitor's Guide (1994)
4	6	13	Elmira College: Center for Mark Twain Studies (no date)
4	6	14	Mark Twain Boyhood Home (no date)
4	6	15	Mark Twain's Museum of Memories (no date)
4	6	16	Mark Twain Society (no date)

Series 5: Newspapers, 1895-2010

Series	Box	Folder	Contents
5	OS7	1	<i>New York Times Metro</i> (June 18, 1994) "After Long Absence, Twain's Butler Is to Return" - copy
5	OS7	2	<i>New York Times</i> (August 18, 1996) p.17-18 "Will Twain Stop Traffic in a 'Pass-Through' City?"
5	OS7	3	<i>New York Times</i> (March 14, 2010) p.1-2 "Twain and Crane: The Old Ball Game"
5	OS7	4	<i>New York Times</i> (April 22, 2010) "In Mark Twain's Will, a Glimpse of Father's Love"
5	OS7	5	<i>Oakland Examiner</i> (April 22, 1910) "Mark Twain, Dean of Humorists, is Dead Grizzled Maker of Fun Jokes to the End" (front section only)
5	OS7	6	<i>The Sunday Oregonian</i> (April 4, 2010) p.7-8 "Two on Twain: Western Adventure Early in Life, a Castle Drama Later"

Series 5: Newspapers, 1895-2010 Cont'd

Series	Box	Folder	Contents
5	OS7	7	<i>The Washington Post</i> (January 29, 1989) p.E4 "Up the Rigi, in the Footsteps of Mark Twain" - copy
5	OS7	8	Copies of newspaper articles from <i>The Blade</i> , <i>The Daily Reveille</i> , <i>The Weekly Reveille</i> , and an account from The Fairhaven Land Company (July-August 1895) describing Mark Twain's visit to Bellingham, Washington

Series 6: Plays, 1940-2010

Series	Box	Folder	Contents
6	8	1	Synopsis of <i>Tom Sawyer: A Drama</i> by Jake Blanck (1940) (1 st edition-small and large versions)
6	8	2	<i>Mark Twain and the Devil: A three-act play inspired by an unfinished tale by Mark Twain</i> by Irwin Shishko (2010)

Series 7: Ephemera and Miscellaneous, 1866-1923

Series	Box	Folder	Contents
7	8	3	Steamship ticket for Steamship America, San Francisco to New York via Nicaragua from C.A. Transit Company. Explanation summary included (1866)
7	8	4	Dust Covers for <i>The Works of Mark Twain Definitive Edition</i> v. I, v. II, v. XXIX (1922-1923)
7	8	5	Loose leaf from an autograph album. Contains signature of pianist and composer Ossip Gabrilowitsch (Twain's son-in-law) and pianist Jean Louis Nicodé (no date)
7	OS7		Cabin Passenger List of the Imperial German and U.S. Mail Twin Screw Steamship Prinzess Irene sailing from New York for Genoa (October 24, 1903) Framed.

Series 8: Collection Development and Sales Information 1980-2013

Series	Box	Folder	Contents
8	9	1	Alan C. Fox Catalogue One (1980)
8	9	2	Detached pages for auction (unknown) of Mark Twain items (October 17, 1988)
8	9	3	Invoice from Bowie & Weatherford, Inc. (June 28, 1991)
8	9	4	Invoice from Metacomet Books (Feb.4, 1992)

Series 8: Collection Development and Sales Information 1988-2013 (Cont'd)

