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William Vincent Byars Papers, 1878-1949

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DONOR INFORMATION

Papers were donated by Katherine Byars in May 1949.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

A newspaper man, poet, and editor, William Vincent Byars was born June 21, 1857, in Covington, Tennessee. He was taught by his father, James Byars, principal of Tipton High School in Covington, who gave him a classical and scientific education. He began his career as an associate editor for the *Weekly Record* in Covington in 1877. In 1879, he moved to St. Louis where he worked for the *St. Louis Daily Times*. He later worked for the *St. Louis Globe-Democrat*, *Missouri Republican*, *St. Louis Republic*, and the *St. Louis Chronicle*. In 1893, he took a position with the *New York World*, remaining there for four years, before returning to St. Louis. He opened an office in the Temple Building, where he wrote poetry and articles for *Reedy's Mirror* and other publications. He was the managing editor for a 10-volume compilation titled *The World's Best Orations*, and also wrote several collections of poetry. Byars married Miss Loula Clement Collins in 1880, and in 1887 they moved to a home in Kirkwood, St. Louis County, Missouri. He died June 21, 1938, at his home in Kirkwood.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection includes correspondence of William V. Byars with numerous individuals including newspaper men, politicians, and literary figures. Principal correspondents include Arthur Brisbane, William Marion Reedy, and Byars' father, James Byars. The collection also contains poems and other writings of William V. Byars.

When this collection was processed in 2007-2008, the original arrangement was largely retained. It's unclear whether this arrangement reflected the order imposed by William V. Byars, the donor of the collection, or a previous Missouri Historical Society archivist. The collection is arranged in the following series:

The **William V. Byars' Correspondence Series (1878-1919)** is the largest series and consists primarily of correspondence to William V. Byars from numerous correspondents. Among the topics discussed in the correspondence are politics; Byars' literary work and literary issues in general; the newspaper business; and affairs in

Kirkwood, Missouri. The series includes some copies of Byars' outgoing correspondence. The series is arranged chronologically.

The **Newspaper Men Correspondence Series (1881-1938)** consists primarily of correspondence from newspaper men to William V. Byars. The bulk of the correspondence is with Arthur Brisbane. The series also includes some copies of Byars' outgoing correspondence. The series is arranged alphabetically by the name of the correspondence; each correspondent's letters are, in turn, arranged chronologically.

The **William Marion Reedy Correspondence Series (1895-1917)** consists primarily of correspondence between William V. Byars and William Marion Reedy, editor of *Reedy's Mirror*. The series includes letters of Reedy to Byars and copies of letters of Byars to Reedy. Much of the correspondence relates to payment for articles Byars wrote for *Reedy's Mirror*. The series is arranged chronologically.

The **General Correspondence Series (1915-1937)** consists primarily of correspondence to William V. Byars from numerous correspondents and copies of Byars' outgoing correspondence. Several letters discuss World War I. The series is arranged chronologically.

The **Historical Societies Correspondence Series (1937-1938)** consists primarily of correspondence of William V. Byars with historical societies. The series is arranged chronologically.

The **Postmortem Correspondence Series (1938-1942)** consists primarily of correspondence to William V. Byars' children from several correspondents.

The **William V. Byars' Writings Series (1895-1949)** consists primarily of poems and other writings of William V. Byars.

The **James Byars' Correspondence Series (1876-1900)** consists primarily of correspondence of James Byars to his son William V. Byars and letters of William V. Byars to his father. The series is arranged chronologically.

William V. Byars' Correspondence Series

Box 1

Folder 1

Inventory to collection (perhaps compiled by William V. Byars or the donor) (47 pages)

Folder 2

- 1878 Postcard signed Thos. McGregor to W.V. Byars, Mason Depot, Tennessee (in care of John Epperson, Covington, Tennessee), regarding yellow fever epidemic; "dead-wagons are as common as drays on the street." Enclosed letter signed C.G. Fisher, Gage & Fisher, Memphis, Tennessee, to Dr. T.H. McGregor, August 28, 1878, advising him not to seek employment in Memphis due to a yellow fever outbreak.
- 1879 Mar 20 Letter signed Jon. Grant Hall[?], House of Representatives, Nashville, Tennessee, to W.V. Byars, Covington, Tennessee, briefly discusses 41st General Assembly; "We have been cursed, slandered, and abused."
- 1883 Aug 7 Letter signed Chas. E. Slayback, St. Louis, to W.V. Byars, regarding Geo. M. Wilde's financial troubles and money owed to Byars. Includes draft of Chas. E. Slayback for \$195 made out to W.V. Byars.
- 1883 Dec 5 Letter from Chas. E. Slayback, New Orleans, to my dear Byars, regarding draft Geo. Wilde has not paid to Byars. (Portion of letter is torn off.)
- 1884 April 11 Letter signed John J. O'Neill, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., to Wm. V. Byars, in reply to letter from Byars. Discusses being bedridden, and also partisanship in regards to voting on a tariff bill.
- 1884 June 14 Letter signed T.F. Bayard [Thomas F. Bayard], U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C., to W.V. Byars, St. Louis, in reply to a letter from Byars thanking him for publicity and political encouragement.
- 1884 June 14 Brief letter signed George William Custis, West New Brighton, Staten Island, New York, to my dear sir, in reply to note from Byars.
- 1884 June 29 Letter signed John J. O'Neill, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., to dear friend Byars, regarding a speech made in Congress referring to labor law.

- 1884 July 11 [or 16] Letter signed T.F. Bayard [Thomas F. Bayard], Wilmington, Delaware, to dear sir, regarding Bayard's nomination as a presidential candidate.
- 1885 Apr 24 Brief letter signed T.F. Bayard [Thomas F. Bayard], Department of State, Washington, D.C., to W.V. Byars, St. Louis, regarding appointment of Byars' father.
- 1885 May 15 Letter signed W.H., *Missouri Republican*, St. Louis, to Mr. Byars, critiquing Byars' work.
- 1885 June 26 Typescript letter signed Norman J. Colman, commissioner of agriculture, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C., to W.V. Byars, St. Louis, regarding Byars' father's status for appointment as "State Agent for the collection of crop reports" for the state of Tennessee. Attached press copy of letter signed Jerome Hill to Norman J. Colman, April 8, 1885, recommending Judge James Byars for the position of investigator of forestry for the state of Tennessee.
- 1885 July 25 Letter signed T.F. Bayard [Thomas F. Bayard], Washington, D.C., to W.V. Byars, St. Louis, in reply to letter from Byars.
- 1885 Nov 30 Brief letter signed T.F. Bayard [Thomas F. Bayard], Department of State, Washington, D.C., to W.V. Byars, in reply to letter from Byars. Bayard writes of his hopes to secure the respect of Byars and the rest of the country.
- 1887 Mar 28 Brief letter signed L.F. Jones, Warren, Jones & Gratz, St. Louis, to Wm. V. Byars, regarding Dr. Warren's acceptance of the sale of his Essex house in Kirkwood to Byars.
- 1888 Dec 5 Letter signed T.F. Bayard [Thomas F. Bayard], Washington, D.C., to W.V. Byars, Kirkwood, Missouri, regarding current military activity and also praising Byars for his verse on General Lee.
- 1889 Feb 21 Letter signed T.G.C. Davis, Denton, Texas, to Wm. V. Byars, Kirkwood, Missouri, seeking the identity of the author for *The Republic* who wrote "Plummerville Murders."
- 1889 Dec 15 Letter signed Wm. B. Bate [William Brimage Bate], U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C., to W.V. Byars, St. Louis, Missouri, regarding article sent to Bate from Byars, and thanking Byars for an editorial speaking of Bate's address at the dedication of "Battle-Ground Academy" that was republished in pamphlet form by the citizens of Franklin. Bates also asks that his copy of *The Republic* be sent

to Washington instead of Nashville, and mentions the death of Mr. Davis.

Folder 3

- 1890 Apr 17 Letter signed Susan Dabney Snider, Helena, Montana, to dear sir, with a review of her book. (Includes facsimile of letter signed Wm. Gladstone, Hawarden Castle, Chester, to Mrs. Snider.)
- 1890 Nov 6 Letter signed Edward A. Allen, Department of English, University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri, to W.V. Byars, requesting that Byars make an address at the university for commencement next June.
- 1891 Apr 28 Postcard signed Edw. A. Allen to W.V. Byars, St. Louis, Missouri, with congratulations on a published poem.
- 1891 Aug 17 Typescript letter signed A.A. Lesueur, secretary of state, City of Jefferson, Missouri, to W.V. Byars, Kirkwood, Missouri, congratulating Byars on his poem that appeared in the "Republic."
- 1891 Nov 30 Letter signed Wm. B. Bate [William Brimage Bate], Maxwell House, Nashville, Tennessee, to W.V. Byars, St. Louis, Missouri, regarding a speech Bate made that he would like Byars to read.
- 1891 Dec 20 Letter signed Ed. Paine, Paine's Opera House, Covington, Tennessee, to W.V. Byars, regarding publication of Byars' book. He admires the work because it reminds him of their literary relationship in the past. Paine also sends greetings from his father and his wife to give to Byars.
- 1891 Dec 23 Letter signed W.M. Bryant, Webster Groves, Missouri, to W.V. Byars, Kirkwood, Missouri, regarding the receipt of "The Tempting of the King," and an article Bryant will be publishing in the *American Journal of Education*.
- 1891 Dec 25 Letter signed F.M. Crunden [Frederick M. Crunden], 3749 Laclede Ave., [St. Louis], to W.V. Byars, praising Byars' "The Tempting of the King." He asks Byars to sign his copy.
- 1891 Dec 25 Letter signed Edw. A. Allen [Edward A. Allen], University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri, to Mr. Byars. Regarding the receipt of Byars' book, "The Tempting of the King." He thanks Byars for the copy, praises its content, and includes some corrections to editing errors.
- 1891 Dec 28 Letter signed B.S. Russell, Jamestown, North Dakota, to Wm.

- Vincent Byars, praising Byars' work. Russell includes a correction in diction.
- 1891 Dec 30 Letter signed Brander Matthews, New York, to Col. Jones, regarding a possible published review for Byars' poem.
- 1892 Jan 14 Letter signed R.E. Lee Gibson, Fulton, Missouri, to William Vincent Byars, Kirkwood, Missouri, praising Byars' poem published in the *Republic*; "I would be lacking in my love for the Muses, if I did not congratulate you cordially . . ."
- 1892 Jan 24 Letter signed R.E. Lee Gibson, Fulton, Missouri, to William Vincent Byars, Kirkwood, Missouri, regarding the receipt of Byars' "The Tempting of the King." Gibson expresses his gratitude and praises Byars' work.
- 1892 Jan 24 Letter signed R.E. Lee Gibson, Fulton, Missouri, to William Vincent Byars, Kirkwood, Missouri, including his personal impressions of "The Tempting of the King." (7 pages)
- 1892 Feb 6 Letter signed W.M. Bryant, Webster Groves, Missouri, to W.V. Byars, Kirkwood, Missouri, regarding "The Tempting of the King," and thanking Byars for his literary criticism.
- 1892 Mar 19 Letter signed W.M. Bryant, Webster Groves, Missouri, to Mr. Byars, in review of Byars' book.
- 1892 Mar 26 Letter signed W.M. Bryant, Webster Groves, Missouri, to my dear Mr. Byars, regarding the second edition of Byars' "Tempting of the King." Bryant praises the work and Byars' efforts toward improved literary education.
- 1892 Mar 31 Letter signed W.M. Bryant, Central High School, to my dear Mr. Byars, regarding Byars' review of his work.
- 1892 Nov 16 Contemporary copy of letter signed W.V. Byars, St. Louis, Missouri, to W.R. Hollister, Louisiana, Missouri, in reply to a letter from Hollister "asking Mr. Bland's opinion of Mr. Dockery's conduct after President Cleveland's Proclamation," and at the Springfield Convention.
- 1892 Nov 26 Letter signed W.M. Bryant, Webster Groves, Missouri, to my dear Mr. Byars, regarding the review of Byars' work that Bryant will contribute to the *Journal of Education*.
- 1892 Dec 13 Typescript letter signed R.H. Jesse, president, University of the

State of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri, to Wm. Vincent Byars, St. Louis, Missouri, regarding the poem Byars sent to him. Jesse also includes his reasoning for bidding the *Republic* "God speed in its crusade upon" the outrageous pension system.

- 1893 Jan 26 Letter signed F.G. Holwerk, Magnolia & January Aves. [St. Louis], to W. Byars, St. Louis, Missouri, regarding Byars' reply to Holwerk's review of the poem "Tannhauser." He also asks that Byars ensure that the *Republic* is delivered to Holwerk's address.
- 1893 Jan 27 Letter signed W.M. Bryant, Webster Groves, Missouri, to my dear Mr. Byars, in review of Byars' poem "Tannhauser."
- 1893 Feb 28 Letter signed W.M. Bryant, Webster Groves, Missouri, to my dear Mr. Byars, thanking Byars for his editorial on education.
- 1893 Mar 13 Brief letter signed Edwin C. Bennett, Mogollon, New Mexico, to W.V. Byars, hoping to hear from Byars.
- 1893 Mar 27 Letter signed R.E. Lee Gibson, St. Louis Insane Asylum, St. Louis, Missouri, to W.V. Byars, St. Louis, Missouri, regarding Gibson's notes on Byars' "Tannhauser."
- 1893 June 17 Letter signed Burwell Fox, U.S. commissioner, Ironton, Missouri, to W.V. Byars, Kirkwood, Missouri, regarding his disappointment that Byars and Col. Jones left the *Republic*, because he fears that will "call a halt in the fight for genuine financial reform." Fox asks that Byars let him know if they should become involved with any other publications.
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- 1893 June 25 Letter signed Geo. E. Hunt [George E. Hunt], U.S. Department of Agriculture, Omaha, Nebraska, to Wm. V. Byars, St. Louis, introducing I.J. Williams.
- 1893 June 29 Letter signed Thos. J. Donegan, Metropolitan Police Department, St. Louis, to W.V. Byars, suggesting that Byars speak to Major L. Harrigan about Donegan's qualifications for the position of sergeant.
- 1893 July 2 Letter signed Emile Karst, 2736 Geyer Avenue, St. Louis, to my dear Mr. Byars, Kirkwood, Missouri, regarding the publication of Byars' poem with illustrations. She also mentions that Miss Gertrude Ridgely is to recite the poem.
- 1893 July 11 Letter signed R.P. Bland [Richard P. Bland], Lebanon, Missouri, to

my dear Mr. Byars, regarding an article on labor for publication. Bland also expresses his regret that Byars left the *Republic*.

- 1893 July 14 Letter signed R.P. Bland [Richard P. Bland], Lebanon, Missouri, to W.V. Byars, St. Louis, regarding the Sherman Law.
- 1893 July 22 Letter signed E. Karst [Emile Karst], 2736 Geyer Avenue, St. Louis, to my dear Mr. Byars, Kirkwood, Missouri, requesting Byars to write the words to be sung by school children at the dedication of the statue "Lafayette and Washington" at the French Society. The music is to be composed by Gounod. Karst also mentions that Mr. McCreery suggested Byars and Karst compose a national hymn.
- 1893 Aug 17 Letter signed R.P. Bland [Richard P. Bland], U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., to Wm. V. Byars, St. Louis, regarding the opposition of silver in the White House.
- 1893 Aug 21 Letter signed R.P. Bland [Richard P. Bland], U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., to W.V. Byars, St. Louis, regarding the editorial to be read in the house.
- 1893 Sept 26 Letter signed R.E. Lee Gibson, St. Louis Insane Asylum, St. Louis, to W.V. Byars, Kirkwood, Missouri, praising Byars' poem "The Color Bearer."
- 1893 Dec 18 Letter signed Richard P. Bland, chairman of Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., to W.V. Byars, St. Louis, Missouri, encouraging Byars to continue in the fight, because the success of the party depends on the people. Bland also mentions that The Silver League is doing better, although they have no funds.
- 1893 Dec 23 Letter signed Henry T. Kent, St. Louis, to W.V. Byars, St. Louis, regarding Byars' article in the *Republic* on the "Virginia Gentleman."
- 1893 Dec 27 Letter signed Ellen A. Bernoudy to Mr. Byars, asking what day Byars would be able to call upon Mrs. McClure, an eighty-year-old woman who is president of the D.O.C. She would like to meet him.
- circa 1894-1895 Letter signed Lily E. Jones to Mr. Byars, begging Byars to rethink his choice not to come back to St. Louis. Mrs. Jones believes that it would be in her husband's best interest, as it would be in Byars' as well.

