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Albert Bigelow Paine Collection, 1893-1930

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Compiled by former Special Collections curator, Eugene DeGruson
Title	The Albert Bigelow Paine Collection
Dates	1893-1930
Quantity	.4 linear foot
Collection Number	MSS 133
Summary	A collection of documents, correspondence, legal documents, bibliographical material, and reference material related to writer Albert Bigelow Paine
Repository	Pittsburg State University, Leonard H. Axe Library, Special Collections & University Archives 1701 S. Broadway Pittsburg, Kansas, 66762 (620) 235-4883 speccoll@pittstate.edu
Access Restrictions	There are no restrictions and collection is open for research. Researchers must use the collection in accordance with the policies of the Special Collections & University Archives, Leonard H. Axe Library, Pittsburg State University
Languages	English

Biographical Note

Albert Bigelow Paine (1861-1937) was born in New Bedford, Massachusetts and was raised in Xenia, Illinois, where he received his childhood education. At the age of twenty, Bigelow moved to St. Louis, where he trained as a photographer, leading him in 1885 to be a dealer in photographic supplies (The A. B. Paine Photo Supply Company) in Fort Scott, Kansas. After ten years, Paine sold this business in 1895 to become a full-time writer, moving to New York. He spent some time in Europe, including France where he wrote two books about Joan of Arc, leading to France awarding him the title of *Chevalier* in the *Légion d'honneur*. Bigelow was an American author and biographer best known for his work with Mark Twain, including an

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authorized biography. Paine was a member of the Pulitzer Prize Committee and wrote in several genres, including fiction, humor, and verse.

Content Description

This collection contains primary and secondary resources and is divided into the following series:

1. Biographical
2. Correspondence
3. Personal/Legal (Divorce papers, etc)
4. A. B. Paine Photo Supply Company
5. Writings
6. Bibliographical
7. Clippings
8. Photographs

This finding aid does not list the books in the Special Collections authored by Albert Bigelow Paine.

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Processing Note

Collection formally processed in August 2016, by curator of Special Collections, Steven Cox

Detailed Description of Collection

Series 1: Biographical

F. 1 Miscellaneous biographical documents and records

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Series 2: Correspondence

F. 2 1904; 1930 (photocopies)

Series 3: Personal/Legal

F. 3 Legal/Court Documents (Divorce, etc) 1893-1896

Series 4: A. B. Paine Photo Supply Company

F. 4 Mailing List Cards 1910

Series 5: Writings

F. 5 “Two Little New York Maids” (St. Nicholas, November 1903; “The Children’s Room in the Smithsonian Institution” (Century Company, no date); “Gabriel” (Poem, photocopy); “The Kansaz Zehyr” (Poem, newspaper clipping); Untitled Poem (Mss, written for Ralph Richards); “The Kansas Alms-House” (Typescript and photocopy);

Series 6: Bibliographical

F. 6 Bibliographical listings of books authored by Paine, with sample title pages

F. 7 Bibliographical references and printouts of Paine works

F. 8 Bibliographical references and printouts of Paine works

Series 7: Newspaper Clippings

F. 9 Several clippings, originals and photocopies

Series 8: Photographs

F. 10 Photocopies of individuals, including Paine; Color photographs of Paine home in Ft. Scott, Kansas, outside and interior