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## **Preliminary Guide to the Richard Howells Watkins Collection**

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### Descriptive Summary

**Title:** Richard Howells Watkins Collection

**Dates:** ca. 1895-1950s

**Collection number:** Mss 130

**Creator:** Watkins, Richard Howells

**Collection Size:** 4.4 linear feet(11 document boxes)

**Repository:** University of California, Santa Barbara. Library. Dept. of Special Collections  
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**Abstract:** The collection contains correspondence, copies of short stories, articles, and screenplays by Watkins, as well as aviation files with photographs of WWI aces, early airplanes (Curtis, Martin, Le Perce-Packard, Thomas-Morse Aircraft Corporation, and others), ca. 1910s-1920 and images apparently shot from them, including the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, and other New York views; various air fields around the country.

**Physical location:** Box 1 (Del Sur); Boxes 2-11 (SRLF).

**Languages:** English

### Access Restrictions

None. Majority of boxes stored off-site, please contact Special Collections to retrieve.

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### Acquisition Information

Undetermined.

### Biography

Richard Howells Watkins (1895 - ?) was an author in the adventure/detective genre, a World War I veteran, an inveterate traveler, and an auto racing, aviation, and maritime enthusiast. He was born in New York City on May 26, 1895, later residing in Riverside, Connecticut, and finally moving to Santa Barbara in 1956.

### Scope and Content of Collection

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## Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Watkins, Richard Howells

World War, 1914-1918 -- Aerial operations.

Airplanes, Military -- History -- 20th century.

Airplanes--History--20th century.

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Box 1	<b>Aviation, ca. 1910s-1920</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Includes photographs (b/w) of WWI aces, early airplanes (Curtis, Martin, Le Perce-Packard, Thomas-Morse Aircraft Corporation, and others), and images apparently shot from them, incl. Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, and other New York views; various air fields around the country.
Box 2	<b>Biographical/Personal</b> <b>Scope and Content Note</b> Includes certificate of baptism, Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, New York City, June 16 1895 (noting birth date of May 26, 1895) and passport, with photo of Watkins.
Box 2	<b>Book Reviews, ca. late 1920s-early 1930s</b>
Box 2	<b>Correspondence</b>
Box 2	<b>Incoming (also including some receipts and documents re travels), ca. 1925-1936</b>
Box 2	<b>1940s - incl. J. H. [Jimmy] Doolittle (aviation pioneer)</b>
	<b>Outgoing - and some incoming; most relating to writing/publishing</b>
	<b>General / Personal</b>
Box 2	<b>ca. 1913, 1928-1932</b>
Box 2	<b>ca. 1931-1955</b>
Box 2	<b>ca. 1942-1946, re Coast Guard service and other</b>
Box 2	<b>1947-1951</b>
Box 3	<b>1954-1955</b>
Box 3	<b>Abbot, Mary Squire</b>
Box 3	<b>Adventure Magazine, 1926-1943</b>
Box 3	<b>Blue Book, ca. 1930-1947</b>
Box 3-4	<b>Brandt, Carl, 1935-1960</b>
Box 4	<b>Business and Personal, ca. 1953-1955</b>
Box 4	<b>Detective Story Magazine, 1919</b>
Box 5	<b>Meyerhoff, Arthur, 1945</b>
Box 5	<b>Munsey Co., 1926-1937</b>
Box 5	<b>Service for Authors, Inc., 1930-1935</b>
Box 5	<b>Short Stories (magazine), ca. 1945-1949</b>
	<b>Diaries - work/travel schedule, incl. notes on how many pages written per day</b>
Box 5	<b>1925-1933</b>
Box 6	<b>1934-1958</b>
	<b>Writings - print copies of stories appearing in various magazines</b>
Box 7	<b><i>Ace-High Magazine</i>, 1922</b>
Box 7	<b><i>Adventure</i>, 1927-1949</b>
Box 7	<b><i>All-American Fiction</i>, 1938</b>
Box 7	<b><i>American Boy</i>, 1929-1930</b>
Box 7	<b><i>American Legion Magazine</i>, 1942</b>
Box 7	<b><i>American Magazine</i>, 1940</b>
Box 7	<b><i>Argosy</i>, 1922-1951</b>
Box 8	<b><i>Blue Book</i>, 1925-1950</b>
Box 8	<b><i>Britannia and Eve</i>, 1935</b>
Box 8	<b><i>Cassell's Magazine</i>, n.d.</b>

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Box 8	<b><i>Chicago Daily News, 1929</i></b>
Box 8	<b><i>Chicago Sunday Tribune, 1932</i></b>
Box 8	<b><i>Clues, 1930, 1933</i></b>
Box 8	<b><i>Collier's, 1936-1943</i></b>
Box 8	<b><i>Complete Stories, 1927-1937</i></b>
Box 8	<b><i>Country Home Magazine, 1938</i></b>
Box 9	<b><i>Detective Fiction Weekly, ca. 1928-1934</i></b>
Box 9	<b><i>Detective Story Magazine, 1920</i></b>
Box 9	<b><i>Elks Magazine, 1939</i></b>
Box 9	<b><i>Esquire, 1949</i></b>
Box 9	<b><i>Fiction Parade, 1935</i></b>
Box 9	<b><i>Flying Stories, 1929</i></b>
Box 9	<b><i>The Grand Magazine, 1928, 1934</i></b>
Box 9	<b><i>High Spot Magazine, 1931</i></b>
Box 9	<b><i>The Illustrated Detective Magazine, 1930</i></b>
Box 9	<b><i>The Illustrated Love Magazine, 1932</i></b>
Box 9	<b><i>Liberty, 1943-1947</i></b>
Box 9	<b><i>Live Stories, 1921, 1923</i></b>
Box 9	<b><i>Macleans, 1937-1947</i></b>
Box 9	<b><i>Munsey, 1926-1928</i></b>
Box 10	<b><i>Mystery Magazine, 1926-1927</i></b>
Box 10	<b><i>Mystery Stories, 1926-1927</i></b>
Box 10	<b><i>The Open Road for Boys, 1932</i></b>
Box 10	<b><i>Pocket Detective Magazine, 1936</i></b>
Box 10	<b><i>Popular Magazine, 1926, 1929</i></b>
Box 10	<b><i>Saturday Evening Post, 1927-1954</i></b>
Box 10	<b><i>Short Stories, 1926-1939</i></b>
Box 10	<b><i>This Week, 1940</i></b>
	<b>Miscellany - incl. research files</b>
Box 11	<b>Auto Racing</b>
Box 11	<b>Bloomfield, Howard - book collaboration, 1943</b>
Box 11	<b>Desert Rat Scrapbook (serial)</b>
	<b>Screenplays</b>
Box 11	<b>"Death Chute"</b>
Box 11	<b>"Full Throttle"</b>
Box 11	<b>Travel Photos - incl. West Indies (Antigua, Barbados, Trinidad), and England</b>
Box 11	<b>World War II Mementos</b>