- 1894 Jan 1 Typescript note signed Smith, Herald Co., Mystic, Iowa, to C.W. Alban & Co., St. Louis, asking for a copy of "Tannhauser," promising to repay Byars with notice.
- 1894 Jan 2 Letter signed Ellen A. Bernoudy, Office Superintendent Public Schools, Board of Education Building, Ninth and Locust Streets, St. Louis, to my dear Mr. Byars, regarding a meeting with Mrs. McClure.
- 1894 Jan 4 Letter signed Ellen A. Bernoudy, Office Superintendent Public Schools, Board of Education Building, Ninth and Locust Streets, St. Louis, to my dear Mr. Byars, thanking Byars for a poem. Bernoudy also includes the address of Mrs. Margaret A.E. McClure, 43 Vandeventer Place.
- 1894 Jan 4 Letter signed E.A. Bernoudy, Office Superintendent Public Schools, Board of Education Building, Ninth and Locust Streets, St. Louis, to my dear Mr. Byars, requesting that Byars look over a few verses that she wrote before they are printed.
- 1894 Jan 9 Letter signed Wm. B. Bate, Washington, D.C., to W.V. Byars, St. Louis, praising Byars for turning down a job at *The New York World*, and for seeing the importance of pronouncing his own political convictions as more important than earning a large sum of money. He mentions a few papers that might be in need of an editor, and he offers to speak on Byars' behalf as he has already done in another case. Bate also writes of the party's failures.
- 1894 Jan 23 Typescript letter signed P.G. Robert to Mr. Byars, St. Louis, regarding Byars' work. Robert critiques Byars' theory on the origin of "agnosticism."
- 1894 Feb 7 Unsigned letter, Stratman, Missouri, to William Vincent Byars, praising Byars' work in the *Republic*.
- 1894 Feb 16 Letter signed Mrs. Margaret A.E. McClure, St. Louis, to W.V. Byars, expressing appreciation for "The Tempting of the King" and his articles in the *Republic*.
- 1894 Feb 20 Letter signed S.R. Shelton, Covington, Tennessee, to Wm. V. Byars, St. Louis, thanking Byars for his good opinion of Shelton's abilities. Shelton, however, feels that he is not able enough to fill the office of president.
- 1894 Feb 24 Letter signed W.D. Leeper, Chapman & Leeper, lawyers, Chillicothe, Missouri, to William Vincent Byars, St. Louis,

regarding an opening with a county newspaper, the *Constitution*. Leeper describes the paper, its circulation, and how much it should pay if there is good management. He believes that Byars would be good for managing the paper if he would only desire to do so. (6 pages)

- 1894 Feb 27 Letter signed W.D. Leeper, Chapman & Leeper, lawyers, Chillicothe, Missouri, to W.V. Byars, St. Louis, updating Byars on the affairs of the *Constitution*.
- 1894 Mar 22 Letter signed R.P. Bland [Richard P. Bland], chairman of Committee on Coinage, Weights, and Measures, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., to W.V. Byars, St. Louis.
- 1894 Apr 13 Letter signed R.P. Bland [Richard P. Bland], chairman of Committee on Coinage, Weights, and Measures, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., to W.V. Byars, St. Louis, Mo. States that he is in favor of the repeal of the 10-percent tax.
- 1894 Aug 15 Letter signed R.P. Bland, chairman of Committee on Coinage, Weights, and Measures, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., to W.V. Byars, Orange, New Jersey.
- 1894 Oct 18 Letter signed W.V. Byars, South Orange, New Jersey, to Charles E. Garrett, sheriff and collector, St. Louis County, regarding his tax payments of the past fiscal year. Verso contains note signed Garrett to Byars dated Clayton, Missouri, October 22, 1894, including Byars' real estate tax amount for 1894: \$38.35.
- 1894 Oct 20 Letter signed Fr. B. Scheetz [Frederick B. Scheetz] to my very dear friends, regretfully acknowledging the Byars family departure from his parish.
- 1894 Oct 31 Letter signed Anderson Gratz, American Manufacturing Company, New York, to my dear Brother Byars, apologizing for not being able to see Byars, giving reasons why. Gratz asks to remember him to Mrs. Byars and the girls.
- 1894 Nov 9 Letter signed Wm. T. Essex, Kirkwood, Missouri, to Byars, regarding the work he had completed in the Byars' yard. Essex also includes updates on his wife's condition, and the improvements that he has made on the Gratz home as well.
- 1894 Nov 14 Letter signed R.P. Bland, Lebanon, Missouri, to W.V. Byars, Orange, New Jersey, regarding currency reform. Enclosed contemporary copy of letter signed R.P. Bland, Lebanon, Missouri,

to Hon. A.J. Warner, November 14, 1894, introducing W.V. Byars.

- 1894 Dec 19 Letter signed L. Revelli, Piedmont Hotel, Riccardi & Calderoni, New York, to W.V. Byars. (in Italian)
- 1894 Dec 31 Letter signed Wm. T. Essex, Kirkwood, Missouri, to Byars, updating Byars on family and neighborhood affairs during the Christmas season. Essex mentions the colder temperatures winter has brought, but says that Byars' roses are doing well.
- circa 1895 Letter signed Thos. R. Prioi [Thomas R. Prioi] to W.V. Byars, New York, regarding his *World* articles on poetic rhythm.
- 1895 Jan 25 Letter signed F.M. Cockrell [Francis Marion Cockrell], U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C., to Mr. Byars, following up on documents that he had sent on an earlier date. Cockrell also mentions the Carriage & Tariff laws that he sent.
- 1895 Jan 29 Letter signed L. Revelli, Piedmont Hotel, New York, to Mr. Byars, asking if Byars and his friends would be able to pay for a third-class ticket back to his country, because Revelli has found it impossible to find success.
- 1895 Feb 4 Memorandum signed Solon J. Vlasto, New York, to my dear Mr. Byars, introducing Mr. Stamoulis. Includes envelope addressed to V.W. Byars, Esq., from Solon J. Vlasto, New York.
- 1895 Feb 6 Letter signed Solon J. Vlasto, New York, to my dear Mr. Byars, in reply to Byars' letter about Mr. Stamoulis.
- 1895 Mar 4 Letter signed W.M. Bryant, 1235 Temple Place, St. Louis, to my dear Mr. Byars, regarding the good things said about Byars' work. Bryant also shows appreciation for Byars' three poems "Delilah," "Circe," and "Penelope."
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- 1895 Mar 14 Letter signed J.J. Dickinson, The Hotel Morris, Birmingham, Alabama, to my dear Mr. Byars, in reply to a letter from Byars. Dickinson discusses the Kolb movement and his worry about a "bloody revolution" if "some radical change does not take place very soon." He also mentions that he is to meet with Bland the following week, and would appreciate it if Byars would send along some questions to ask Bland.
- 1895 Mar 20 Letter signed W.M. Bryant, 1235 Temple Place, St. Louis, to my dear Mr. Byars, regarding the discovery of Homeric melody.

Bryant is very impressed by Byars' work, but thinks Byars should rest because "over exertion for days and nights of uninterrupted work at such high pressure must strain the strongest constitution."

- 1895 Mar 22 Letter signed Wm. T. Essex, Kirkwood, Missouri, to Byars, regarding Byars' garden and a few deaths in their Kirkwood neighborhood.
- 1895 Mar 25 Letter signed Senex, New York, to editor of the *New York World*, New York, claiming that he had discovered Homeric Rhymes half a century before. (7 pages)
- 1895 Mar 30 Letter signed W.M. Bryant, 1235 Temple Place, St. Louis, to my dear Mr. Byars, regarding discovery of Homeric Rhyme.
- 1895 Apr 3 Letter signed Edmund C. Stedman to Mr. Byars, *The World*, regarding a *World* article Byars wrote on Homeric Rhyme.
- 1895 Apr 7 Letter signed Frank L. James, M.D., editor of *The National Druggist*, St. Louis, to Mr. Wm. V. Byars, South Orange, New Jersey, regarding Homeric Rhyme. James claims to have been a student of Greek and Latin from childhood, but he seeks Byars' help in understanding Homeric Rhyme.
- 1895 Apr 8 Letter signed J.T. Plant, Hernando, Mississippi, to William Byars, St. Louis, requesting that Byars write a poem to be used in Plant's campaign for sheriff.
- 1895 Apr 9 Letter signed Edward O. Fiske, general agent, The Washington Life Ins. Co. of New York, Minneapolis, Minnesota, to W.V. Byars, South Orange, New Jersey, seeking to find any of Byars' work on Homer and Horace.
- 1895 Apr 10 Letter signed B. Brewster [Benjamin Brewster], South Orange, New Jersey, to my dear Mr. Byars, regarding his receipt of Byars' version of 1st Corinthians XIII. Brewster also seeks help in discovering the rhythm of a Latin work.
- 1895 Apr 16 Brief note signed John De Witt Warner, Peckham, Warner & Perkins, New York, to William Vincent Byars, South Orange, New Jersey, regarding Homeric Memory Rhymes.
- 1895 Apr 18 Letter signed Thomas M. Johnson, Osceola, Missouri, to Wm. V. Byars, South Orange, New Jersey, seeking information about an article published in the *Post-Dispatch* written by Byars.

- 1895 Apr 20 Letter signed Benjamin Brewster, South Orange, New Jersey, to Mr. Byars, thanking Byars for the pamphlets and the two copies of "The Tempting of the King" that Byars had sent him.
- 1895 Apr 26 Letter signed Frank L. James, editor of *The National Druggist*, St. Louis, to my dear Mr. Byars, thanking Byars for his insight into Homeric Rhyme.
- 1895 May 25 Typescript letter signed W.T. Harris [William Torrey Harris], commissioner, Department of the Interior, Bureau of Education, Washington, D.C., to W.V. Byars, South Orange, New Jersey, thanking Byars for sending a book of poems and asking where he can get an extra copy.
- 1895 May 25 Letter signed Wm. T. Essex, Kirkwood, Missouri, to Byars, regarding his receipt of Byars' poems and Byars' garden in Kirkwood.
- 1895 June 7 Letter signed R.P. Bland [Richard P. Bland], chairman of Committee on Coinage, Weights, and Measures, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., to W.V. Byars, South Orange, New Jersey.
- 1895 June 13 Letter signed W.M. Bryant [William M. Bryant], 1235 Temple Place, St. Louis, to my dear Mr. Byars, regarding the receipt of Byars' poems and Bryant's move to his summer home in North Carolina.
- 1895 June 14 Letter signed Geo. E. Hunt [George E. Hunt], U.S. Department of Agriculture, Omaha, Nebraska, to Wm. V. Byars, South Orange, New Jersey, thanking Byars for the receipt of his poems.
- 1895 Aug 28 Letter signed A.G. [Anderson Gratz?], New York, to Byars, asking Byars to accompany him on a trip to the ocean.
- 1895 Sept 4 Letter signed Wm. Schuyler, St. Louis, to my dear Mr. Byars, regarding Horation odes.
- 1895 Sept 23 Letter signed Benjamin Brewster to my dear Mr. Byars, regarding their friendship that will not be broken as Brewster moves on.
- 1895 Sept 23 Letter signed Wm. T. Essex, Kirkwood, Missouri, to Byars, regarding the development of the "Electric R. Road" in Kirkwood.
- 1895 Dec 14 Letter signed W.M. Bryant, 1235 Temple Place, St. Louis, to my dear Mr. Byars, regarding Schuyler's interest in poetry.

- 1896 May 21 Typescript letter signed W.T. Harris [William Torrey Harris], commissioner, Department of the Interior, Bureau of Education, Washington, D.C., to W.V. Byars, South Orange, New Jersey, regarding the receipt of a copy of Byars' "The Glory of the Garden" and other odes. Harris writes that if he had more power in the country he would recognize Byars "in a proper manner."
- 1896 May 22 Letter signed Ellen A. Bernoudy, St. Louis, to Wm. Vincent Byars, South Orange, New Jersey, seeking a copy of one of Byars' poems.
- 1896 May 23 Typescript letter signed R.H. Jesse, University of the State of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri, to William Vincent Byars, South Orange, New Jersey, thanking Byars for sending them a "dainty volume of verse."
- 1896 May 24 Letter signed Mary Irwin, Tunica, Tunica County, Mississippi, to W.V. Byars, New York, asking Byars to help her and her sister find employment with a newspaper in New York. Includes untitled newspaper clipping praising Byars' literary work and his recent association with the literary department of the *New York World*.
- 1896 May 26 Typescript letter signed W.T. Harris [William Torrey Harris], commissioner, Department of the Interior, Bureau of Education, Washington, D.C., to W.V. Byars, South Orange, New Jersey, asking that Byars send a copy of his book to the editor of the *New England Magazine* for whom Harris will write a letter commending the book.
- 1896 May 29 Typescript letter signed W.T. Harris [William Torrey Harris], commissioner, Department of the Interior, Bureau of Education, Washington, D.C., to W.V. Byars, South Orange, New Jersey. Harris includes the address of Mr. Mead in Boston and asks Byars to reconsider not taking compensation for book orders.
- 1896 May 30 Letter signed Wm. T. Essex, Kirkwood, Missouri, to Byars, regarding the St. Louis tornado, assuring Byars that the damage in Kirkwood was not as bad as in the city.
- 1896 June 2 Typescript letter signed W.T. Harris [William Torrey Harris], commissioner, Department of the Interior, Bureau of Education, Washington, D.C., to W.V. Byars, South Orange, New Jersey, thanking Byars on behalf of the library for sending a copy of "Glory of the Garden," and Harris promises to send a copy to Prof. Thomas Davidson in Essex County, New York.
- 1896 June 6 Letter signed Mary Irwin, Tunica, Tunica County, Mississippi, to

William Vincent Byars, New York, regarding Byars' "The Glory of the Garden" and asking for a sketch of his work and his picture for her work on the poetry of the South.

