

Burton Kline Papers
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Collection Summary

Title: Burton Kline Papers

Span Dates: 1896-1954

ID No.: MSS52605

Creator: Kline, Burton, 1877-1958

Extent: 650 items

Extent: 10 containers plus 1 oversize

Extent: 4.6 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

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Summary: Journalist, editor, and author. Correspondence, notes, printed matter, and writings by Kline primarily during his association with the *Boston Transcript*.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

People

Adams, Franklin P. (Franklin Pierce), 1881-1960--Correspondence.

Ade, George, 1866-1944--Correspondence.

Dreiser, Theodore, 1871-1945--Correspondence.

Kline, Burton, 1877-1958.

Mencken, H. L. (Henry Louis), 1880-1956--Correspondence.

Nathan, George Jean, 1882-1958--Correspondence.

Roosevelt, Franklin D. (Franklin Delano), 1882-1945--Correspondence.

Subjects

American newspapers--Massachusetts--Boston.

Journalism.

Titles

Boston transcript.

Occupations

Authors.

Editors.

Journalists.

Provenance

The papers of Burton Kline, journalist, editor, and author, were given to the Library of Congress by his widow in 1967.

Processing History

The papers were arranged and described in 1982. The finding aid was revised in 2011.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Burton Kline in these papers and in other collections of papers in the custody of the Library of Congress has been dedicated to the public.

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Burton Kline are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Burton Kline Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

Date	Event
1877, Dec. 25	Born, Williamsport, Pa.
1902-1904	Attended Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.
1904-1918	Writer and editor, <i>Boston Transcript</i>
1909	Married Madeleine Mesinger
1912-1918	Magazine editor, <i>Boston Transcript</i>
1918-1919	Sunday editor, <i>New York Tribune</i>
1920	Publicity manager, Greater New York Hoover Commission
1921-1922	Special assistant to the secretary of labor
1922	Magazine editor, <i>Philadelphia Public Ledger</i>
1924-1931	Special assistant to the secretary of labor
1931-1932	Member, United States George Washington Bicentennial Commission
1935	New Jersey director, Federal Writers' Project
1958, Jan. 21	Died, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Burton Kline (1877-1958) span the years 1896-1954 and consist primarily of correspondence, typescripts of books, short stories, and articles, and printed matter. In a few cases, the typescripts include both an original and a later carbon copy. The printed matter consists of articles, editorials, and short stories, plus some reviews of musical events by Kline. It also includes reviews of Kline's books.

Chief correspondents include Franklin D. Roosevelt, Franklin P. Adams, George Ade, Theodore Dreiser, H. L. Mencken, and George Jean Nathan.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged by type of material or writing.

Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1	General correspondence, 1901-1922, 1931-1954 (11 folders)
BOX 1	Fiction
BOX 1	<i>The End of the Flight</i> , undated (9 folders)
BOX 2	"'Brute' MacMaster," undated
BOX 2	Original (14 folders)
BOX 2	Final (11 folders)
BOX 3	"The Coming Out of Mr. Faircoke," circa 1940
BOX 3	Original (3 folders)
BOX 3	Final (3 folders)
BOX 3	"The Deserter," undated
BOX 3	Typescript (2 folders)
BOX 3	Notes
BOX 3	"The Great Encroachment," undated
BOX 4	Personal reminiscences, undated
BOX 4	"Amy Lowell"
BOX 4	"Beginnings of the Frick Collection"
BOX 4	"Charles M. Schwab"
BOX 4	"Edward W. Bok"
BOX 4	"Headlines and Footnotes"
BOX 4	"On the <i>Boston Transcript</i> " (9 folders)
BOX 5	"Phoebe Abercrombie" (5 folders)
BOX 5	"R. Fulton Cutting"
BOX 5	"Rings at Various Doors" (2 folders)
BOX 5	"Wall Street Explosion"
BOX 6	"Whale Oil"
BOX 6	Typescripts (4 folders)
BOX 7	(9 folders)
BOX 7	Notes
BOX 7	Short stories and articles, undated
BOX 7	"'Cadet E. A. Poe' at West Point"
BOX 7	"Close of Virginia Boyhood"

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BOX 7	"The Cure of Bodies and Souls"
BOX 7	"The Deciding Ballot"
BOX 7	"Escape"
BOX 7	"False Whiskers"
BOX 7	"The Fount of Eloquence"
BOX 7	"A Gentlewoman Seeks a Job"
BOX 7	"In Perfect Form"
BOX 7	"It's There If You See It"
BOX 7	"The Legion of the Tried-by-Fire"
BOX 8	"Mr. Stickney Steps In"
BOX 8	Novel no. 4 outline
BOX 8	"The Old Lady in Black Bombazine; A Sigh for the Old <i>Boston Transcript</i> "
BOX 8	"The Old Lady in Black Bombazine; A Thanatopsis on the Old <i>Boston Transcript</i> "
BOX 8	"R.I.P."
BOX 8	The Rossacrats, critique of
BOX 8	Rossacre, fragment
BOX 8	"The Springs of Eloquence"
BOX 8	"Sundown"
BOX 8	"The Vision of Virgil Atwood"
BOX 8	"When 'The Street' Got a Real Blowing-up"
BOX 8	Notes
BOX 8	<i>Boston Transcript</i>
BOX 8	Miscellany
BOX 8	Reminiscences
BOX 8	Photograph, <i>The End of the Flight</i> bookstore display
BOX 8	Printed matter
BOX 8	Articles, editorials, and sketches, 1901-1924
	(2 folders)
BOX 9	(4 folders)
BOX 9	Book reviews and publicity, 1916-1921
	(2 folders)
BOX 10	Writings by others
BOX 10	Bailies, Emily Acton, "The Charge against Sarah Sherbourne," undated
	(12 folders)
BOX 10	Buron, Jon, "The Dream Soul," 1896
BOX OV 1	Printed matter, articles by Kline, 1919