The First Edition Society's initiative to publish a special edition of the works of more than 60 authors resulted in their correspondence with the editor of the publication, John R. Hawkins. Included are such literary lights as Simone de Beauvoir, John Cheever, John Kenneth Galbraith, Joseph Heller, Lillian Hellman, John Le Carre, Norman Mailer, James Michener, Françoise Sagan, C.P. Snow, William Styron, Barbara Tuchman, John Updike, Leon Uris and many others. Authors' typescripts for the preface to each represented work are also present in most instances.

Background note

Scope and content
The collection is formed around the correspondence of more than 60 authors with John R. Hawkins, editor of the First Edition Society of the Franklin Library located in Philadelphia. In most cases, this is combined with a 2-3 page preface, generally in typescript form to be published by the Society along with a work selected by the Society for a special edition.

A record has been prepared for each of the 60 authors. Each record employs the following data fields: Box No., Author, Recipient, Place, Date 1, Date 2, Type, No. of items and content.

Correspondence is always listed as between an author and John Hawkins, although it is occasionally with someone else in the office.

Place reflects location used by the author when writing letters.

The item count does not include the photocopied letters of Hawkins or his substitutes to an author, but
refers only to the amount written by the person noted in the "author" field.

There is a small group of strictly Society business letters, not to or from any of the authors

Content: description uses the term "preface" though in the correspondence, the author's work may be called a "special message to readers", "foreword" or other such term.

Arrangement within boxes is alphabetical.

A restriction had been placed on the use of the Michener material for the lifetime of that author -- which has now been lifted.

For further detail, please see the inventory which follows.

Administrative information

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accession no. 6967

Other descriptive information
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Collection inventory

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Author: Anderson, Robert
Recipient: John Hawkins
Place: NY

- Type: TLsS, TS, sig. sheet

Content:
Getting Up and Going Home is Society selection. TS is 3-p. preface.

# of Items: 1
Box #: 2

Author: Atkinson, Brooks
Recipient: John Hawkins
Place: Durham, NY

- Type: TS, annotated

Content: Placed as part of the Thornton Wilder file, this 3-p. TS is preface written by Atkinson for Wilder's Alcestiad, the Society's choice. There is also an ALS by Isabel Wilder about the book.
Author: Auchincloss, Louis S.
Recipient: John Hawkins
Place: NY
- Type: TLS, copies of TLS

Content: *The Rector of Justin* as Society selection.

Date 1: 08/05/76 # of Items: 4, 5
Box #: 1
Date 2: 12/30/76

Author: Beauvoir, Simone de
Content: See Morante, Elsa

Box #: 1

Date 1: 09/07/79 # of Items: 11, 1, 1
Box #: 1
Date 2: 01/17/80

Author: Bourjaily, Vance
Recipient: John Hawkins
Place: Iowa City, Iowa
- Type: TLS, TS, copy of TS

Content: *A Game Men Play* is Society selection. TS is 2p. signed preface. Also article about Bourjaily in photocopy is annotated by him.

Box #: 1

Date 1: 10/18/79 # of Items: 2, 1, 1
Box #: 1
Date 2: 03/03/80

Author: Bradbury, Walter I.
Content: See Catton, William B.

Box #: 1

Date 1: 08/05/78 # of Items: 1, copy
Box #: 1

Author: Brown, Dee
Recipient: John Hawkins
Place: Little Rock, Arkansas
- Type: TLS, TS, sig. sheet

Content: *Creek Mary's Blood* is Society selection. 3-p. preface to this work is TS.

Box #: 1

Date 1: 07/24/79 # of Items: 5, 1, 1
Box #: 1
Date 2: 05/23/80

Author: Catton, Bruce
Recipient: John Hawkins
- Type: Sig. sheet

Content: See entry for William B. Catton.
Author: Catton, William B.
Recipient: John Hawkins
Place: Middlebury, VT

- Type: TLsS, TS, sig. sheet

Content: About Catton's *The Coming Fury* which is the Society's selection. Also about Bruce and William B. Catton's *The Bold and Magnificent Dream* which was also chosen by the Society and for which there is a 3-p. preface.