- 1896 June 15 Letter signed R.P. Bland, Lebanon, Missouri, to Wm. Vincent Byars, South Orange, New Jersey, thanking Byars for Mrs. Bland upon receipt of his book.
- 1896 June 23 Letter signed Wm. T. Essex, Kirkwood, Missouri, to Byars, requesting that Byars investigate the work of L.M. Gilbert, a rector in Morristown, New Jersey. Essex writes that their church needs to replace Mr. Scheetz.
- 1896 June 29 Typescript letter signed Francis L. Patton to W.V. Byars, South Orange, New Jersey, thanking Byars for sending a copy of his *Studies in Verse* to the library of the university.
- 1896 July 3 Letter signed W.H. Biggs, judge, St. Louis Court of Appeals, St. Louis, to Mr. Byars. "Unless all political signs fail, the platform will declare for free coinage at the rates of 16 to 1 . . ."
- 1896 July 14 Typescript letter signed R.P. Bland, Lebanon, Missouri, to W.V. Byars, South Orange, New Jersey, regarding news in Kirkwood and its growth since the completion of the trolley line; asking that Byars "take up his pen" in support of Mr. Bryan in the upcoming election.
- 1896 July 21 Letter signed Wm. T. Essex, Kirkwood, Missouri, to Byars, regarding the heavy amount of rain they had received in Kirkwood and an update on the gardens. Essex also describes a trip to the "Highlands" [Meramec Highlands] and touches on some politics.
- 1896 July 27 Letter signed Agnes Jenkins Moore, Washington, to Mr. Byars, thanking Byars for copies of his poetry and congratulating him on his lifestyle.
- Folder 6**
- 1896 July 27 Typescript letter signed R.P. Bland, Lebanon, Missouri, to W.V. Byars, South Orange, New Jersey, updating Byars with political news, and asking that Byars turn his "able pen loose" in Bland's cause.
- 1896 July 28 Letter signed William H. Biggs, judge, St. Louis Court of Appeals, St. Louis, to W.V. Byars, South Orange, New Jersey.
- 1896 July 30 Letter signed Laura B. Gratz, The Oriental, Manhattan Beach,

- Long Island, to Mr. Byars, asking that Byars and his family come stay with her family at Bay Shore.
- 1896 Aug 22 Letter signed Wm. T. Essex, Kirkwood, Missouri, to Byars, regarding current events in Kirkwood and his trips to the Highlands [Meramec Highlands].
- 1896 Sept 23 Letter signed S. Stanhope Orris, professor of Greek, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey, to the poet W.V. Byars, thanking Byars for a copy of his poems.
- 1896 Oct 21 Letter N.R. Burghardt, South Orange, New Jersey, to W.V. Byars, thanking Byars for his donation of forty dollars.
- 1896 Oct 29 Typescript letter signed Francis L. Patton, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey, to W.V. Byars, South Orange, New Jersey, regarding Mr. Jesse Carter who would be interested in Byars' work.
- 1896 Nov 6 Letter signed Jesse Benedict Carter, Princeton, New Jersey, to W.V. Byars, regarding Byars' interest in Latin poetry, asking Byars to write to him of his discoveries.
- 1896 Nov 21 Letter signed S. Stanhope Orris, Princeton, New Jersey, to the poet W.V. Byars, thanking Byars for the copy of "Studies in Verse," promising to send pamphlets along to other professors.
- 1896 Nov 24 Letter signed Jesse Benedict Carter, Princeton, New Jersey, to W.V. Byars, thanking Byars for sending "The Glory of the Garden," the pamphlet, and the newspaper, promising to review the poems at the earliest convenience.
- 1896 Dec 17 Letter signed William Hyde, St. Louis, to Mr. Byars, regarding his pleasure in reading "Pools at Millburn."
- 1896 Dec 22 Letter signed Wm. Schuyler to Byars, praising Byars' "Pools at Millburn," promising to pass it around.
- 1897 Jan 11 Letter signed Geo. E. Hunt [George E. Hunt], U.S. Department of Agriculture, New Orleans, Louisiana, to Wm. V. Byars, St. Louis, thanking Byars for a copy of "The Tempting of the King," and congratulating Byars on his success.
- 1897 Mar 26 Letter signed Sarah G. Wheeler, Benton Station, St. Louis, to W.V. Byars, regarding the dramatization of "Tannhauser."

- 1897 Mar 30 Letter signed Wm. T. Essex, Kirkwood, Missouri, to Byars, regarding changes in Kirkwood, including the death of a number of old citizens. (5 pages)
- 1897 Apr 13 Letter signed J.W. Monser, librarian, University of the State of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri, to W.V. Byars, thanking Byars for his books of verse, asking him to send a copy of "The Glory of the Garden" for an article Monser will be publishing.
- 1897 Apr 14 Typescript letter signed F.M. Crunden, Public Library, St. Louis, to W.V. Byars, South Orange, New Jersey, requesting that Byars send a photograph of himself that will be printed in the June magazine.
- 1897 Apr 15 Letter signed Jno. S. Collins, St. Louis, to my dear Mr. Byars, regarding Byars' work.
- 1897 Apr 15 Letter signed William Herries, Brooklyn, New York, to William Vincent Byars, thanking Byars for a copy of his "New Songs to Old Tunes."
- 1897 Apr 16 Brief typescript letter signed John De Witt Warner, New York, to W.V. Byars, South Orange, New Jersey, in reply to a letter from Byars.
- 1897 Apr 17 Letter signed Effie B. Essex, Kirkwood, Missouri, to my dear friend, expressing her delight with Byars' book of Songs. Essex also sends thanks for Mrs. Gratz who is hard at work with an addition of "water works" to the house.
- 1897 Apr 20 Copy of typescript letter from Frederick M. Crunden, librarian, Public Library, St. Louis, to Mr. Byars, thanking Byars for a copy of "The Pools of Millburn," and for compliments Byars had bestowed upon Crunden and the St. Louis Public Library. Crunden comments on the rapid growth of cardholders due to the elimination of a subscription fee. (Postscript dated April 21, 1897, exaggerating the importance of a free public library.)
- 1897 Apr 21 Letter signed Benjamin Brewster, Colorado Springs, Colorado, to my dear Mr. Byars, thanking Byars for a copy of his work.
- 1897 Apr 26 Letter signed Sarah B. Holt, Long Beach, Mississippi, to Wm. V. Byars, South Orange, New Jersey, thanking Byars for the volume of works she had just received including "New Songs," "Studies in Verse," and "Soul of the Poet."

- 1897 Apr 26 Letter signed Edw. A. Allen [Edward A. Allen], University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri, to my dear Mr. Byars, thanking Byars for his latest book of poems, showing appreciation for its content.
- 1897 Apr 27 Typescript letter signed Frank E. Nevins, official stenographer, Circuit Court, St. Louis, to William Vincent Byars, South Orange, New Jersey, thanking Byars for a copy of "New Songs to Old Tunes."
- 1897 May 4 Letter signed Wm. Schuyler, 5858 Clemens Ave., St. Louis, to my dear Byars, regarding setting Byars' poems to music, declaring that they are the best that Byars has written.
- 1897 June 7 Letter signed J.S. Snoddy, Woodson Institute, Richmond, Missouri, to W.V. Byars, South Orange, New Jersey, asking for a copyright on "Resurrection," "November and June," and "Undine" for his book on poetry in Missouri.
- 1897 June 22 Letter signed Helen Tutt, associate editor, *St. Louis Public Library Magazine*, St. Louis, to W.V. Byars, writing in Mr. Crunden's absence that she and Mr. Crunden would greatly appreciate an article by Byars on Burns.
- 1897 June 29 Letter signed F.M. Cockrell [Francis Marion Cockrell], U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C., to my dear Mr. Byars, regarding his lack of knowledge on the financial workings of St. Louis newspapers.
- 1897 July 3 Typescript note from the Evening Herald Co., Binghamton, New York, to The Valley Press, South Orange, New Jersey, requesting a copy of "New Songs to Old Tunes and Other Studies in Verse," by Wm. Vincent Byars.
- 1897 July 12 Letter signed W.H. Biggs, Sacramento, California, to W.V. Byars, South Orange, New Jersey.
- 1897 July 22 Typescript letter signed Wm. B. Bate, U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C., to W.V. Byars, South Orange, New Jersey, discouraging Byars from involving himself in an enterprise unless he "had resources equivalent to a guaranteed success." Bate wishes to speak further on the matter in New York. Bate also mentions a Confederate Reunion in Nashville.
- 1897 July 26 Letter signed Wm. B. Bate, Washington, D.C., to W.V. Byars, South Orange, New Jersey, regarding a meeting in New York.

- 1897 Dec 18 Copy of typescript letter from Frederick M. Crunden, librarian, Public Library, St. Louis, to W.V. Byars, New York, regarding Crunden's speaking tour; "The slow and laborious progress of the world has been caused by prejudices which makes it so difficult for man to compass a new idea."
- 1898 Mar 15 Typescript letter signed R.P. Bland, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., to W.V. Byars, editor of *Mississippi Democrat and Journal of Agriculture*, St. Louis, thanking Byars for extra copies of the *Journal* and *Democrat* containing Bland's article. Bland also writes briefly of politics, mentioning a potential war with Spain and the Democrat's fight against bond issues.
- 1898 Mar 22 Typescript letter signed R.H. Jesse, president, University of the State of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri, to Hon. William V. Byars, *Mississippi Valley Democrat*, St. Louis, regarding the date of commencement and a flattering editorial in the *Mississippi Valley Democrat* about Jesse and the maintenance of discipline at the university. Jesse asks Byars to thank Hon. Thornton Lewis for him.
- 1898 Mar 25 Typescript letter signed James K. Jones, chairman, Democratic National Committee, Washington, D.C., to W.V. Byars, St. Louis, in reply to a letter from Byars.
- 1898 Mar 28 Typescript letter signed James K. Jones, chairman, Democratic National Committee, Washington, D.C., to W.V. Byars, St. Louis, in reply to a letter from Byars, correcting him on Jones' views towards silver.
- 1898 Apr 6 Letter signed J. S. Dorsey to W.V. Byars, St. Louis, expressing gratitude for the book Byars sent to him.
- 1898 Apr 16 Typescript letter signed Wm. Sulzer, Committee on Military Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., to Mr. Byars, thanking Byars for the letter and papers that he sent. Sulzer also writes that he spoke to Senator Jones about Byars' work, and Sulzer asks that Byars come visit him when he comes East.
- 1898 June 5 Letter signed Edw. A. Allen, University of Missouri, to my dear Mr. Byars, expressing gratitude for the book Byars sent to him.
- 1898 June 9 Letter signed J.S. Dorsey, Columbia, Missouri, to my dear Mr. Byars, expressing gratitude for the "Little Book of Verse" Byars sent.

- 1898 June 28 Letter signed Benjamin Brewster, Colorado Springs, Colorado, to my dear Mr. Byars, regarding Byars' views on Spain. Brewster also praises Byars' commencement address at the University of Missouri, Columbia, and asks if Byars would be able to get him railroad passes to New York.
- 1898 July 3 Letter signed L.W. Cherry [Lewis W. Cherry], president, Office of Board of Directors City Schools, Little Rock, Arkansas, to W.V. Byars, St. Louis, in praise of Byars' commencement address at the University of Missouri.
- Folder 7**
- 1898 July 5 Letter signed Benjamin Brewster, Colorado Springs, Colorado, to Mr. Byars, regarding Brewster's train trip to New York.
- 1898 July 18 Typescript letter from Lon V. Stephens, Executive Department for the State of Missouri, Jefferson City, Missouri, to M.V. Byars, St. Louis, regarding the Democratic convention, asking that Byars write up a platform that he thinks the party should adopt.
- 1898 July 24 Letter signed R.P. Bland, Lebanon, Missouri, to W.V. Byars, St. Louis.
- 1898 Aug 16 Letter signed M.E. Benton [Maecenas Eason Benton], U.S. House of Representatives, Neosho, Missouri, to Wm. V. Byars. St. Louis, regarding political matters in Congress, most concerning imperialism.
- [1898?] Aug 28 Letter signed Blanche V. Dillon, Orange, to Mr. Byars, in praise of Byars' commencement address at the University of Missouri.
- 1898 Aug 29 Typescript letter signed David A. DeArmond, Butler, Missouri, to W.V. Byars, editor, *Miss. Valley Dem. and Journal of Agriculture*, regarding Byars' request that DeArmond send excerpts from his speeches. DeArmond also writes of his political views concerning the war.
- 1898 Sept Letter signed M.E. Benton, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., to W.V. Byars, regarding political issues.
- 1898 Sept 4 Letter signed Alex M. Dockery [Alexander Monroe Dockery], Gallatin, Missouri, to my dear Byars, regarding political issues.
- 1898 Sept 13 Letter signed R.P. Bland, Lebanon, Missouri, to W.V. Byars, St. Louis.

- 1898 Sept 13 Typescript letter signed Lon V. Stephens, Bell Air, Missouri, to M.V. Byars, editor, *Miss. Valley Dem. & Journal of Agriculture*, St. Louis, defending himself “against charges of double dealing from the enemy’s camp.” Encloses copy of edited platform for the Missouri Democratic party and typescript letter signed Harry B. Hawes, St. Louis, to Gov. Lon V. Stephens, Jefferson City, Missouri, dated September 7, 1898, discounting rumors reported about Hawes, Stephens, and Stone. (Includes undated newspaper clipping titled “A Fight to the Finish. Police Department Will See the Pool Room Contest Through. Commissioner Hawes and Chief Campbell Undeterred by the Kansas City Appeals Court Decision or the Threats of Pool Room Men—Preparing for Fight from the Start”; undated article “Is He a Chump? Who? The Rural Missouri Democrat” from *The Mirror*, regarding Missouri Democrats and the corrupt relationship between Stone, Stephens, and Hawes.)
- 1898 Sept 14 Dictated typescript note from [William V. Byars] to Hon. Lon V. Stephens, Bell Air, Missouri, in reply to a letter from Stephens.
- 1898 Sept 29 Typescript copy of letter from [William V. Byars], Springfield, to Hon. William J. Bryan, Washington, D.C., regarding a report that Bryan was considering retirement from the army. Byars asks if there is any truth to this report and encourages Bryan to do so, writing that Bryan can be much more useful in politics, helping the Democrats to win the presidential election of 1900.
- 1898 Oct 9 Letter signed A.M. Dockery, Kansas City, Missouri, to my dear Byars. “I confess I do not quite understand your frequent references to my public record. Cockrell and I occupy exactly the same position. He is commended. I am condemned. I know Cockrell’s views because I have heard him twice – but we are getting away from the war. Silver is at the grave & I adhere to the opinion heretofore expressed that Mo. on the 8th of next month will record a safe democratic majority and return Cockrell to the Senate.”
- 1898 Oct 23 Letter signed M.E. Benton, Neosho, Missouri, to W.V. Byars, St. Louis, regarding Byars’ political views.
- 1898 Oct 28 Typescript letter signed Harry K. Allen, Alexander & Allen, lawyers, Gallatin, Missouri, to W.V. Byars, St. Louis, regarding the editorship of the *Democrat and Journal*. Allen asks whether Byars has left the paper and if that meant the paper would change in “tone.”
- 1898 Nov 11 Typescript letter signed A.M. Dockery, Missouri, to W.V. Byars,

Kirkwood, Missouri, regarding the platform the party adopted in Springfield, Missouri. Dockery is in full agreement with the platform, but he acknowledges that Byars is not. Dockery writes that he will not allow the political differences that exist between him and Byars to hurt their friendship.

- 1898 Nov 26 Letter signed F.M. Crunden [Frederick M. Crunden], librarian and secretary, Public Library, St. Louis, to [William V. Byars], thanking Byars's for his verse.
- 1898 Nov 27 Note signed H. Martin Williams, Executive Committee, The Missouri Single Tax League, St. Louis, to my dear Byars, regarding the enclosed newspaper clippings. (Includes undated newspaper article titled "Does Trimming Pay," regarding Democrats and Republicans and their appeal to different voters; undated clipping from *The Weekly Democrat*, November 18, 1898, regarding the *New York Journal* as "one of Democracy's greatest foes," the philosophy of imperialism, and a potential split of the Democratic party.)
- 1898 Nov 28 Note signed R.P. Bland, Lebanon, Missouri, to W.V. Byars, St. Louis.
- 1898 Nov 28 Note signed J.C. Jones, Columbia, Missouri, to W.V. Byars, St. Louis, regarding Byars' work on Horation Odes.
- 1898 Dec 7 Typescript letter signed J. W. Bailey [Joseph W. Bailey], U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., to W.[V.] Byars, St. Louis, in reply to a letter from Byars.
- 1898 Dec 10 Letter signed O.L. Munger, Munger & Munger, Van Buren, Missouri, to Hon. W.V. Byars, St. Louis, asking for the contribution of one volume of his work to a new village library.
- 1898 Dec 19 Typescript letter signed J.W. Bailey, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., to W.V. Byars, St. Louis, agreeing with Byars on his "suggestions as to the future course of the Democratic party."
- Folder 8**
Circa 1899-1900 Letter from V.E. Bland to Mr. Byars, in reply to a letter from Byars, thanking him for his advice, and seeking more in dealing with Mr. Hollister and on finding a publisher.
- 1899 Feb 1 Typescript copy of letter from [William Vincent Byars], St. Louis, to F.M. Crunden, Esq., Public Library, regarding the Library

Magazine.

