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**STRIBLING, THOMAS S.**  
**(1881-1965)**  
**PAPERS**  
**ADDITION 2**  
**1915-1982**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

The T.S. Stribling Papers – Addition consists of original material either written by or pertaining to Thomas Sigismund Stribling and his wife, Lou Ella Stribling. The material was assembled by Lou Ella Kloss Stribling and donated to the Tennessee Historical Society by the Striblings' niece, Amelia Worken Hughes.

The materials in this finding aid measure 5 cubic feet. There are no restrictions on the materials.

Single photocopies of unpublished writings in the T.S. Stribling Papers, Addition 2, may be made for purposes of scholarly research.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Thomas S. Stribling Papers, Addition 2, containing approximately 3,000 items, consists of original material either written by or pertaining to Thomas Sigismund Stribling and his wife, Lou Ella Kloss Stribling. It includes advertisements, announcements, applications, bibliographies, book reviews, book royalty reports, a bookmark, contracts/agreements, correspondence, a diary, financial documents, genealogical data, an interview, invitations, a list of fan letters, newspaper clippings, notebooks, notes, notices, poetry, photographs and drawings, printed materials, programs, a review, school records, and writings.

The bulk of the collection, consisting of correspondence and writings, centers on the career and life of T.S. Stribling (1881-1965), a Pulitzer Prize winning author from Clifton, Tennessee, who gained national attention in the 1930s for his acclaimed book, *The Store*.

A majority of the correspondence consists of letters that T.S. Stribling wrote to his wife, Lou Ella, both during their courtship and their long marriage. Apparently, T.S. Stribling spent most of his time writing in his hometown of Clifton, Tennessee, while his wife had a successful teaching career in Miami Beach, Florida. Stribling also corresponded frequently with his brother, Rex Stribling, and his two sisters, Patricia Springer and Monetta Wells.

One interesting aspect of the collection is a succession of letters that Stribling wrote to his friend, Henry Taylor. The correspondence, collected by Henry's wife, Mykia Taylor, and returned to the Striblings before his death in 1965, reveal fascinating insights into the life of T.S. Stribling over a long span of time.

A portion of the Stribling Papers center on Lou Ella Kloss Stribling (b. 1899), including correspondence with her parents and also suitors before marriage, especially with one overzealous young man named John Pacnucco.

Information regarding Lou Ella's teaching career includes school records, applications for teaching positions, and letters from former students.

There are many items in the collection regarding T.S. Stribling's writing career, such as a book review of the novel, *Chance*, book royalty reports for Stribling's published novels, contracts and agreements, and reviews of novels.

Several of T.S. Stribling's unpublished manuscripts are included in the collection. These include, "A MS. Found in a Balloon," *The Autobiography of an Ingenious Author*, *The Boat of the Sun*, *Christ in Chicago*, "It Don't Mean Nothin' to Men," *Native Stock*, "Pro Deum," "Testimony in the Silver Separation Suit," "Theism-Atheism-Theism," *The Web of the Sun*, and *Winds from Parnassus*.

Several colorful drawings done by T.S. Stribling are included in the collection. One of these is a drawing of Central Park in New York City.

General correspondence consists of letters from personal friends and business associates written to T.S. Stribling and Lou Ella Kloss Stribling.

Interested persons can locate additional T.S. Stribling material under the Tennessee Historical Society accession numbers of 467 and 623. Also, both the original collection and the first addition are available on microfilm at the Tennessee State Library and Archives under microfilm accession numbers 1029 and 1213.

## CONTAINER LIST

### Microfilm Roll #1

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#### Box 1

1. Advertisements – Dover Publishing Company, n.d.
2. Announcements – Scholarships, n.d.
3. Announcements – Death
4. Applications – General, 1921 and 1930
5. Applications – Stribling, Lou Ella – Teaching Positions, 1918-1940
6. Bibliographies – T.S. Stribling Novels
7. Book Review – *Chance*, n.d.
8. Book Royalty Reports, 1937-1980
9. Bookmark
10. Contracts / Agreements, 1950-1979
11. Contracts – Stribling, Lou Ella, 1945
12. Correspondence – Albert - Armstrong
13. Correspondence – Bahr - Burrows
14. Correspondence – Caldwell - Cross
15. Correspondence – Diamond - Duffy
16. Correspondence – Eddins - Evans
17. Correspondence – Farris - Fuller
18. Correspondence – Gallien - Griffith
19. Correspondence – Hagen - Hughes
20. Correspondence – James - Johnson
21. Correspondence – Keeler, Harry S. to T.S. Stribling
22. Correspondence – Kennedy, John to Lou Ella (Kloss) Stribling