Author: Cheever, John
Recipient: John Hawkins
Place: Ossining, NY

- Type: TLsS

Content: About getting copies of his stories published by the Society, and their choice of *The Wapshot Chronicle*.

Author: Coles, Robert
Recipient: John Hawkins
Place: Cambridge, MA

- Type: TLS, TS

Content: 2-p. TS is preface to *Women of Crisis* by Robert Coles and Jane Hallowell Coles.

Author: Crichton, Michael
Recipient: John Hawkins
Place: Beverly Hills, CA

- Type: TSS

Content: 2-p. preface to Society's selection of Crichton's *Congo*.

Author: Donleavy, J.P.
Recipient: John Hawkins
Place: Co. Westmeath, Ireland

- Type: TLS, TSS, annotated

Content: TS is a 2-p. preface to Society's selection of Donleavy's *Destinies of Darcy Dancer, Gentleman*.
Author: Drury, Allen
Recipient: John Hawkins
Place: Tiburon, CA
Type: ANsS, TSs, TLsS, telegram
Content: The TSs are annotated; 2 of the TLsS are photocopies. TSs are prefaces to *Anna* (2-p.), *A God Against the Gods* (1-p. and 3-p.).

Date 1: # of Items: 1 Box #: 1
07/11/78

Author: Farrell, James T.
Recipient: John Hawkins
Place: NY
Type: TLS
Content: Letter encloses list of Farrell's books.

Date 1: # of Items: ca. 15 Box #: 1
08/18/76
01/19/77

Author: (Faulkner, William)
Recipient: John Hawkins
Content: This is a group of materials by various people, particularly Paul Gardner who did interviews all over the country toward the Society's *A Faulkner Perspective*.

Date 1: # of Items: 1 Box #: 1
12/29/78

Author: Fowles, John
Recipient: John Hawkins
Type: APCS
Content: Thanks for his copy of *The French Lieutenant's Woman*.

Date 1: # of Items: 1, 1 Box #: 1
05/25/79

Author: Fraser, Antonia
Recipient: John Hawkins
Place: London
Type: ALS, copy, TS, annotated
Content: 2-p. preface for the Society's selection of Fraser's *Mary Queen of Scots*.

Date 1: # of Items: 1 Box #: 1
08/10/76

Author: Galbraith, John Kenneth
Recipient: John Hawkins
Place: Cambridge, MA
Type: TLS and copy
Content: Re Galbraith's *Affluent Society* for Franklin Society and on marketing of the editions.

Box #: 1
Author: Giroux, Robert  
Content: See Percy, Walker

Date 1: 10/12/76
10/12/76  
10/15/77
Date 2: 04/15/77

# of Items: 5, 1, 2, 1
Box #: 1
Box #: 1

Author: Grau, Shirley Ann  
Recipient: John Hawkins  
Place: Metairie, LA

• Type: TLsS, ANS, TS, sig. sheet

Content: 2 of the TLsS are photocopies. In addition to the 2-p. annotated TS, which is the preface to the Society's selection of Grau's Evidence of Love, there is also the galley-proof of this preface.

Date 1: 12/15/76
12/15/76

# of Items: 1
Box #: 1

Author: Green, Gerald  
Recipient: John Hawkins  
Place: Stamford, CT

• Type: TLS

Content: The letter was supposed to accompany Green's preface to An American Prophet, but the latter was not present.

Date 1: 10/16/77
10/16/77

# of Items: 1
Box #: 1

Author: Greene, Graham  
Recipient: John Hawkins

• Type: TS

Content: 2-p. TS is preface to Society's selection of Greene's The Human Factor.

Date 1: 08/19/77
08/19/77

# of Items: 1, 1
Box #: 1
Box #: 1

Author: Heller, Joseph  
Recipient: John Hawkins

• Type: ANS, annotated TSS

Content: 3-p. TS is preface to Society's selection of Heller's (Good as Gold?).

Date 1: 08/19/77
08/19/77

# of Items: 3
Box #: 1
Box #: 1

Author: Hellman, Lillian  
Recipient: Neil Zelenetz

• Type: TLS, copy

Content: financial issues.