- 1899 Feb 4 Typescript letter signed R.P. Bland, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., to W.V. Byars, Esq., St. Louis, regarding Byars request for Bland's works. Bland writes that he has nothing that he could send to Byars.
- 1899 Feb 7 Typescript note signed Geo W. Eads, *The Calumet Banner*, Clarksville, Missouri, to Mr. Byars, regarding the enclosed letter. (Enclosed copy of typescript letter signed W.J. Bryan, Lincoln, Nebraska, to George W. Eads, Clarksville, Missouri, dated February 3, 1899, in reply to a letter from Eads, regarding imperialism.)
- 1899 Feb 9 Letter signed H.J. Cantwell [Harry J. Cantwell], New York, New York, to Mr. Byars, regarding business matters.
- 1899 Feb 9 Letter signed Champ Clark, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., to Wm. V. Byars, regarding Clark's speeches and where a few of them have been published. Clark also writes of political issues.
- 1899 Feb 14 Letter signed Dan S. Tuttle, The Bishop's House, 2727 Chestnut St., St. Louis, to Mr. Byars, inviting Byars to see a reverend from Philadelphia speak.
- 1899 Feb 24 Note signed W.H. Biggs to Mr. Byars, informing Byars that Estelle is dead.
- 1899 Feb 27 Brief note signed Henry W. Bond, St. Louis Court of Appeals, St. Louis, to my dear friend, regarding enclosed compilation.
- 1899 Feb 28 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars], St. Louis, to Hon. Champ Clark, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., congratulating Clark on his work in the House of Representatives, especially in fighting imperialism.
- 1899 Mar 3 Note signed Dan S. Tuttle, The Bishop's House, 2727 Chestnut St., St. Louis, to my dear Mr. Byars, upon receipt of some of Byars' work.
- 1899 Mar 8 Typescript note signed F.M. Crunden, librarian and secretary, Public Library, St. Louis, to W.V. Byars, thanking Byars for obtaining Donell's estimate for Crunden's library magazine.
- 1899 Mar 13 Letter signed A.B. Kingsbury, New York, to my dear Byars,

regarding The Horace Club. (Enclosed letter signed John Paul Boccock, New York, to my dear Kingsbury, dated October 11, 1899, regarding The Horace Club.)

- 1899 March 30 Letter signed F.A. Sampson, Missouri Trust Company, Sedalia, Missouri, to Wm. Vincent Byars, regarding Byars' works for a compilation of works by Missouri authors.
- 1899 March 31 Typescript copy of letter from [William Vincent Byars] to F.A. Sampson, Esq., Sedalia, Missouri, regarding Byars' works.
- 1899 April 5 Note signed Edw. A. Allen, University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri, to my dear Mr. Byars, regarding Allen's journey to St. Louis.
- 1899 April 22 Letter signed A.B. Kingsbury, New York, to Byars, regarding Byars' membership in The Horace Club.
- 1899 June 17 Letter signed F.M. Cockrell [Francis Marion Cockrell], United States Senate, Washington, D.C., to my dear Mr. Byars, in reply to a letter from Byars.
- 1899 Aug 13 Letter signed Virginia E. Bland, Washington, D.C., to my dear Mr. Byars, regarding finding a publisher for her book and researching the facts that are to be referenced in the book.
- 1899 Aug 23 Letter from Mrs. R.P. Bland, Lebanon, Missouri, to W.V. Byars, in reply to a letter from Byars, seeking help in finding a publisher.
- 1899 Aug 31 Letter from V.E. Bland [Virginia E. Bland], Lebanon, Missouri, to W.V. Byars, regarding her correspondence and seeking Byars' help.
- 1899 Sept Letter from Wm. F. Link to my dear friend, thanking Byars for his beautiful poetry.
- 1899 Sept 6 Letter signed Mrs. R.P. Bland, Lebanon, Missouri, to [W.V. Byars], St. Louis, regarding the contract with Hollister and Norman.
- 1899 Sept 8 Letter from [Mrs. R.P. Bland], Lebanon, Missouri, to W.V. Byars, St. Louis, asking that Byars meet with Judge Bland to "formulate some kind of agreement for Hollister and Norman." (Enclosed extract letter from Mr. Frank Trumbull, regarding the publishing of the biography of Mr. Bland.)

- 1899 Sept 11 Typescript letter signed Speed Mosby, Missouri Supreme Court, Jefferson City, Missouri, to Mr. Byars, thanking Byars for sending him the essay upon Goethe, complimenting him on his achievement.
- 1899 Sept 14 Letter signed Edward Robb, Perryville, Missouri, to Wm. V. Byars, St. Louis, in reply to a letter from Byars.
- 1899 Sept 26 Letter signed Virginia E. Bland, Lebanon, Missouri, to W.V. Byars, St. Louis, regarding Mr. Stephens and the publishing of her book.
- 1899 Nov 14 Pamphlet titled "Imperialism or Self Government?" by William Vincent Byars: An address delivered before the Public Ownership Democratic League of St. Louis, November 14, 1899. (17 pages)
- 1899 Nov 14 Typescript letter from W.R. Hollister, Louisiana, Missouri, to W.V. Byars, St. Louis, asking if Byars had any knowledge of R.P. Bland's opinions toward Mr. Dockery and Senator Ball.
- 1899 Dec 2 Typescript letter signed Speed Mosby, Missouri Supreme Court, Jefferson City, Missouri, to Hon. William Vincent Byars, St. Louis, praising Byars' address, "Imperialism or Self-Government?"
- 1899 Dec 4 Typescript letter signed James L. Blair, Law Offices of Seddon & Blair, St. Louis, to Wm. V. Byars, regarding Byars' work.
- 1899 Dec 8 Typescript note signed N.O. Nelson, N.O. Nelson Manufacturing Co., Eighth and St. Charles St., St. Louis, to Mr. Byars, thanking Byars' for the paper he sent.
- 1899 Dec 8 Letter signed Fr. Schuyler to my dear Byars, thanking Byars' for sending his oration.
- 1899 Dec 11 Typescript note signed W.B. Allison [William B. Allison], United States Senate, Washington, D.C., to W.V. Byars, Esq., 512 Temple Bldg., St. Louis, regarding his inability to help with the biography of Richard P. Bland.
- 1899 Dec 12 Typescript note signed R.H. Jesse, University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri, to Dr. Wm. Vincent Byars, St. Louis, regarding Byars' address, "Imperialism or Self-Government?"
- 1899 Dec 14 Letter signed E.A. Allen, University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri, to Mr. Byars, regarding the passage Byars selected from

the Rollins Memorial. Allen thinks the passage is good, but he would like to say he had nothing to do with the selection.

- 1899 Dec 17 Letter signed O.D. Jones, Edina, Missouri, to Wm. V. Byars, St. Louis, regarding Byars' "Imperialism or Self-Government?" asks to buy more pamphlets in order to spread them around.
- 1899 Dec 18 Letter signed E.A.A. [Edward A. Allen], University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri, to Mr. Byars, seeking the name of the publishers of a book Byars showed Allen, *The Autobiography of James P. Beckwourth*, about pioneer life in Missouri. Allen also compliments Byars' *The Best Orations*.
- 1899 Dec 30 Letter signed W.J. Bryan, Lincoln, Nebraska, to W.V. Byars, St. Louis, in reply to a letter from Byars, agreeing with Byars' views on imperialism. Bryan also writes that he will have the article on Mr. Bland ready soon, but will not be able to give the public a testimonial on the *Brewers Collection of Orations*, although he does see its value.
- 1899 Dec 31 Letter signed Geo J. Menger, Palmyra, Missouri, to William Vincent Byars, showing his appreciation for Byars' address on November 14, 1899.
- circa 1900 Typescript copy with handwritten edits of speech titled "The United States of America," regarding ". . . one of the greatest Irishmen who ever lived; one of the greatest statesmen and patriots of any age—Henry Gratten . . ." (10 pages).
- 1900 Typescript letter signed W.H. Biggs, St. Louis Court of Appeals, St. Louis, to dear sir, regarding the rumors referred to in the correspondence between John M. Wood and Dr. J.L. Jones. Biggs writes that he denies Wood's statements. (Enclosed printed copy of letter from John M. Wood, St. Louis, to Dr. J.L. Jones, Jonesburg, Missouri, November 10, 1899, seeking Jones' support for his appointment to the St. Louis Court of Appeals, while discrediting Judge Biggs; printed copy of letter from J.L. Jones, Jonesburg, Missouri, to Hon. John M. Wood, St. Louis, November 17, 1899, in reply to Wood's letter seeking factual evidence; printed copy of letter from John M. Wood, St. Louis, to Dr. J.L. Jones, Jonesburg, Missouri, November 21, 1899, in reply to Jones' letter, writing that Judge Biggs was heard stating that he did not approve of the Chicago platform, and did not vote in 1896; printed copy of letter from J.L. Jones, Jonesburg, Missouri, to Hon. John M. Wood, St. Louis, December 4, 1899, in reply to Wood's letter, seeking more facts; and printed copy of letter from J.L. Jones, St. Louis, to Judge

W.H. Biggs, St. Louis, December 21, 1899, regarding the correspondence between Wood and himself that he includes, writing of Wood's unusual use of "such tactics.")

- 1900 Jan 1 Letter signed E.A.A. [Edward A. Allen], University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri, to Mr. Byars, thanking Byars for his letter and for the [Beckwourth] book that he had sent, offering some information on the book's translator from Boonville, Missouri.
- 1900 Jan 5 Letter signed James Ryan, Bp [Bishop] of Alton, Alton, Illinois, to Mr. Byars, thanking Byars' for sending his addresses; "The flag of Lincoln, the flag of U.S. Republic, is down and the flag of the pirate (Hanna) is up . . ."
- 1900 Jan 10 Letter signed Grover Cleveland, Princeton, New Jersey, to W.V. Byars, Esq. Cleveland writes that he will not be able to write anything on Bland because he did not know him well enough. (Includes envelope addressed to W.V. Byars Esq., 512 Temple Building, St. Louis.)
- 1900 Jan 21 Letter signed Joseph Franklin, Wm. Barr Dry Goods Co., Sixth, Olive to Locust St., St. Louis, to my dear Mr. Byars, inviting Byars to a meeting in order to address "The Limits of Freedom."
- 1900 Jan 23 Letter signed Benjamin Brewster, Colorado Springs, Colorado, to my dear Wm. Byars, regarding Byars' "Imperialism or Self-Government?" Brewster writes of his views on imperialism and current problems relating to it.
- 1900 Jan 24 Brief letter signed Albert J. Beveridge, United States Senate, Washington, D.C., to William Vincent Byars, St. Louis, regarding Byars' "Imperialism or Self-Government?"
- 1900 Jan 29 Letter signed Grover Cleveland, Princeton, New Jersey, to W.V. Byars, Esq., regarding Bland's biography. Cleveland writes that nothing he could write on Bland would contribute to the sale of the book.
- 1900 Jan 31 Letter signed Champ Clark, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., to Hon. W.V. Byars.

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- 1900 March 9 Typescript letter signed W.J. Bryan, Austin, Texas, to W.V. [Byars], St. Louis, requesting a set of Byars' *The Best Orations*, and Bryan's comments on the attached speech. (Includes newspaper article titled "Bryan's Masterful Speech," from the

National Watchman, February 1, 1900, a copy of the speech William Jennings Bryan gave in Baltimore, January 20, [1900].)

- 1900 April 10 Letter signed F.M. Crunden [Frederick M. Crunden], librarian and secretary, Public Library, St. Louis, to Mr. Byars, regarding his consideration for a position on an "Advisory Council" for Mr. Kaiser's "Best Essays," which would depend if Byars' had editorial control of the work or not.
- 1800 [1900] April 16 Typescript copy of letter from [William V. Byars], St. Louis, to Mr. Crunden, in reply to a letter from Crunden regarding Mr. Kaiser's book. Byars encourages Crunden to take the position, assuring him that editorial control is in credible hands, Justice Brewer of the United States Supreme Court, and that the Valley Press Bureau also has a significant role.
- 1900 April 23 Letter signed John Paul Bocoock, New York, to Mr. Byars, regarding the Horace Club's slow start. Bocoock, Mr. Kingsley, and Byars are the only active members thus far.
- 1900 June 11 Brief note signed E.A.A. [Edward A. Allen], University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri, to Mr. Byars. (Attached undated, unidentified newspaper clipping.)
- [1900?] July 5 Letter signed H.L. Nelson, The Century Association, to my dear Byars, regarding a publisher.
- 1900 Nov 8 Letter signed G.D.B. Miller [Rev. George D.B. Miller], 1925 McCausland Road, St. Louis, to my dear Mr. Byars, regarding politicians and financiers using the church; the church "requires a priesthood independent of the pews and careless of social ostracism." Miller also references the work of Mr. Tuckerman.
- 1900 Nov 12 Typescript copy of letter from W.V. Byars, St. Louis, to Rev. G.D.B. Miller, St. Louis, in reply to Miller's letter. Byars disagrees that politicians and financiers "have made an instrument of the church," but believes that the "ecclesiastical machinery" has. Byars also writes that he disapproves of Mr. Tuckerman's work. (Enclosed extract from Locke's "Letter on Toleration.")
- 1900 Nov 21 Typescript letter signed G.D.B. Miller, 1925 McCausland Road, St. Louis, to my dear Byars, in reply to a letter from Byars. Miller writes that the extract from Locke does not apply to this modern situation, and that the "machinery of the Church is quite effective as against the wicked world." As an example, he references Bishop Potter and the Diocesan Convention of New York. Miller also

writes that he is in political agreement with Byars.

- 1900 Nov 22 Copy of typescript letter from William Vincent Byars, 512 Temple Building, St. Louis, to Rev. G.D.B. Miller, 1925 McCausland Road, St. Louis, in reply to a letter from Miller. Byars defends his use of the Locke extract and goes on to explain his qualms with the Episcopal Church in the United States and the work of Bishop Potter.
- 1900 Dec 1 Letter signed W.J. Bryan [William J. Bryan], Lincoln, Nebraska, to my dear sir, thanking Byars for his support.
- circa 1901 Letter signed Virginia E. Bland to Mr. Byars, regarding biographical information about her husband that she forgot to mention in a meeting with Byars. She goes into detail about their wedding and her school days.
- circa 1901 Unsigned letter regarding a position as special editorial writer. The author of the letter also writes of his desire to have a home on the coast near New Orleans and to invite his friends there.
- circa 1901 Fragment of letter signed Wm. Schuyler.
- circa 1901 Contemporary copy of letter to the editor of the *Leader* from W.V.B. [William Vincent Byars], with appreciation for poetry that had been published, and some written thought on how the mind works.
- circa 1901 Fragment of letter signed Kate Stephens, asking for the author of the enclosed verses.
- circa 1901 Unsigned note, begins "And what I suppose about the Sala[?] is that although in some way she had learned politics enough to understand the Ultimate Worst, yet she did not mistake it for Progress."
- [circa 1901] Letter signed Michael Patrick, Brooklyn, New York, to the editor, regarding salvation from thoughts of suicide.
- 1901 Jan 18 Letter signed G.D.B. Miller, 1925 McCausland Road, St. Louis, to my dear Mr. Byars, in reply to Byars' letter, agreeing with him on many points, and disagreeing on others. Miller writes that he does not have time to give to a correspondence that requires considerable thought.
- 1901 Jan 19 Typescript copy of letter from W.V. Byars, St. Louis, to Rev.

G.D.B. Miller, secretary to the bishop of Missouri, thanking Miller and closing their correspondence.