Series	Box	Folder	Contents
8	9	5	Mark Twain Museum gift catalog (Winter 1993/1994)
8	9	6	Letter to Duane Bietz from the Mark Twain Society notifying of latest bulletin and new book (April 21, 1994)
8	9	7	Letter to Duane and Eunice Bietz from Leland Frederick Cooley regarding information and purchase of spoons that had been purchased by Mark Twain (June 17, 1994)
8	9	8	Information regarding provenance of a cabinet which was once in Mark Twain's house. Includes articles regarding artist Gladys Lewis Bush and writer Leland Frederick Cooley. Includes note written by Duane Bietz declaring that Clara Clemens gave her distant cousin Gladys Lewis the cabinet, who then bequeathed it to her nephew Leland Frederick Cooley from whom Duane Bietz bought it. Includes report entitled <i>A Provenance Outline</i> written by Leland Frederick Cooley. Correspondence between Duane Bietz and Marianne J. Curling, Curator of the Mark Twain House regarding the cabinet. Includes photographs of the cabinet. (1994)
8	9	9	Sales slips from Book Crafts Portland, Oregon (1994-1996)
8	9	10	Invoices and correspondence from MacDonnell Rare Books Austin, Texas (1994-1996)
8	9	11	Invoice from Butterfield & Butterfield (March 18, 1996)
8	9	12	Mark Twain Bancshares, Inc. dividend information (1996)
8	9	13	Correspondence between Duane Bietz and Robert Slotta. Topics include letters to Mark Twain, a first edition copy of <i>The 30,000 Bequest</i> , and Mark Twain's handwritten <i>Last Manuscript</i> (1996-2009)
8	9	14	Receipt from Rain Dog Books Chicago, IL (September 20, 1996)
8	9	15	Receipt from The Brick Row Book Shop San Francisco, CA (October 10, 1996)
8	9	16	Invoice from Thomas A. Goldwasser Rare Books San Francisco, CA (October 19, 1996)
8	9	17	Letter from Martha Carpenter regarding <i>The Innocents Abroad</i> by Mark Twain (August 10, 1996)

Series 8: Collection Development and Sales Information 1988-2013 (Cont'd)

Series	Box	Folder	Contents
8	9	18	Bauman Rare Books listings of several Twain books (October 5, 1997)
8	9	19	Admirable Books Catalogue (1998)
8	9	20	Letter from Brian Gray regarding an inscribed copy of <i>The Prince and the Pauper</i> by Mark Twain (August 13, 1998)
8	9	21	Letter from The Cupertino Historical Society regarding the theater program for Mark Twain's "Puddinghead Wilson". Copy of the program included. (August 29, 2000)
8	9	22	Correspondence between Duane Bietz and Victor Fischer, editor at Mark Twain Project, The Bancroft Library (2001 – 2009)
8	9	23	Letter from Cindy Darling regarding provenance of a photograph of Mark Twain which was sold to Duane Bietz (July 13, 2001)
8	9	24	Letters from Duane Bietz to H & H Book Services inquiring about price of repairs to Mark Twain dust covers (2003)
8	9	25	Letter from The Friends of the Bancroft Library (January 2004)
8	9	26	Correspondence between Duane Bietz and John Henley regarding Mark Twain event at McKee Library, Southern Adventist University (March 15, 2010)
8	9	27	Letter from author Forrest G. Robinson regarding his newest book (Feb. 2012)
8	9	28	Heritage Auctions invoice and letters (March 15, 2012)
8	9	29	Phillip J. Pirages Catalogue 64 (May 2013)
8	9	30	Bleak House Books, Inc. Catalogue 1 (no date)
8	9	31	Heritage Bookshop Los Angeles, California advertisement for <i>Mark Twain's (Burlesque) Autobiography and First Romances</i> ; Catalog (no date)
8	9	32	Notes from Duane Bietz regarding "minor items for the collection" (no date)

Series 8: Collection Development and Sales Information 1988-2013 (Cont'd)**Series Box Folder Contents**

8	9	33	Copies of excerpts from <i>Mark Twain</i> Volume III by Albert Bigelow Paine and <i>The Selected Letters of Mark Twain</i> edited by Charles Neider
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Series 9: Calendars, Scrapbooks, Games 1891-2011**Series Box Folder Contents**

9	OS10	1	Mark Twain Calendar (1904)
9	OS10	2	Mark Twain Calendar Published by Sully and Kleinteich (1917)
9	OS10	3	Mark Twain Wall Calendar (1994)
9	OS10	4	Mark Twain's Scrapbook Manufactured by Daniel Slote & Co. (1892)
9	OS10	5	Mark Twain's 70 th Birthday: Souvenir of its Celebration Published by Harper & Brothers (1906)
9	OS10	6	Mark Twain: The Stamp of Genius United States Post Office Commemorative Booklet unopened (June 25, 2011)
9	OS10	7	Mark Twain's Memory-Builder: A Game for Acquiring and Retaining All Sorts of Facts and Dates Copyright by S.L. Clemens (1891)

Series 10: Pictures and Posters, ?-1985**Series Box Folder Contents**

10	OS10	8	Poster Advertisement: "Mark Twain's Six Funniest Books"--Harper & Brothers
10	OS10	9	Poster Advertisement: "Mark Twain Journal" (1985) -- Vanity Fair Supplement
10	OS10	10	Photographic Negative -- image of Mark Twain