Date 1: 07/16/77
07/16/77

# of Items: 1
Box #: 1

Author: Hersey, John  
Recipient: John Hawkins  
Place: MA and CT
- Type: ALsS
  
  Date 1: 08/01/80
  # of Items: 1
  Box #: 1
  
  Author: Kaplan, Justin
  Recipient: John Hawkins
  Place: Truro, MA
  
  - Type: TS, annotated
  
  Content: TS is 3-p. preface to Society's selection of his *Walt Whitman: A Life*.

- Type: TS, annotated
  
  Date 1: 10/04/76, 05/27/79
  # of Items: 2, 2
  Box #: 1
  
  Author: Lash, Joseph P.
  Recipient: John Hawkins
  Place: New York, NY
  
  - Type: TLsS, TSs, annotated
  
  Content: One TLS is a photocopy (1979); the 2- and 3-p. TSs are prefaces to Lash's *Roosevelt and Churchill* and *Eleanor and Franklin*.

- Type: ANsS, TSsS
  
  Memo: John Le Carre is the pseudonym for David Cornwell.
  
  Content: TSs are 2- and 3-p. prefaces to Le Carre's books *Smiley's People* and *The Honourable Schoolboy*.

- Type: ALS, TLS, TS, sig. sheet
  
  Content: One 9-p. annotated TS is preface to Lindbergh's *War Within and Without* for the Society, the other TS is a 3-p. preface for the same book.

- Type: TLS
  
  Content: TLS thanking Hawkins upon receiving a copy of *The Naked and The Dead*. 
Date 1: 11/14/78
12/01/78
Box #: 1

Author: Malamud, Bernard
Recipient: John Hawkins

- Type: ALS

Date 1: 02/23/79
09/03/79
Box #: 1

Author: Masters, John
Recipient: John Hawkins
Place: Sante Fe, New Mexico

- Type: TLS
- Memo: Marjorie Canton Jones is English researcher 1 TLS

Content: 1, 2, 3, concern the mailing of Now, God Be Thanked to English researcher and meeting Hawkins in NY. 4, 5 relate to errors in the illustrations.

Date 1: 3/13/78
Box #: 1

Author: Matthiessen, Peter
Recipient: John Hawkins

- Type: TLS, TS

Content: TLS cover for the TS. TS message for The Snow Leopard.

Date 1: 06/03/79
07/21/80
Box #: 1

Author: Michener, James
Recipient: John Hawkins
Place: St. Michaels, MD

- Type: TS, ANS, doc., TLS
- Memo: This material was restricted for the life time of the author!

Content: TS is a 2-p. preface to Society's choice of The Covenant with ANS attached and is signed 8 times. Document is photocopied transcript of interview of Michener by Darby Perry with photocopied follow-up letter by Michener.

Date 1: 01/20/77
04/29/77
Box #: 1

Author: Morante, Elsa
Recipient: John Hawkins

- Type: TSS, sig. sheet, TLS, ALS

Content: Elsa Morante's annotated, signed 3-p. TS is preface to Society's choice of History, the original Italian title. There is also ALS by William Weaver, TLS by Ellen Wright and 3-p. TS by Simone de Beauvoir.
Author: Oates, Joyce Carol
Recipient: John Hawkins
Place: Princeton, NJ

- Type: TLsS, TSs, APCS

Content: 3-p. TS is preface to Society's choice of Bellefleur; also TS, photocopy, marked "Author's Copy", of introduction.

Author: Paton, Alan
Recipient: John Hawkins

- Type: TSS

Content: 3-p. TS is preface to Society's choice of Cry the Beloved Country.

Author: Percy, Walker
Recipient: John Hawkins
Place: Covington, LA

- Type: TSS, TLsS, TS copy

Content: TSS is 3-p. preface of Society's choice of The Second Coming. One TLS by Robert Giroux is about getting around in N.Y.

Author: Roth, Philip
Recipient: John Hawkins
Place: Cornwall Bridge, CT

- Type: TLS
  - Memo: No TS preface present.