- [circa 1901] Feb 24 Letter signed Bromley F. Caylor, 1715 Papin Street, St. Louis, to W.V. Byars. States that “[Ulysses S.] Grant was not a great man . . . Robert E. Lee was the greatest general that the war produced. . . .”
- [circa 1901] Mar 6 Letter signed Virginia E. Bland, Lebanon, Missouri, to Wm. V. Byars, St. Louis, regarding family and financial matters.
- 1901 Mar 22 Copy of typescript letter [from William Vincent Byars] to Conde Pallen, Esq., regarding enclosed examples of verse in “ten syllabled iambs.”
- 1901 Mar 29 Letter signed Conde B. Pallen, 4406 McPherson Ave., [St. Louis], to Mr. Byars, regarding his desire to meet with Byars in order to discuss versification.
- [circa 1901] Apr Letter signed Virginia E. Bland, Denver, Colorado, to my dear Mr. Byars, regarding family and financial matters.
- 1901 Apr 19 Letter signed E.A.A. [Edward A. Allen], English Language and Literature, University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri, to Mr. Byars, regarding his services in connection with Byars’ *Essays*. Allen writes that Byars deserves all of the credit for its success. Allen also agrees to look over the *Handbook of Oratory* and to give a testimonial.
- 1901 Apr 22 Typescript letter signed R.H. Jesse, president, University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri, to my dear Dr. Byars, St. Louis, congratulating Byars on his *Hand Book of Oratory*.
- 1901 Apr 23 Copy of letter signed Edward A. Allen, English Language and Literature, University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri, to F.P. Kaiser, Esq., St. Louis, praising Byars’ *Handbook of Oratory*.
- 1901 Apr 27 Letter signed R.H. Green, “The Record,” Covington, Tennessee, to Hon. W.V. Byars, St. Louis, thanking Byars for sending him a copy of his book.
- 1901 May Letter signed Virginia E. Bland, Lebanon, Missouri, to Wm. Vincent Byars, St. Louis, regarding the publication of her book, questioning the honesty of Mr. Conard and Mr. Stephens.
- 1901 May 18 Typescript letter signed David J. Brewer, [associate justice], U.S.

Supreme Court, Washington, D.C., to Wm. V. Byars, St. Louis, regarding his work with Byars on *Orations* and *Essays*, giving all of the credit for their success to Byars. Brewer acknowledges his receipt of the *Handbook of Oratory* and hopes to meet personally with Byars.

- 1901 May 22 Typescript letter signed David J. Brewer, chief justice, U.S. Supreme Court, Washington, D.C., to Wm. V. Byars, Editorial Rooms, Kenmore Press, St. Louis, in reply to a letter from Byars, giving Byars credit for all of his work. Brewer promises to have an endorsement of the *Handbook of Oratory* to Mr. Kaiser soon.
- 1901 June 12 Letter signed Wm. Schuyler, assistant principal, Normal and High School, St. Louis, to W.V, Byars, praising Byars' *Handbook of Oratory*.
- 1901 July 14 Letter signed E.A.A. [Edward A. Allen], English Language and Literature, University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri, to Mr. Byars, in reply to a letter from Byars. Allen writes that he has not seen Dr. Jesse recently. Allen also thanks Byars for the verses that he had sent.
- 1901 Sept 6 Copy of typescript letter signed W.V. Byars to my dear Mr. Nelson [N.O. Nelson], regarding Byars' view of the role of government and the people governed.
- 1901 Sept 12 Letter signed Alcée Fortier, president, Louisiana Historical Society, New Orleans, Louisiana, to W.V. Byars, St. Louis, regarding Byars' preparation for an article on "The First American Revolution." Fortier does not have the pictures that Byars needs, but he suggests asking for pictures of O'Reilly and Ulloa from Armand Hawkins, although Hawkins is not always trustworthy.
- 1901 Sept 16 Typescript copy of note [from William Vincent Byars] to Alcee Fortier, Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana, thanking Fortier for his help.
- 1901 Oct 8 Letter signed G.H. Sallee, A.N. Kellogg Newspaper Company, 224 and 226 Walnut Street, St. Louis, to William Vincent Byars, with appreciation for Byars' article in the *Globe-Democrat*, "October Hills."
- 1901 Oct 11 Typescript letter signed James H. Wilson, Wilmington, Delaware, to M.H. Chamberlin, Esq., Lebanon, Illinois, in admiration of a paper that Chamberlin had sent him on the value of classics in education, promising to send it on to Honorable Charles Francis

Adams. Wilson asks for two more copies and for the identity of the author.

- 1901 Oct 11 Typescript letter signed John DeWitt Warner, Peckham, Warner & Strong, New York, New York, to William Vincent Byars, in appreciation of Byars' address on "The Practical Value of the Classics."
- 1901 Oct 16 Typescript letter signed Chas. F. Thwing, President's Room, Western Reserve University, Adelbert College, Cleveland, Ohio, to my dear Mr. Byars, Lebanon, Illinois, thanking Byars for sending him a copy of Byars' address upon the practical value of the classics.
- 1901 Oct 20 Letter signed Silvio Paim, Greenville, Illinois, to Ripley Tipton Ex., St. Louis, expressing gratitude for a positive article about Italian Americans.
- 1901 Oct 24 Letter signed A.J. Burrowes, Marquette College, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to McKendree H. Chamberlin, A.M. LL.D, regarding Burrowes's pamphlet "Why Study Latin and Greek?" and the importance of classical studies.

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- 1902 Jan 17-18 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars] to Professor W.M. Bryant, Webster Groves, Missouri, dated January 17, and typescript copy of letter from W.M. Bryant, Webster Groves, Missouri, to my dear Mr. Byars dated January 18, regarding the use of extracts from Bryant's translation of Hegel's *Philosophy of Art* for Byars' collection of Shakesperiana. Bryant approves of Byars' use.
- 1902 Jan 18 Brief letter signed W.M. Bryant, Webster Groves, [Missouri], to my dear Mr. Byars, approving of Byars' use of extracts from Bryant's translation of Hegel's *Philosophy of Art*.
- 1902 Jan 20 Typescript copy of brief note [from William Vincent Byars], to Professor W.W. [W.M.] Bryant, Webster Groves, Missouri, thanking Bryant for his permission to extract from his translation of Hegel's *Philosophy of Art*.
- 1902 Feb 13 Letter signed Sallie Innes Thornton Stone, 14 South Newstead Avenue, [St. Louis], to Mr. Byars, with appreciation for his articles.
- 1902 Feb 13 Copy of typescript letter [from William Vincent Byars] to Mrs.

- Stone, thanking Mrs. Stone for her encouragement.
- 1902 Mar 8 Letter signed Jos. H. Wilson, haberdasher, 407 Olive Street, St. Louis, to dear sir [William Vincent Byars], asking about books advertised in the *Globe*.
- 1902 Mar 8 Letter signed A.J. Coleson, 4612 North 19th St., St. Louis, to The "Lay Preacher" [William Vincent Byars], regarding Byars' "Lay Sermons," asking that Byars write on "The 'I Knew her When?' Club."
- 1902 Mar 31 Brief letter signed Professor G.W. Greenwood, mathematics and astronomy, McKendree College, Lebanon, Illinois, to Mr. Byars, with appreciation for Byars' poem in the paper the day before.
- 1902 April 1 Copy of typescript letter [from William Vincent Byars] to Professor G.W. Greenwood, mathematics and astronomy, McKendree College, Lebanon, Illinois, thanking Greenwood for his appreciation of Horace Flack's verses.
- 1902 May 11 Letter signed M.V. McGarty, 4980 Arsenal St., [St. Louis], to The Lay Preacher [William Vincent Byars], *Globe Democrat*, with appreciation for The Lay Preacher's writing.
- 1902 May 19 Typescript letter signed W.H. Danforth, president, Purina Mills, Ralston Purina Cereals, St. Louis, to William Vincent Byars, Kirkwood, Missouri, regarding Byars' writing as the "Lay Preacher." Danforth appreciates Byars' work, and asks for his help with an advertising project involving Ralston Primers.
- 1902 May 21 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars] to W.H. Danforth, Esq., president, Purina Mills, St. Louis, thanking Danforth for the compliment, but declining the offer to help with the Ralston Primers.
- 1902 May 30 Letter signed Rev. Herbert A. Grantham, Amherst College, Amherst, Massachusetts, to my dear Mr. Byars, regarding a copy of Byars' *Buchheim "Deutsche Lyrik."*
- 1902 June 3 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars] to Rev. Herbert Grantham, Amherst, Massachusetts, regarding *Buchheim "Deutsche Lyrik."* Byars writes that Grantham can retain that copy and can acquire other "Modern Greek books" through "the 'Atlantis' Modern Greek newspaper."
- 1902 June 19 Letter signed Hedwig Weiss, St. Louis, to my dear Lay Preacher

[William Vincent Byars], with appreciation for Byars' "Everyday Sermons."

- 1902 July 9 Letter signed A.R. Rankin, Indianapolis, Indiana, to business manager of *Globe-Democrat* [William Vincent Byars], St. Louis, regarding a copy of Byars' article "Masters of Modern Art," asking how it can be obtained.
- 1902 Aug 22 Letter signed Milton Reed, Law and Collection Office, Fall River, Massachusetts, to W.V. Byars, with appreciation for Byars' "World's Best Essays."
- 1902 Aug 25 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars] to Milton Reed, Esq., Fall River, Massachusetts, thanking Reed for his appreciation of the "World's Best Essays" but claiming that his contribution to the work was only executive.
- 1902 Oct 9 Letter signed Wm. H. Reed [William H. Reed], editor and manager, *The Insurance Leader*, St. Louis, to my dear sir [William Vincent Byars], with appreciation for Byars' "On Men of the 'Old School.'"
- 1902 Nov 1 Letter signed [Rev.] James W. Lee, 5063 Westminster Place, St. Louis, to my dear Mr. Byars, regarding the enclosed letter that asks about Byars' "On the Indignation of Homer Jones." (Enclosed undated letter signed D.W. [Jahu Dewitt Miller], Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to Dr. J.W. Lee, St. John's Church, St. Louis.)
- 1902 Nov 18 Typescript copy of letter from The Lay Preacher [William Vincent Byars], St. Louis, to L.S. Bartlett, Esq., Gauss-Langenberg Hat Company, 818 & 820 Washington Ave., in reply to questions asked by Bartlett.
- 1902 Nov 18 Typescript copy of letter from The Lay Preacher [William Vincent Byars], St. Louis, to Miss Laura H. Kinkead, St. Louis, thanking her for her note, promising to try and find her a copy of his discourse "On Being Appreciated."
- 1902 Nov 20 Typescript copy of letter from The Lay Preacher [William Vincent Byars], St. Louis, to L.S. Bartlett, Esq., 818-820 Washington Ave., in reply to Bartlett's letter, with an explanation of his views; "My own theory is that God does not make mistakes but that nature is an infinite series of decreasing imperfections . . ."
- 1902 Nov 20 Typescript copy of letter from The Lay Preacher [William Vincent Byars], St. Louis, to Miss Laura H. Kinkead, St. Louis, regarding

an enclosed copy of his discourse "On the Difficulties of Being Appreciated."

- 1902 Nov 21 Typescript letter signed Wm. Trelease [William Trelease], director, Missouri Botanical Garden, St. Louis, to Captain Henry King, *Globe-Democrat*, asking for the name of the photographer who supplied the picture of Mr. Shaw in the *Globe-Democrat* of the 19th.
- 1902 Nov 21 Letter signed L.S. Bartlett, Gauss-Langenberg Hat Co., 818 & 820 Washington Ave., St. Louis, to dear Preacher [William Vincent Byars], regarding the obscurity of Byars' sentence: "Hell is probably the only place (or condition) in the universe in which nothing can be improved."
- 1902 Nov 25 Typescript copy of letter from The Lay Preacher [William Vincent Byars], St. Louis, to L.S. Bartlett, Esq., 818-820 Washington Ave., in reply to Bartlett's letter, explaining the grammar used in his statement "Hell is probably the only place (or condition) in the universe in which nothing can be improved."
- 1902 Dec 22 Letter signed Benjamin Brewster, Colorado Springs, Colorado, to my dear Mr. Byars, with a Christmas greeting.
- 1902 Dec 23 Typescript copy of brief letter [from William Vincent Byars] to James L. Blair, Union Trust Building, [St. Louis], regarding a bill to enforce the Ten Commandments.
- 1903 May 4 Letter signed S.M. Green, superintendent, Missouri School for the Blind, 1827 Morgan Street, St. Louis, to W.V. Byars, regarding his request to send a copy of "New Songs to Old Tunes" to Miss Keller. Green writes that they are willing to comply, and he also invites Byars to come visit.
- 1903 Dec 16 Letter signed L.S. Bartlett, Gauss-Langenberg Hat Co., 818 & 820 Washington Ave., St. Louis, to Mr. Flack [William Vincent Byars], thanking Byars for a tribute.
- 1903 Dec 21 Letter signed F.W. Strout, Vinita, Indian Territory, to Augustine Warner, Esq. [William Vincent Byars], St. Louis, asking to obtain a copy of the sketches in the *Globe*, "Tales of a Schoolmaster," that Strout enjoyed.
- 1904 Feb 2 Letter signed E.M. King, Land Title Dept., Missouri Trust Company, St. Louis, to W.V. Byars, Esq., asking that Byars' let him know when "Tales of a Schoolmaster" will be published, what

the price range would be, and where it will be for sale.

- 1904 Mar 25 Letter signed C.A. French, Waltham, Massachusetts, to William Vincent Byars, poet, requesting a copy of Byars' "The Babble of Green Fields."
- 1904 Mar 27 Letter signed Caroline A. French to William Vincent Byars, poet, South Orange, New Jersey, regarding "The Babble of Green Fields." She did not know it was "printed for private distribution," so she apologizes for the letter she sent before.
- 1904 Apr 3 Letter signed Caroline A. French, Waltham, Massachusetts, to William Vincent Byars, poet, regarding the happiness Byars' poetry brings her, and thanking Byars for a copy of "The Sonnets."
- 1904 Apr 16 Letter signed John W. Lee, St. John's Church, St. Louis, to my dear Mr. Byars, in appreciation for Byars' article on the "shrinking earth." Lee also writes regarding an article by his son Ivy Lee of New York on the "Twentieth Century Bank."
- 1904 May 15 Letter signed C.M. Witsch, Newark, New Jersey, to dear sir [William Vincent Byars], requesting copies of Byars' version of Cor. XIII and "Paul's Song of Love."
- 1904 May 21 Letter signed C.M. Witsch, Newark, New Jersey, to W.V. Byars, Esq., Kirkwood, Missouri, thanking Byars for sending copies of his poetry.
- 1904 Aug 10 Letter signed Arthur P. O'Leary, East St. Louis, Illinois, to Mr. Horace Flack [William Vincent Byars], requesting a copy of one of Flack's sermons.
- 1904 Aug 20 Letter signed M.H. Chamberlin, president, McKendree College, Lebanon, Illinois, to my dear Mr. Byars, with appreciation for Byars' "tribute to Switzerland" in the morning's *Globe-Democrat*.
- 1904 Dec 17 Letter signed C.M. Witsch, Newark, New Jersey, to William Vincent Byars, Kirkwood, Missouri, regarding enclosed copies of Byars' "St. Paul's Poem on Love" that Witsch had distributed to friends for the holiday.
- 1905 Jan 12 Letter signed Mrs. G.H. Lyman, Fort Smith, Arkansas, to Mr. Haywood Lauderdale [William Vincent Byars], requesting Byars' approval on art articles by "Expert" in the *Globe-Democrat*.
- 1905 Jan 18 Letter signed Frank C. Richardson, Gloucester, Massachusetts, to

Wm. Vincent Byars, regarding Byars' "World's Best Orations," asking if Byars has published any works of his own.