#### Box 2

1. Correspondence – Kohl - Koontz
2. Correspondence – La Hue - Lybarger
3. Correspondence – McConnell - Myers
4. Correspondence – O'Shea
5. Correspondence – Pagnucco, John to Lou Ella (Kloss) Stribling
6. Correspondence – Pagnucco, John to Lou Ella (Kloss) Stribling
7. Correspondence – Pagnucco, John to Lou Ella (Kloss) Stribling
8. Correspondence – Pagnucco, John to Lou Ella (Kloss) Stribling

#### Box 3

1. Correspondence – Pearson - Purvis
2. Correspondence – Quealy
3. Correspondence – Rawson - Rosenda
4. Correspondence – Saenger - Sylvia

5. Correspondence – Springer, Patricia to T.S. and Lou Ella Stribling
6. Correspondence – Stribling, Lou Ella (Kloss) to Mr. and Mrs. Kloss
7. Correspondence – Stribling, Lou Ella to T.S. Stribling
8. Correspondence – Stribling, Lou Ella to Mykia Taylor
9. Correspondence – Stribling, Lou Ella
10. Correspondence – Stribling, Rex to T.S. and Lou Ella Stribling
11. Correspondence – Stribling, T.S. to Harry S. Keeler
12. Correspondence – Stribling, T.S. to John Trotwood Moore

#### **Box 4**

1. Correspondence – Stribling, T.S. to Lou Ella Stribling
2. Correspondence – Stribling, T.S. to Lou Ella Stribling
3. Correspondence – Stribling, T.S. to Lou Ella Stribling
4. Correspondence – Stribling, T.S. to Lou Ella Stribling

#### **Microfilm Roll #2**

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#### **Box 5**

1. Correspondence – Stribling, T.S. to Rex Stribling and Patricia Springer
2. Correspondence – Stribling, T.S. to Henry Taylor
3. Correspondence – Stribling, T.S. to Mykia Taylor
4. Correspondence – Stribling, T.S.
5. Correspondence – Student Notes to Lou Ella Stribling
6. Correspondence – Taylor, Henry to T.S. and Lou Ella Stribling
7. Correspondence – Taylor, Mykia to T.S. and Lou Ella Stribling
8. Correspondence – Tait - Turner

#### **Box 6**

1. Correspondence – Unidentified, 1918-1975
2. Correspondence – Walker - Wright
3. Correspondence – Yates
4. Correspondence – Zoner
5. Diaries, Memoirs, etc. – Stribling, T.S., 1939
6. Financial Documents – Cancelled Checks
7. Genealogical data
8. Interview, 1930
9. Invitations
10. List – Fan Letters
11. Newspaper Clippings, 1925-1983
12. Notebooks
13. Notes – Speeches
14. Notices – Teaching Positions
15. Poetry

### **Box 7**

1. Photographs, drawings, etc.
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3. Printed Materials – Pamphlet – University of Alabama School of Law Replament Bulletin
4. Printed Materials – Publication, “Lines on the Back of a Confederate Note,” A.S. Jonas
5. Printed Materials – Publication – “Radcliffe Chautauqua Herald”
6. Printed Materials – Publication – “The Booby,” 1913
7. Printed Materials – Publication – “The Policy”
8. Printed Materials – Publication – “The Weekly Keyhole,” Harry S. Keeler
9. Programs
10. Review – Stribling Novels
11. School Records – Grades – Lou Ella Stribling
12. Sketches – Biographical – Stribling, T.S., 1967
13. Visitor’s Pass – Air Corps, Montgomery, Alabama, 1941
14. Writings – “A MS. Found in a Balloon”
15. Writings – *The Autobiography of an Ingenious Author*
16. Writings – *The Autobiography of an Ingenious Author*

### **Box 8**

1. Writings – *The Boat of the Sun*
2. Writings – *The Boat of the Sun*
3. Writings – *The Boat of the Sun*
4. Writings – *Christ in Chicago*

### **Box 9**

1. Writings – “It Don’t Mean Nothin’ to Men”
2. Writings – “Native Stock”
3. Writings – *Pro Deum*
4. Writings – *Pro Deum*
5. Writings – *Pro Deum*
6. Writings – “Testimony in the Silver Separation Suit,” 1957
7. Writings – “Theism-Atheism-Theism”

### **Box 10**

1. Writings – *The Web of the Sun*
2. Writings – *The Web of the Sun*
3. Writings – *Winds from Parnassus*
4. Writings – *Winds from Parnassus*