Content: Concerns Roth's book chosen by the Society.

Author: Safire, William
Recipient: John Hawkins

- Type: TSS, annotated

Content: Ts is 3-p. preface to the Society's choice.

Author: Sagan, Françoise
Recipient: John Hawkins

- Type: TS, annotated

Content: 2-p. Ts, in French, is preface to the Society's choice, The Unmade Bed.
Date 1: 01/27/78  
# of Items: 1  
Box #: 1

Author: Salisbury, Harrison  
Recipient: John Hawkins  
Place: [New York]  
- Type: ANS  
- Memo: No TS for preface present.

Date 1: 03/04/76  
# of Items: 4, 1, 1  
Box #: 2

Date 1: 06/10/77  
# of Items: 9  
Box #: 2

Author: Saroyan, William  
Recipient: John Hawkins  
Place: Fresno, CA  
- Type: TLsS, TS, ALS, TLsS copy, TLS transcription  
  Content: Photocopied, annotated 3-p. TS is preface to Society's choice *Sons Come and Go, Mothers Hang on Forever*. One TL is signed four times.

Date 1: 04/11/77  
# of Items: 1, 1  
Box #: 1

Date 1: 08/03/79  
# of Items: 1, 1  
Box #: 1

Author: Schlesinger, Arthur  
Recipient: John Hawkins  
Place: New York, New York  
- Type: TNS, TLS  
- Memo: No TS for preface present.

Date 1: 06/21/77  
# of Items: 2, 1, 2  
Box #: 1

Date 1: 08/15/79  
# of Items: 1  
Box #: 1

Author: Shaw, Irwin  
Recipient: John Hawkins  
Place: London and New York  
- Type: TLsS, TS, ANsS, ALS  
  Content: 4-p. TS is preface to Society's choice, *Beggarman, Thief*.

Date 1: 02/07/79  
# of Items: 1, 1  
Box #: 1

Author: Singer, Isaac Bashevis  
Recipient: John Hawkins  
Place: New York, New York  
- Type: T. fragments., TS  
- Memo: No TS for preface present.

Content: Photocopied TS is editor's introduction and other information for Society's choice, *Gimpel the Fool and Other Stories*. This appears annotated in the author's hand.

Date 1: 04/23/79  
# of Items: 1, 2, 2  
Box #: 1
Author: Smith, Red  
Recipient: John Hawkins  
Place: New York, New York

- Type: TLS, TSs, sig. sheet

Content: One TS is 4-p. annotated preface about John O'Hara. The other is a reformatted photocopy.

Date 1: 06/05/79  
Date 2: 10/15/80  
# of Items: 7, 1  
Box #: 1

Author: Snow, C.P. (Charles Percy)  
Recipient: John Hawkins  
Place: London

- Type: TLsS, TSS

Content: 2-p. TS is preface to Society's choice of *A Coat of Varnish*. There are also materials re payments to his estate.

Date 1: 12/19/75  
Date 2: 04/02/80  
# of Items: 11, 1, 1  
Box #: 2

Author: Spender, Stephen  
Recipient: Ken McCormick  
Place: Gainesville, FL

- Type: ALS, TS copy

Content: The 3-p. annotated TS is for Society's choice of Auden material.

Date 1: 05/10/76  
# of Items: 1, 1  
Box #: 2

Author: Stegner, Wallace  
Recipient: John Hawkins  
Place: Los Altos Hills, CA

- Type: TLsS, TS, ANS, TLsS copy

Content: The 3-p. annotated TS is for Society's choice of *Recapitulation*. The second group of TLsS noted above is photocopies. There is also a set of publicity photos of Stegner.

Date 1: 08/04/75  
Date 2: 07/30/80  
# of Items: 4, 2, 1  
Box #: 2

Author: Stone, Irving  
Recipient: John Hawkins  
Place: Beverly Hills, CA

- Type: TLsS, TSs, TSS

Content: The 3-p. TSS is an introduction to *Lust for Life*; the 10-p. annotated TS is the author's copy of editors' introduction to *The Origin*; the 5-p. TS is preface to the Society's choice for *The Agony and The Ecstasy*. There is a copied set of the TLsS and 1-p. TS.