- 1905 Jan 19 Typescript letter signed H.K. Bush-Brown, chairman, Committee on Extension, The National Arts Club, New York, to Wm. Vincent Byars, Esq., St. Louis, requesting that Byars become a member of the National Arts Club.
- 1905 Jan 20 Typescript letter signed Harold Johnson, Roe Building, St. Louis, to Wm. V. Byars, 19 South Broadway, asking to purchase a copy of Shakespeare edited by Byars.
- 1905 Jan 30 Note signed A.N.D.M. [Alexander N. DeMenil, LL.D.], The Hesperian, DeMenil Building, St. Louis, to my dear Mr. Byars, regarding Byars' "Studies in Verse." (Attached catalogue list of books with marks drawing attention to "Studies in Verse" by Charles "Quiet.")
- 1905 Feb 15 Letter signed Adeline M. Noble, Chicago, Illinois, to Mr. Byars, with appreciation for Byars' sonnets.
- 1905 Mar 17 Typescript postcard signed R. Barclay Spicer, editor, *Friends' Intelligencer*, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to William Vincent Byars, Kirkwood, Missouri, regarding an illuminated copy of Byars' "Paul's Poem on Love" that C.M. Witsch had sent him for Christmas. Spicer informs Byars that he has the copy published in the *Friends' Intelligencer*.
- 1905 Apr 4 Letter signed Watson Bartemus Schrage, M.A., Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, to Wm. Vincent Byars, Esq., with appreciation for Byars' "The Horatian Ode and the Tuscan Sonnet." Schrage also offers to send his doctoral thesis on "The English Ode" when it has been completed for publishing. Verso contains copy of reply [from William Vincent Byars] on April 10, 1905, regarding a copy of Byars' "The Glory of the Garden." Byars also writes of classical verse, and that he would love to receive a copy of Schrage's thesis.
- 1905 Apr 6 Letter signed Sylvester Papin Annan, Webster Groves, [Missouri], to my dear Mr. Byars, inviting Byars to The Artist Guild.
- 1905 July 14 Letter signed C.E. Hutchings, secretary, Board of Commissioners of Tower Grove Park, St. Louis, to Wm. Vincent Byars, Kirkwood, Missouri, regarding Byars' article in the *Globe-Democrat* about Tower Grove Park, referring to Byars a book by Mr. D.H. MacAdam on the history of the park.

- 1905 July 19 Letter signed C.E. Hutchings, Snug Harbor, St. Louis, to Mr. Byars, regarding the copy of MacAdam's book and the park reports that Hutchings had sent to Byars.
- 1905 Aug 4 Letter signed Jos. Stockton Roddy, pastor, Olivet Presbyterian Church, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, to Valley Press Bureau [William Vincent Byars], St. Louis, regarding poetry sent to Dr. Orris. (Enclosed poetry William Vincent Byars sent to Dr. J. Stanhope Orris.)
- 1905 Aug 6 Typescript copy of letter from W.V. Byars to Reverend Joseph Stockton Roddy, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, regarding the poetry he had sent to Dr. Orris and expressing his deepest sympathy in Dr. Orris's illness.
- 1905 Nov 8 Menu, Missouri Botanical Garden.
- [1905] Dec 28 Letter signed Maude H. Lacy, Old Orchard, St. Louis, to my dear Mr. Byars, asking Byars to give a talk on nature at The Webster Groves Monday Club.

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- 1906 Mar 3 Typescript letter signed Ferd C. Schwedtman, secretary, The Citizens' Industrial Association of St. Louis, St. Louis, to Mr. W.V. Byars, regarding a suggestion from Mr. Wm. Flewellyn Saunders that Byars would be well suited to work for the *Exponent*, the association's monthly paper.
- [circa 1906] Mar 31 Letter signed Maude H. Lacy, Old Orchard, to Mr. Byars, regarding Byars commitment to give a talk on "Nature in St. Louis County" to the Monday Club.
- 1906 May 29 Letter signed B. Frank Swigart, 2824 Bernard St., St. Louis, to Wm. Vincent Byars, Kirkwood, Missouri, requesting an autographed volume of Byars' work for the Printers Home Library, assuring Byars that he would be among many distinguished contributors. (Enclosed undated clipping titled "Some Distinguished Contributors to the Library.")
- 1906 June 1 Letter signed B. Frank Swigart, 2824 Bernard St., St. Louis, to William Vincent Byars, St. Louis, thanking Byars for the autographed contributions of his "Studies in Verse," "Tempting of the King," and "Tannhauser." Swigart informs Byars that Senator Robert L. Taylor of Tennessee had not contributed any works, but that Tennessee and Missouri will be well represented by Byars' work.

- 1908 Dec 14 Letter signed C.E. Hutchings to Mr. Byars, asking for a few lines from Homer in Greek to “illustrate the sheer music of works.”
- 1908 Dec 30 Letter signed Ed Paine, proprietor, Opera House Billiard Parlor and Refreshment Room, Cigars and Tobaccos, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear Will [William Vincent Byars], regarding events at home and wishing that Byars would visit soon.
- 1909 Invitation to the Consecration of the Reverend Benjamin Brewster, bishop-elect of Western Colorado, June 17, 1909, Salt Lake City, Utah.
- 1909 Jan 23 Typescript letter signed H.B. Grubbs [Hartwell B. Grubbs], treasurer, Missouri Society of the City of New York, to my dear Mr. Byars, requesting that Byars write a poem on Missouri for Grubbs to read “at the next annual Dinner.”
- 1909 Feb 4 Typescript letter signed H.B. Grubbs, New York, to my dear Mr. Byars, St. Louis, thanking Byars for the beautiful poetry that “will make quite an impression when it is read between the ‘wine and walnuts.’”
- 1909 July 3 Letter signed Alexander N. DeMenil, St. Louis, to Mr. Byars, asking for two copies of Byars’ new book advertised in *The Mirror*. DeMenil also offers to run an ad in *The Hesperian* if Byars does not get enough subscribers. (Enclosed clipping from *The Mirror* dated May 19, 1909, with advertisement for “Poems by William Vincent Byars.”)
- 1909 July 25 Letter signed Sister M. Borgia, Institute for the Deaf, 901 North Garrison Ave., St. Louis, to Mr. Byars, with appreciation for Byars’ article on lip-reading and for the “soul-stirring” poems that he sent.
- 1909 Sept 28 Letter signed A.M. Moore, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear Will [William Vincent Byars], requesting information about the Episcopal Church at Kirkwood for the archdeacon of West Tennessee.
- 1909 Sept 29 Typescript letter signed C.G. Rathmann, assistant superintendent, St. Louis Public Schools, St. Louis, to Wm. V. Byars, thanking Byars for writing a “beautiful” prologue for their celebration.
- 1909 Nov 30 Letter signed C.G. Rathmann, president, and Felix Cornitius, secretary, Schillerfeier (Schiller-Festival Committee), St. Louis, to William Vincent Byars, Esq., thanking Byars for the poem on

behalf of the Schiller-Festival Committee.

- 1909 Dec 8 Letter signed M.H. Chamberlin, Lebanon, Illinois, to my dear friend [William Vincent Byars], regarding the enclosed letter. (Enclosed undated letter signed Timothy Brosnahan, Sr., Woodstock College, Woodstock, Missouri, to President Chamberlin, complimenting Byars' article on "The Practical Value of the Classics.")
- 1909 Dec 28 Letter signed Edwin Paine, Covington, Tennessee, to W.V. Byars, Esq., St. Louis, regarding news from Covington including Paine's illness.
- [circa 1910 Apr] Typescript copy of letter from W.V. Byars to Major N.G. Edwards, 400 Washington Ave., [St. Louis], regarding his pledge of one dollar, instructing that it should be used for religious rather than political promotion of the missions. (Enclosed pledge card "Where the Church Is at Work.")
- 1910 Apr 12 Letter signed N.G. Edwards, J. Kennard & Sons Carpet Company, 400 Washington Avenue, St. Louis, to Mr. Byars, asking Byars to make a pledge to the foreign missions fund.
- [circa 1911] May 30 Letter from [portion of letter that includes signature is torn off; likely written by Virginia E. Bland], Denver, Colorado, to my dear Mr. Byars, regarding her income tax work, the sale of Bland's book, and her record of service to the government.
- 1911 Aug 23 Typescript letter signed Mrs. G.F. Milton, chairman of literature, Appalachian Exposition, Knoxville, Tennessee, to my dear Mr. Byars, requesting that Byars contribute autographed works for the Library of Southern Literature to be exhibited at the Annual Appalachian Exposition.
- 1911 Sept 27 Letter signed Ed Paine, proprietor, Opera House Billiard Room, to W.V. Byars, Esq., St. Louis, thanking Byars for sending a copy of his poem "Missouri." Paine also updates Byars on Covington news, including construction of a new high school named for Byars' father, and hopes that Byars will be able to visit.
- 1911 Nov 4 Letter signed Virginia E. Bland, Montclair, Colorado, to Wm. V. Byars, St. Louis, regarding her poor financial state. She asks if Byars can give her the names of some people who would be interested in purchasing Mr. Bland's books.
- 1912 Mar 29 Typescript letter signed Manuel L. Quezon, resident commissioner

from the Philippines, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., [to William Vincent Byars], including a bill introduced to the House of Representatives by Mr. Jones of Virginia regarding the establishment of an independent Philippine government. The letter includes a synopsis bill and asks Byars for his support.

- 1912 Apr 29 Copy of typescript letter from W.V. Byars to Hon. Manuel L. Quezon, resident commissioner from the Philippines, Washington, D.C., regarding Byars' support for the bill Quezon synopsized. Byars also writes regarding copies of his speech, "Imperialism or Self-Government?" and his article, "Ad Lucem Libertatemque," that he included.
- 1912 July 22 Letter signed Harry Hems, Harry Hems & Sons, Exeter, England, to W.V. Byars, Esq., with appreciation for the books that Byars sent.
- 1912 July 27 Typescript copy of letter from William Vincent Byars to Hon. Herbert S. Hadley, [Missouri governor], Jefferson City, Missouri, regarding Byars' daughter's illness. (2 copies)
- 1912 July 29 Typescript letter signed Charles H. Thompson, secretary to the governor, Executive Offices, state of Missouri, Jefferson City, Missouri, to W.V. Byars, St. Louis, in reply to a letter from Byars regarding "certain conditions existing in the State's eleemosynary institutions."
- 1912 July 30 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars] to Charles H. Thompson, Esq., secretary to the governor, Jefferson City, St. Louis, asking to withdraw the letter he sent to Hon. Herbert S. Hadley, fearing that what was meant to be a personal letter was becoming a public document.
- 1912 July 31 Typescript note signed Charles H. Thompson, secretary to the governor, Executive Offices, state of Missouri, Jefferson City, Missouri, to W.V. Byars, St. Louis, regarding the enclosed letter that Byars originally sent to Hadley. (Enclosed typescript letter signed W.V. Byars, St. Louis, to Hon. Herbert S. Hadley, Executive Mansion, Jefferson City, Missouri, July 27, 1912.)
- 1912 Aug 9 Letter signed Laura H. Carnell to my dear Mr. Byars, thanking Byars for his correspondence and sending a volume of his work.
- 1912 Nov 30 Note signed H.J. Cantwell, Buckingham Annex, St. Louis, to Mr. Byars, asking Byars to edit and publish his work.

- 1912 Dec 7 Typescript note signed Geo. C. Havenner, chief, Department of Commerce and Labor, Division of Publications, Washington, D.C., to sir [William Vincent Byars], informing Byars that the publication he requested had been sent. (Enclosed typescript letter signed W.V. Byars, proprietor, The Valley Press Bureau, St. Louis, to Hon. C.P. Neal, commissioner of labor, Department of Commerce and Labor, December 5, 1912, requesting that the department send the Valley Press Bureau copies of publications they issue for public information.)
- 1912 Dec 9 Typescript note signed E. Dana Durand, director, Department of Commerce and Labor, Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C., to William V. Byars, proprietor, The Valley Press Bureau, St. Louis, informing Byars that his name had been put on the list to receive all bulletins of the permanent census.
- 1912 Dec 9 Typescript letter signed Herbert C. Hengstler, chief, Consular Bureau, State Department, Washington, D.C., to William V. Byars, The Valley Press Bureau, St. Louis, informing Byars that Hengstler's department issues no publications.
- 1912 Dec 9 Typescript letter signed Edw. Levick [Edwin Levick], Press Photographers, New York, to W.V. Byars, Valley Press Bureau, St. Louis, informing Byars that he would not be able to supply photographs for \$1.00 a magazine; \$2.00 is Levick's minimum rate.
- 1912 Dec 10 Typescript letter signed E.A. Brand, Department of Commerce and Labor, Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, Washington, D.C., to William V. Byars, St. Louis, informing Byars that the superintendent of documents could send him the Statistical Abstract of Foreign Countries for 1909 and the Statistical Progress of the United States, but the supply of the Statistical Abstract of the United States for 1911 had been exhausted.
- 1912 Dec 26 Letter signed H.S. King, Soule Art Publishing Company, Boston, Massachusetts, to Wm. V. Byars, St. Louis, in reply to a letter from Byars. King informs Byars that "The Complete Art Reference Catalog" is no longer in print as far as he knows, and that his business only supplies photographs from their collection, which has little to offer from American art.
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circa 1913 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars] to Percival Chubb, Esq., The Ethical Society of St. Louis, 4533 Westminster Place, St. Louis, regarding Byars' reasons for writing poetry.

- 1913 Letter signed Mrs. Constance Barlow Smith, chairman of Music Department, Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs, Urbana, Illinois, to W.J. Byers [W.V. Byars], St. Louis, regarding the work she and Byars did for the "Woman's Athenaeum."
- 1913 Jan 7 Typescript letter signed C.W. Cherry, secretary & treasurer, The Cherry Coal Co., Little Rock, Arkansas, to W.V. Byars, St. Louis, informing Byars that his brother, L.W. Cherry, will be in Europe for the next four months, but Byars' letter will be turned over to L.W. Cherry upon his return.
- 1913 Jan 8 Typescript copy of letter from W.V. Byars to John Harsen Rhoades, Esq., New York, New York, regarding Rhoades' address of December 18, 1912, "Who Shall Control Our Financial Destiny?"
- 1913 Jan 11 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars] to Doctor J.A. Waterman, superintendent, Missouri State Hospital Number Four, regarding Byars' daughter, Lucy T. Byars. Byars writes to inform Waterman that he sent Lucy's clothing items and to ask if she would be allowed to reply to Byars' letters. (Enclosed Adams Express Company receipt of W.V. Byars dated January 11, 1913.)
- 1913 Jan 11 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars] to M.C. Byers, Esq., chief engineer, St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad, regarding the *Globe-Democrat* article, "Byers Would Inform the Public." Byars believes that he is "an expert in the work of 'informing the public,'" and that he would like to discuss working with Byars on the development of his line.
- 1913 Jan 13 Typescript letter signed John Harsen Rhoades, Rhoades & Company Bankers, New York, to William Vincent Byars, St. Louis, in reply to the letter from Byars regarding Rhoades' address, "Who Shall Control Our Financial Destiny?" Rhoades shows appreciation for Byars' in-depth knowledge of the facts.
- 1913 Jan 15 Typescript copy of letter from W.V. Byars, St. Louis, to James Harsen Rhoades, Esq., New York, New York, correcting a copyist's error in Byars' previous letter.
- 1913 Jan 17 Typescript letter signed John Harsen Rhoades, Rhoades & Company Bankers, New York, to W.V. Byars, St. Louis, thanking Byars for drawing his attention "to the facts and the figures which otherwise might escape" him.
- 1913 Jan 22 Typescript note signed Champ Clark, The Speaker's Room, House

of Representatives, Washington, D.C., to Honorable William Vincent Byars, thanking Byars for the beautiful verses he sent.

