

The Filson Historical Society

**The Papers of
John Wilson Townsend**

The papers of John Wilson Townsend, historian, collector, and book dealer from Lexington, Kentucky.

For information regarding literary and copyright interests for these papers, see the Curator of Manuscripts, James J. Holmberg.

Size of Collection

O. 33 cubic feet

Locator Number Mss.\A\T748

Scope and Content Note

Papers mainly consisting of letters, 1893-1924, of James Lane Allen to Townsend and others, together with letters about Allen from J. Christian Bay, S. S. Bush, Frances H. Jewett, Grant C. Knight, Orson Lowell, Albert Sterner, John Thomson, and Samuel C. Williams; Allen's speech as president of King Solomon Memorial Association, 1908; and a poem by Thomas Jones, Jr. Most of the letters from Allen to Townsend were published in Townsend's book, James Lane Allen (1927).

Biographical Note

- 1885 Born in Lexington, Kentucky.
- 1906 Graduated from Transylvania University.
- 1911-
1912 Married to Clara Offutt.
- 1913 Published his major work, the two volume *Kentucky in American Letters*.
- 1915-
1936 Married to Grace Cole.
- 1928 Published his work *James Lane Allen*.
- 1943 Married Dorothy Louise Edwards.
- 1968 Died and was buried in Lexington Cemetery.

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A John Wilson Townsend
T748 Papers. 1893-1949.

Box 1

- fl. 1 James Lane Allen correspondence, n.d.
- fl. 2 James Lane Allen correspondence, 1893.
- fl. 3 James Lane Allen correspondence, 1900.
- fl. 4 James Lane Allen correspondence, 1905.
- fl. 5 James Lane Allen correspondence, 1908, and speech as president of the King Solomon Memorial Association.
- fl. 6 James Lane Allen correspondence, 1909.
- fl. 7 James Lane Allen correspondence, 1910.
- fl. 8 James Lane Allen correspondence, 1911.
- fl. 9 James Lane Allen correspondence, 1912.
- fl. 10 James Lane Allen correspondence, 1913.
- fl. 11 James Lane Allen correspondence, 1915.
- fl. 12 James Lane Allen correspondence, 1916.
- fl. 13 James Lane Allen correspondence, 1918.
- fl. 14 James Lane Allen correspondence, 1922.
- fl. 15 James Lane Allen correspondence, 1924.
- fl. 16 J. Christian Bay correspondence, 1915.
- fl. 17 British Museum, per R. F. Sharp, correspondence, 1927.
- fl. 18 S. S. Bush correspondence, 1927.
- fl. 19 Frances H. Jewett correspondence, 1927.
- fl. 20 Thomas Jones, Jr. poem, 1927.
- fl. 21 Grant Cochran Knight correspondence, 1930-1949.
- fl. 22 Orson Lowell correspondence, 1925.
- fl. 23 New York Public Library (per H. M. Lydneberg) correspondence, 1927.
- fl. 24 Albert Sterner correspondence, 1930.
- fl. 25 John Thomson correspondence, 1927-1930.
- fl. 26 Samuel Cole Williams correspondence, 1928-1933.
- fl. 27 John H. Finley essay on James Lane Allen.
- fl. 28 James Lane Allen biographies and envelopes, 1900-1923.