Date 1: 06/02/76  
# of Items: 3, 1, 1  
Box #: 1
Author: Styron, William  
Recipient: John Hawkins  
Place: Vineyard Haven, MA  

- Type: HMS, ANS, TLS, TS, copy

Content: The 3-p. holograph manuscript describes how Styron's dream about a Polish Catholic woman who had lived in his rooming house in 1947 led him to write *Sophie's Choice*. The 4-p. photocopied TS is preface for Society's choice of Nat Turner.

Date 1: # of Items: 2, 2, 1,   Box #: 1  
01/31/78 Date 1: 08/28/78

Date 2: 08/28/78

Author: Theroux, Paul  
Recipient: John Hawkins  
Place: London and MA  

- Type: TLsS, TSs

Content: One annotated 3-p. TS is preface for Society's choice of *Picture Palace*; the other is a 1-p. annotated photocopy.

Date 1: # of Items: 2, 1, 1,   Box #: 2  
03/14/72 Date 1: 08/16/78

Date 2: 08/16/78

Author: Tuchman, Barbara  
Recipient: John Hawkins  
Place: New York and CT  

- Type: ALsS, APCS, TS, ANS

Content: This slightly annotated 3-p. TS is preface to the Society's choice of *A Different Mirror*. There is also an author-corrected brochure put out by the Society for this selection.

Date 1: # of Items: 11, 3,   Box #: 2  
06/22/76 Date 1: 10/22/80

Date 2: 10/22/80

Author: Updike, John  
Recipient: John Hawkins  
Place: Georgetown, MA  

- Type: TLsS, TSs, galleys

Content: One 3-p. annotated TS is preface for the Society's choice of *Marry Me* with an annotated galley proof; the other is for *Rabbit, Redux* for which there is also an annotated photocopy and 3 photocopies. There is an annotated galley for *Rabbit Run* and 6.

Date 1: # of Items: 1, 1   Box #: 2  
05/21/76 Date 1: 12/08/76

Date 2: 12/08/76

Author: Uris, Leon  
Recipient: John Hawkins  
Place: Aspen, CO  

- Type: TLsS, TSS

Content: One TL is signed 3 times; there are photocopies of 3 additional TLsS; one discusses Israel and her standing among the nations of the world. The 1-p. annotated TS is for the Society's choice of *Exodus*.
Author: Vonnegut, Kurt
Recipient: John Hawkins
Place: New York

- Type: TS, TLS, copy

Content: The 3-p. annotated TS is preface to the Society's choice of *Jailbird*.

Author: Weaver, William
Content: See Morante, Elsa

Author: Welty, Eudore
Recipient: John Hawkins
Place: Jackson, MI

- Type: TLsS, TSs

Content: 1-p. TS is preface for the Society's choice of *Collected Stories*. One annotated, photocopied TS is the author's copy of the editor's introduction; the other, heavily annotated by Welty, is biographical and labelled "To Our Subscribers".

Author: West, Jessamyn
Recipient: John Hawkins
Place: Napa, CA

- Type: TS, sig. sheet, ANS

Content: The 3-p. TS is preface, quite possibly, to the Society's choice *The Life I Really Lived*.

Author: West, Morris
Recipient: John Hawkins
Place: Westworth, Surrey, England

- Type: TLS, TSS

Content: The 2-p. TS is preface for the Society's choice of *Proteus*.

Author: Wilder, Isabel
Content: See Atkinson, Brooks

Author: Wilder, Thornton
Content: See Atkinson, Brooks
Date 1: 12/09/76

# of Items: 2, 2

Box #: 2

11/27/78

Box #: 1

Author: Wouk, Herman
Recipient: John Hawkins
Place: Washington, D.C.

- Type: TLsS, TSs, copied

Content: Both 2-p. TSs are for the Society's choice of *The Caine Mutiny*, but one of them is annotated.

Author: Wright, Ellen
Content: See Morante, Elsa