- 1913 Jan 23[?] Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars] to Mrs. F.W. Baumhoff, giving Mrs. Baumhoff advice about publishing and also about how to deal with state prejudice against women confined as insane. Byars advises her to start a chain letter that asks women to write a letter to the governor. Byars includes an example letter to Honorable Elliot W. Major.
- 1913 Jan 24 Letter signed Harry S. Webster, San Diego, California, to William Vincent Byars, Kirkwood, Missouri, regarding Webster's move to San Diego. Webster also asks Byars to write to Dr. W.R. Byars about a possible family connection. (6 pages) (Enclosed business card for Dr. W.R. Byars.)
- 1913 Jan 25 Typescript note signed Walter Williams, dean, School of Journalism, University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri, to W.V. Byars, St. Louis, turning down Byars' offer to give a series of lectures before the School of Journalism because of insufficient funds.
- 1913 Jan 28 Typescript note [from William Vincent Byars] to K.T. Crawley, Esq., Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad, Richmond, Virginia, asking Crawley to send Byars "Country Life in Virginia" and any other advertised information.
- 1913 Jan 28 Typescript note [from William Vincent Byars] to Press syndicate, Lockport, New York, asking for particulars on their "advertisement of earnings by intelligent persons in newspaper corresponding."
- 1913 Jan 28 Typescript note [from William Vincent Byars] to M.V. Richards, Esq., land and industrial agent, Washington, D.C., asking Richards to send Byars *Southern Field* magazine and any other advertised information.
- 1913 Jan 29 Typescript letter [from William Vincent Byars] to Mrs. Constance Barlow-Smith, Urbana, Illinois, regarding their roles in the making of "The Woman's Athenaeum." Byars writes that Mrs. Barlow-Smith's contribution appears on page 190, Volume X, appearing as "Ideals of Music." Byars also writes that his role as managing editor was not all that significant in the publishing of the work.
- 1913 Jan 29 Letter signed Sara Estelle Baumhoff, International Sunshine Society, Missouri Division, St. Louis, to dear friend [William Vincent Byars], regarding prejudice in the state health system,

asking Byars how to act against it. She had already tried with the People's Column, but met defeat. Baumhoff also asks about Byars' experience with publishing.

- 1913 Feb 2 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars] to St. Louis Car Company, 8000 Broadway, St. Louis, regarding a "current number of the Bulletin of the Pan American Union that the Mayor of Potosi, Bolivia has placed an order 'for a large number of electric cars' with 'the St. Louis Car Co.'"
- 1913 Feb 3 Typescript note signed Frank Anderson, director of development, Frisco Lines, St. Louis, to Mr. W.V. Byars, St. Louis, informing Byars that Mr. Hughes was out of the city, but Byars' letter of January 24th will be brought to his attention when he returns.
- 1913 Feb 3 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars] to Mr. Webster, in reply to a letter from Webster. Byars describes his family history, thanking Webster for the connection with his relative Dr. W.R. Byars in California.
- 1913 Feb 4 Typescript letter signed Edwin B. Meissner, assistant to president, St. Louis Car Company, St. Louis, to W.V. Byars, St. Louis, confirming the report that cars have been shipped to the Potosi Bolivia Railway Company.
- 1913 Feb 6 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars] to Alvin T. Eteinel, Esq., editor, *The Southwest Trail*, Chicago, Illinois, asking that the Valley Press Bureau be added to the press free list of *The Southwest Trail*.
- 1913 Feb 6 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars] to Board of Trustees, Postal Savings System, U.S. Postoffice Department, Washington, D.C., regarding registered postal savings bonds enclosed for redemption.
- 1913 Feb 8 Typescript letter signed M.V. Richards, land and industrial agent, Southern Railway Company, Washington, D.C., to W.V. Byars, St. Louis, referring Byars to Mr. Chas. S. Chase, 919 Chemical Building.
- 1913 Feb 8 Typescript letter signed T.L. Weed, director, Postal Savings System, Washington, D.C., to William V. Byars, St. Louis, regarding the receipt of three postal savings bonds.
- 1913 Feb 11 Typescript letter signed T.L. Weed, director, Postal Savings System, Washington, D.C., to William V. Byars, St. Louis,

regarding the \$300 check enclosed in payment for Byars' registered postal savings bonds.

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- 1913 Feb 13 Typescript note signed S.A. Hughes [Samuel A. Hughes], Frisco Lines, St. Louis, to W.V. Byars, St. Louis, in reply to a letter from Byars.
- 1913 Feb 15 Letter from William Vincent Byars, The Valley Press Bureau, St. Louis, to Hon. T.L. Weed, director, Postal Savings System, Washington, D.C., informing Weed that Byars had not received his check, and that the delay in delivering the checks for remittance might cause problems for others. (Pencil notation on letter reads, "not mailed check received Feb 15.")
- 1913 Feb 15 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars] to Hon. T.L. Weed, director, Postal Savings System, Washington, D.C., thanking Weed upon the receipt of his check in payment for Byars' registered postal savings bonds. Byars also informs Weed that a delay in the delivery of the remittance checks might cause problems for people and therefore lessen their value.
- 1913 Feb 24 Letter signed H.J. Cantwell, headquarters, City Central Committee, Progressive Party, 517 Olive St., St. Louis, to Mr. Byars, regarding a possible weekly publication.
- 1913 Feb 25 Typescript letter from *The Southwest Trail*, Rock Island Lines, Agricultural Department, Chicago, Illinois, to W.V. Byars, prop., The Valley Press Bureau, St. Louis, informing Byars that there is limited space in *The Southwest Trail*, but they will place Byars on their free mailing list. They do ask that Byars send them anything that would interest them.
- 1913 Mar 8 Copy of typescript letter [from William Vincent Byars] to Frank Anderson, Esq., director of development, The Frisco Lines, regarding his idea for "The Frisco States." (Enclosed copy of drafts of development bulletins for Frisco States Bulletin, Department of Development, Frisco Lines, St. Louis and The Merchants Exchange of St. Louis.)
- 1913 Mar 10 Typescript letter signed Frank Anderson, director of development, Frisco Lines, St. Louis, to W.V. Byars, St. Louis, regarding Byars' ideas for development bulletins. Anderson regretfully writes that he cannot give the matter consideration at the present time.

- 1913 Mar 11 Letter signed Frank Gaiennie, president and treasurer, Frank Gaiennie Advertising Company, St. Louis, to W.V. Byars, St. Louis, in reply to a letter from Byars.
- 1913 Mar 27 Typescript letter from T.W. Chamberlin, 5618 Maple Avenue, St. Louis, to W.V. Byars, St. Louis, informing Byars of the title to Stella Pickett Hardy's book, *Colonial Families of the Southern States of America: A History and Genealogy of Colonial Families Who Settled in the Colonies Prior to the Revolution*. Chamberlin writes that his ancestors are included in the book.
- 1913 Mar 31 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars] to T.W. Chamberlin, Esq., 5618 Maple Avenue, thanking Chamberlin for the title to Stella Pickett Hardy's book and the souvenir diary that Chamberlin had enclosed. Byars also invites Chamberlin to enjoy the pleasant Sunday weather with him.
- 1913 Apr 2 Typescript letter from H.W. Henshaw [Henry Wetherbee Henshaw], chief, Biological Survey, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C., to William V. Byars, St. Louis, thanking Byars for his kind words about Farmers' Bulletin No. 513, and informing Byars that the Valley Press Bureau is on the mailing list for future publications. Henshaw also writes that he will mail all of the publications referred to in the bird booklet.
- 1913 Apr 5 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars] to H.W. Henshaw, chief, Biological Survey, Department of Agriculture, thanking Henshaw and showing appreciation for his work.
- 1913 Apr 12 Copy of typescript letter from W.V. Byars to Hon. William A. Jones, House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., with appreciation for the speeches, "The Truth of Conditions in the Philippines" and "Misgovernment in the Philippines," that Jones had sent. Byars writes about his experience with the Civil War, and how it is important to avoid "Government Ownership of Men."
- 1913 Apr 14 Letter from R.H. Green, proprietor, "The Tipton Record," Covington, Tennessee, to W.V. Byars, St. Louis, regarding an enclosed letter to Col. Jones and the question of slavery in the Philippines. Green also asks Byars to write a letter to the president recommending Green for the position of marshal for the Western District of Tennessee.
- 1913 Apr 15 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars] to the president of the United States, Washington, D.C., recommending Richard S. Green for the position of United States marshal for the

Western District of Tennessee.

- 1913 Apr 21 Typescript letter signed Percival Chubb, Ethical Society of St. Louis, 4533 Westminster Place, to W.V. Byars, regarding Byars' offer to give a poetry reading.
- 1913 May 23 Letter signed M.H. Chamberlin, Los Angeles, California, to my very dear friend [William Vincent Byars], regarding Byars' article on Caesar and Franklin in the *Evening Herald*. (A portion of the letter is missing.)
- 1913 June 13 Copy of typescript letter from W.V. Byars, St. Louis, to the president of the United States, the Executive Mansion, Washington, D.C., regarding constitutional restraint upon executive authority. (Attached undated newspaper clipping from *The Post-Dispatch* titled "The Flag Outside the Constitution" regarding the power of constitutional rights.)
- 1913 June 18 Typescript letter signed Lindley M. Garrison, secretary of war, War Department, Washington, D.C., to William Vincent Byars, St. Louis, acknowledging the president's receipt of Byars' communication.
- 1913 June 21 Typescript copy of letter from W.V. Byars to Hon. Lindley M. Garrison, secretary of war, Washington, D.C., referring Lindley to "An American Commoner, The Life and Times of Richard Parks Bland, William Vincent Byars Editor,' pages 312-333 inclusive: 'Colonial Imperialism and the Spanish War'; 'In Favor of Liberty for All Men.' Library of Congress," for further information on the subject of his first letter.
- 1913 June 21 Postcard note from Eugene L. Isaac, general agent, Equitable Life Insurance Co. of Iowa, St. Louis, to William V. Byars, Kirkwood, Missouri, wishing Byars "Many Happy Returns." Postcard includes portrait of Isaac.
- 1913 June 23 Letter signed M.H. Chamberlin, Los Angeles, California, to my very dear friend [William Vincent Byars], regarding Chamberlin's life and his family's happiness in California.
- 1913 June 25 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars] to my dear Doctor Chamberlin, in reply to a letter from Chamberlin.
- 1913 July 2 Postcard note from Basil Barnhill, The American Anti-Socialist, Washington, D.C., to W.V. Byars, St. Louis, asking for Byars' opinion on a "Currency Bill."

- 1913 July 9 Typescript letter signed S.W. Cherry, president, The Cherry Coal Co., Little Rock, Arkansas, to W.V. Byars, St. Louis, in reply to a letter from Byars in which Byars expresses his interest in moving to Little Rock. Cherry passed information along to Mr. J.N. Heiskell, editor-in-chief of the *Gazette*, and he encourages Byars to come visit.
- 1913 July 11 Typescript note signed Wm. F. Saunders [Wm. Flewellyn Saunders], secretary and general manager, The Business Men's League of St. Louis, 510 Locust Street, St. Louis, to W.V. Byars, St. Louis, in reply to a circular from Byars.
- 1913 July 15 Typescript note signed Champ Clark, speaker of the House, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., to Honorable William Vincent Byars, St. Louis, with appreciation for the circular Byars had been sending out.
- 1913 July 19 Letter signed Laura H. Carnell, The Eagle's Nest, South Worthington, Massachusetts, to my dear Mr. Byars, regarding her work for the *Woman's Athenaeum*.
- 1913 July 21 Typescript copy of letter from W.V. Byars to Enos Clarke, Seven Gables, Kirkwood, Missouri, regarding Byars' "The Ironside" and the idea of hell.
- 1913 July 26 Copy of typescript letter [from William Vincent Byars] to Mr. [Brisbane], thanking Brisbane for his support, promising not to send him anything more until he is ready. Byars includes a "ballad on the death of Richard Rumbold" titled "The Ironside."
- Folder 2**
- 1913 Aug 1 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars] to Hon. John H. Gundlach, chairman, St. Louis Pageant Association, asking to be involved in a book explaining the history of St. Louis.
- 1913 Aug 4 Typescript letter signed G.E. Scrutchfield, M.D., superintendent, State Hospital No. 4, Farmington, Missouri, to W.V. Byars, St. Louis, regarding Byars' daughter.
- 1913 Aug 9 Copy of typescript letter [from William Vincent Byars] to G.E. Scrutchfield, M.D., superintendent, Missouri State Hospital Number Four, regarding his daughter's condition, referring to reports from Italy and the surgeon general of the United States that attribute some psychological problems to a patient's diet.
- 1913 Aug 13 Letter signed Laura H. Carnell, Ocean City, New Jersey, to my

dear Mr. Byars, regarding her work at Temple University, being asked to serve as editor-and-chief of the *Woman's Athenaeum*, and her life at the shore.

- 1913 Aug 16 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars] to Laura Horner Carnell, Ocean Grove, New Jersey, in reply to a letter from Carnell. Byars writes that she would be a wonderful editor-in-chief for the *Woman's Athenaeum*, and congratulates her on her success at Temple University.
- 1913 Aug 25 Letter signed W.H. Biggs, Louisiana, [Missouri], to Wm. V. Byars, Esq., Kirkwood, Missouri, in reply to Byars' letter concerning Warner and regarding Biggs' affairs in Canada.
- 1913 Aug 26 Typescript letter signed A.B. Ogle, Winkelmann & Ogle, Belleville, Illinois, to William V. Byars, St. Louis, regarding his son, Arthur H. Ogle, who graduated from the University of Illinois and is looking into the newspaper profession.
- 1913 Sept 1? Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars] to Board of Trustees, Postals [Postal] Savings System, Postoffice Department, Washington, D.C., regarding the enclosed redemptions Byars sent for remittance.
- 1913 Sept 14 Letter signed Laura H. Carnell to my dear Mr. Byars, regarding Byars' "The Ironside" and a church at the university.
- 1913 Sept 16 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars] to Hon. W.A. Taylor, chief, Bureau of Plant Industry, Department of Agriculture, regarding the use of "sweet clover."
- 1913 Sept 18 Typescript note signed A.M. Dockery, third assistant postmaster general, Postal Savings System, Washington, D.C., to William V. Byars, St. Louis, regarding the enclosed check in payment for two registered postal savings bonds.
- 1913 Sept 20 Typescript letter signed J.M. Westgate, agronomist in charge of clover investigations, United States Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Plant Industry, Washington, D.C., to W.V. Byars, St. Louis, in reply to Byars letter regarding "sweet clover."
- 1913 Sept 23 Letter signed W.H. Biggs, Louisiana, [Missouri], to W.V. Byars, Kirkwood, Missouri, regarding Warner's arrival.
- 1913 Oct 4 Letter signed Laura H. Carnell to my dear Mr. Byars, regarding a poem by Byars on the Hebrew story of Hagar.

- 1913 Oct 11 Typescript letter signed Frank C. Wallace, superintendent of documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., to W.V. Byars, proprietor, The Valley Press Bureau, St. Louis, regarding a set of food charts that were mailed to Miss Blanche Byars.
- 1913 Oct 20 Typescript copy of letter from W.V. Byars to Professor A.S. Langsdorf, Washington University, St. Louis, seeking the approval of the St. Louis Academy of Science on Byars' work on "Homeric Memory Rhymes."
- 1913 Oct 21 Typescript letter signed M.H. Chamberlin, Los Angeles, California, to my dear friend Mr. Byars, regarding his son's literary undertaking, and his meetings with officers of the Mothers Congress. Chamberlin asks Byars to meet with Clifford for him.
- 1913 Oct 21 Typescript copy of letter from W.V. Byars to Professor A.S. Langsdorf, dean, School of Engineering, Washington University, regarding Byars' inability to help the St. Louis Academy of Sciences with the "Science of Language," writing that his work is purely literary.
- 1913 Oct 21 Typescript letter signed A.S. Langsdorf, dean, School of Engineering, Washington University, St. Louis, to William V. Byars, St. Louis, regarding the scientific relativity of Byars' work, suggesting that he instead send his work to Professor Throop in the Department of Greek and Latin.
- 1913 Oct 23 Letter signed A.S. Langsdorf, dean, School of Engineering, Washington University, St. Louis, to my dear Mr. Byars, regarding Byars' work, offering to act as Byars' "agent" and send it through the Academy of Sciences.
- 1913 Oct 23 Note signed W.V. Byars to Langsdorf. Marked "Confidential."
- 1913 Oct 24 Typescript copy of letter from W.V. Byars to my dear Langsdorf, declining Langsdorf's offer to be his "agent."
- 1913 Oct 24 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars] to Harry Hems, Esq., Long Brooke, Exeter, England, regarding the relationship between Stonehenge and Arthurian legends.
- 1913 Oct 31 Typescript note from the Missouri Historical Society, St. Louis, to William Vincent Byars, thanking Byars upon the receipt of "Newspapers, Twentieth Century Languages of St. Louis, 1906-1908."

