

American Antiquarian Society

Manuscript Collections

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**NAME OF COLLECTION:**

Howells, William Dean, Papers, 1903-1914

**LOCATION(S):**

Mss. boxes "H"

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**SIZE OF COLLECTION:**

1 manuscript box

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**SOURCES OF INFORMATION ON COLLECTION:**

For information on Howells, see the *Dictionary of American Biography*; for information on Duneka, see the obituary in *The Publishers' Weekly*, 95 (1 February 1919), p. 308.

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**SOURCE OF COLLECTION:**

Gift of Edward L. Tinker, 1953

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**COLLECTION DESCRIPTION:**

William Dean Howells (1837-1920) was a notable and prolific American author. From 1885 to 1916, he was under contract with the press of Harper & Brothers.

The majority of items in this collection are letters from Howells to Frederick A. Duneka (1859?-1919), general manager and, later, vice-president of Harper & Brothers. The letters discuss publishing details, plans for new books, contractual matters, travel arrangements, and include some personal information. There are fifteen carbon copies of letters sent from Duneka to Howells.

In addition to the correspondence between Howells and Duneka, the collection includes a draft of what appears to be an introduction by Howells to a collection of speeches by Mark Twain (1835-1910), two letters to Howells, one manuscript poem by Richard Le Gallienne (1866-1947) celebrating Howells' 75<sup>th</sup> birthday, one letter from Mildred Howells (1872- ) to Harper & Brothers, and one letter from Edith Dean Weir (1875-1955) to Duneka.

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7	1907, January - April [16 items]
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9	1908, January - July [10 items]
10	1908, August - December [8 items]
11	1909 [15 items]
12	"Introduction . . .," 1910? [5 items]
13	1910?; 1910, February - May 13 [15 items]
14	1910, May 16 - October 14 [14 items]
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