- 1913 Nov 6 Letter signed Harry Hems, Harry Hems & Sons, Exeter, [England], to W.V. Byars, St. Louis, regarding Byars' interest in the Stonehenge paper. Hems refers Byars to G.C. Apperson for more on the subject. Hems also writes of how November fifth used to be celebrated in his city. (Attached newspaper clipping titled "The Fifth at Exeter.")
- 1913 Nov 12 Typescript letter signed T.W. Chamberlin, 5618 Maple Avenue, St. Louis, to William Vincent Byars, St. Louis, reminding Byars of their plans.
- 1913 Nov 13 Typescript copy of note [from William Vincent Byars] to superintendent of documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., requesting a current price list for public documents on sale.
- 1913 Nov 15 Typescript letter signed H.A. Buehler, state geologist, state of Missouri, Bureau of Geology and Mines, Rolla, Missouri, to W.B. Byars [W.V. Byars], St. Louis, regarding the enclosed bulletin. Buehler writes with regret that he can provide no information regarding the water powers of the state. (Enclosed copy of *Missouri Bureau of Geology and Mines Press Bulletin*, September 24, 1913, regarding Missouri's mineral output [**filed in oversize**].)
- 1913 Nov 15 Typescript letter signed Cornelius Roach, secretary of state, Missouri Department of State, Jefferson City, Missouri, to Hon. Wm. V. Byars, St. Louis, informing Byars that the "Missouri Manual" is issued biennially and that his name is on the mailing list. Roach writes that there is no department of state that can give official information on water power development, except that the largest plant is owned by Empire District Power Company in Joplin, Missouri. Roach informs Byars that he can write to Hon. H.A. Buehler, state geologist, Rolla, Missouri, concerning information on water power subjects; Hon. F.W. Buffum, state highway commissioner, Jefferson City, Missouri, for information concerning road development; Hon. J. Hawkins, secretary, Mining Bureau, for information concerning mines and mining; Hon. T.C. Wilson, secretary, State Board of Agriculture, Columbia, Missouri, for information on agriculture; Hon. John T. Fitzpatrick, state labor commissioner, for manufacturing data; and to Hon. John T. Mitchell, state bank commissioner, for information on Missouri banking.
- Folder 3**
- 1913 Nov 17 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars] to Hon. John T. Fitzpatrick, state labor commissioner, Jefferson City,

Missouri, requesting the latest data available on Missouri manufacturing.

- 1913 Nov 17 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars] to Hon. T.C. Wilson, secretary, State Board of Agriculture, Columbia, Missouri, requesting “documents of memoranda which will enable me to summarize the agricultural development of the State.”
- 1913 Nov 17 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars] to Hon. F.W. Buffum, state highway commissioner, Jefferson City, Missouri, requesting “a table showing the present mileage of the State’s roads, complete, under way and projected.”
- 1913 Nov 17 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars] to Hon. J. Hawkins, secretary, Missouri Mining Bureau, Jefferson City, Missouri, requesting documents, memoranda, and statistics concerning Missouri’s mining industries.
- 1913 Nov 17 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars] to Hon. John C. Mitchell, state bank commissioner, Jefferson City, Missouri, requesting any information that would help in summarizing the development of Missouri banking.
- 1913 Nov 18 Typescript letter signed John T. Fitzpatrick, commissioner, State of Missouri Bureau of Labor Statistics, Jefferson City, Missouri, to Wm. Vincent Byars, St. Louis, informing Byars that they had sent him the “Booster Pamphlet,” that his name had been placed on the mailing list, and that a report will be sent to him.
- 1913 Nov 18 Typescript letter signed T.C. Wilson, secretary, Missouri State Board of Agriculture, Columbia, Missouri, to W.V. Byars, proprietor, The Valley Press Bureau, St. Louis, informing Byars that they sent him their last annual report and that they will soon send him more recent figures.
- 1913 Nov 18 Typescript postcard note from J.P. Hawkins, secretary, Bureau of Mines, Mining, and Mine Inspection, Jefferson City, Missouri, to William Vincent Byars, proprietor, The Valley Press Bureau, St. Louis, informing Byars that he had sent the State Mining Reports for 1902 and 1912.
- 1913 Nov 18 Typescript letter signed F.B. Mumford [Frederick B. Mumford], dean, College of Agriculture, University of Missouri, Columbia, to W.V. Byars, St. Louis, informing Byars that he sent a copy of the report of the director. Mumford also gives a quick summary of recent agricultural developments in Missouri.

- 1913 Nov 18 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars] to Doctor Samuel M. Green, Missouri School for the Blind, regarding a lesson he gave to the children about counting. Byars apologizes for getting off topic.
- 1913 Nov 20 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars] to The Public Utilities, Jefferson City, Missouri, requesting anything in the form of documents and reports summarizing public utilities in Missouri.
- 1913 Nov 20 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars] to Hon. W.P. Evans [William P. Evans], superintendent of public education, Jefferson City, Missouri, requesting copies of their latest reports in print on public education in Missouri.
- 1913 Nov 21 Copy of typescript letter [from William Vincent Byars] to Mr. Brisbane, regretting that they cannot do business together. Byars will miss their interactions, and hopes that Mr. Brisbane will keep in touch. Byars also thanks Brisbane for a reference to Mr. Farrelly.
- 1913 Nov 21 Typescript copy of letter from William Vincent Byars, proprietor, The Valley Press Bureau, St. Louis, to director of the census, Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C., requesting that the department “favor the Valley Press Bureau with the volume containing the abstract of the 1910 Census of the United States with the Missouri supplement.”
- 1913 Nov 21 Typescript letter signed W.L. Nelson, assistant secretary, Missouri State Board of Agriculture, Columbia, Missouri, to W.V. Byars, St. Louis, informing Byars that they sent him a copy of the Forty-Fifth Annual Report of the Missouri State Board of Agriculture and a copy of a “booster” sheet, “Some Pumpkins.”
- 1913 Nov 27 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars] to Hon. John T. Fitzpatrick, commissioner, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Jefferson City, Missouri, thanking Fitzpatrick for sending the “Boost Missouri” pamphlet, promising the next report, and putting Byars on the mailing list. Byars requests that Fitzpatrick send “all of the information about the production and resources of the state” in their latest printed report, “supplementing the Federal Census of 1910.” Byars also requests anything that they have sent to the printer for 1912 during the present year.
- circa 1914 Typescript titled “Whose Dog Are You?” regarding the “Proposed Charter.”

- circa 1914 Typescript titled "Are You Ready for the Question?" regarding the "Proposed Charter." (3 copies)
- 1914 Letter signed Laura H. Carnell to my dear Mr. Byars, regarding war times at Temple University.
- 1914 Jan 6 Typescript letter signed Orrick Johns, New York, New York, to William Vincent Byars, Kirkwood, Missouri, asking for a copy of the poem with the lines "He prayed his prayer blade bare in hand / As he charged to the midst of Raplock's band."
- [circa 1914 Jan 6] Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars] to Mr. Johns [Orrick Johns], regarding "The Ironside" and poverty in New York. Byars includes his ballad, "The Ironside."
- Folder 4**
- 1914 Jan 7 [or 17] Typescript letter [from William Vincent Byars] to Hon. Champ Clark, Speakers Office, House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., asking that the Annual Reports of the American Historical Association to the Smithsonian Institute, from about 1890 to date, be issued to him.
- 1914 Jan 9 Typescript letter signed Champ Clark, speaker of the House, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., to William V. Byars, St. Louis, reporting that he had ordered the Annual Reports of the American Historical Association to the Smithsonian Institution for 1901, 1902, 1903, and 1910 sent to Byars.
- 1914 Jan 13 Letter signed Orrick Johns, The Modern Historic Records Association, The National Arts Club, New York City, to Mr. Byars, with appreciation for a poem Byars sent.
- 1914 Jan 14 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars] to Hon. Champ Clark, Speaker's Room, House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., thanking Clark for sending him the annual reports of the American Historical Association. Byars writes of the "French records, covering Genet's correspondence" that "give a number of points about George Rogers Clark and the army he was going to raise to drive Spain out of Missouri." Byars also asks Clark if his secretary could phone the right party in Washington that would be able to secure Mrs. Bland a clerical position under Hon. Mark A. Skinner, commissioner of revenue in Denver.
- 1914 Jan 19 Typescript letter signed Luke Lea, chairman, Committee on the Library, United States Senate, Washington, D.C., to W.V. Byars, St. Louis, informing Byars that Lea cannot be of service to Mrs.

Richard Parks Bland who has applied for appointment for a clerical position under the commissioner of internal revenue at Denver, but that it falls under the province of the Colorado senators or Mrs. Bland's congressman.

- 1914 Jan 23 Typescript letter signed Anderson Gratz, vice president, American Manufacturing Company, New York, New York, to W.V. Byars, Kirkwood, Missouri, in reply to a letter from Byars regarding a trip they are to take together. Gratz also mentions that it is his impression that Michael Gratz's will is in Lancaster, not Philadelphia.
- 1914 Jan 28 Typescript note signed Champ Clark, speaker of the House, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., to Honorable William V. Byars, St. Louis, regarding an enclosed letter recommending Mrs. Bland.
- 1914 Jan 31 Copy of letter from W.V. Byars, St. Louis, to Hon. Champ Clark, Speaker's Room, House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., regarding the letter Clark sent recommending Mrs. Bland and a possible visit to Washington in the near future.
- 1914 Jan 31 Typescript letter signed Adolph Grant, New Rochelle, New York, to Wm. Vincent Byars, Esq., Valley Press Bureau, St. Louis, asking Byars for more information on his description of the life of Robert Louis Stevenson in the *Crown Masterpieces of Literature* published by Mr. Ferd P. Kaiser in 1902, in which Byars stated that "the reading public was in the power of fiction which was properly classed as 'Degenerate.'"
- 1914 Jan 31 Typescript letter signed Albert M. Friedenbergr, corresponding secretary, American Jewish Historical Society, New York, to William Vincent Byars, St. Louis, thanking Byars for his letter, card, and the sketch of Manuel Lisa and Joseph Simon. Friedenbergr writes that he will introduce the paper at their meeting, and although Byars cannot attend, Friedenbergr appreciates his interest and cooperation.
- 1914 Feb 1 Typescript copy of letter from W.V. Byars to Adolph Grant, Esq., New Rochelle, New York, in reply to Grant's letter regarding Byars' sketch of Robert Louis Stevenson in which he uses the word "degenerate."
- 1914 Feb 5 Letter signed W.H. Biggs, Louisiana, [Missouri], to W.V. Byars, Esq., Kirkwood, Missouri, regarding Byars' trip to Europe and Warner's health.

- 1914 Feb 13 Typescript letter signed Adolph Grant, New Rochelle, New York, to Wm. Vincent Byars, Valley Press Bureau, St. Louis, thanking Byars for his reply to Grant's letter concerning Byars' comment on the life of Robert Louis Stevenson.
- 1914 Feb 26 Letter signed Mayer Sulzberger, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to Mr. Byars, regarding the Gratz investigations.
- 1914 Feb 26 Letter signed Laura H. Carnell to my dear Mr. Byars, regarding poems published in *The Public Ledger*.
- 1914 Mar 2 Typescript letter signed Cyrus Adler, president, The Dropsie College, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to W.V. Byars, The Iroquois, New York, thanking Byars and Anderson Gratz for their willingness to have a monograph of Byars' manuscript made for the American Jewish Historical Society. Adler also writes that he has discussed the possible whereabouts of the trunk with Judge Sulzberger and Doctor Rosenbach. Adler also reminds Byars he is not Felix Adler, who lives in New York.
- 1914 Mar 11 Letter signed Joseph Malattia, Washington, D.C., to Mr. Byars, regarding Malattia's experience on the *U.S.S. Missouri*, and his appreciation for Byars' friendship.
- 1914 Mar 12 Typescript letter signed T.W. Chamberlin, 5618 Maple Avenue, St. Louis, to W.V. Byars, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, thanking Byars for sending some pages from a "Magazine of Biography and History" that give an account of Chamberlin's great grandfather, Capt. James Francis Moore. Chamberlin asks that Byars send any more information that he finds on Moore or another ancestor, "Old Garad Pendergrast." Chamberlin also writes of the fire at the Missouri Athletic Club in which about thirty lives were lost.
- 1914 Mar 15 Letter signed Enos Clarke, Kirkwood, St. Louis, to my dear Mr. Byars, regarding Byars' plans for a trip to Europe.
- 1914 Mar 16 Letter signed F.R. Diffenderffer, The Lancaster County Historical Society, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, to Mr. Byars, regarding a document telling of the last of the Indians in their old jail and research work in Lancaster. Diffenderffer refers Byars to Luther R. Kelker, the head of the Division for the Preservation of the Public Records.
- 1914 Mar 17 Letter signed [signature illegible; likely written by Mrs. Johnstone, sister of Anderson Gratz], Hotel Iroquois, to Mr. Byars, regarding a visit to St. Stephens College in Annandale on the Hudson.

- 1914 Mar 18 Letter signed Laura Mordecai, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to Mr. Byars, thanking Byars for sharing his discovery of the date Michael Gratz came in to the country.
- 1914 Mar 18 Typescript letter signed T.W. Chamberlin, 5618 Maple Avenue, St. Louis, to Byars, regarding the information on Garret Pendergrast that Byars sent, offering to “very promptly remit the necessary spondulics” to pay for any more information from the Philadelphia library.” (Enclosed typescript excerpt of typescript copy of letter from Sharpe to Morris on December 27, 1754, from *Maryland Archives*, regarding Gerrard Pedigrass.)
- 1914 Mar 20 Letter signed Thekla Bernays, 378 North Taylor Ave., [St. Louis], to Mr. Byars, asking Byars to write an article for the suffrage issue of the *Times*, arranged by the Equal Suffrage League.
- 1914 Mar 24 Typescript letter signed Frank J. Rubenstein, The Dropsie College, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to W.V. Byars, Esq., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, regarding the transcript of the German letter and the German postal card from Professor Brannof Breslau to Mr. David Sulzberger.
- 1914 Mar 27 Typescript letter signed Anderson Gratz, vice president, American Manufacturing Company, St. Louis, to W.V. Byars, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, regarding the expenditure of time and money for the collection of the Gratz papers.
- 1914 Mar 28 Letter signed Laura H. Carnell to my dear Mr. Byars, regarding Byars’ visit to Temple University.
- 1914 Apr 4 Two postcards signed J. Malattia to W.V. Byers [Byars], Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, with appreciation for Byars’ help. Postcards include views of the Daughters American Revolution Hall, Washington, D.C., and the Christopher Columbus Memorial, Union Station Plaza, Washington, D.C.
- 1914 Apr 5 Letter signed G. Lawrence, Mt. Airy [Philadelphia], to my dear Mr. Byars, inviting Byars to dinner.
- 1914 Apr 6 Letter signed S. Solis Cohen, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to my dear Mr. Byars, asking for Byars’ home address in case Cohen comes across anything.
- 1914 Apr 6 Letter signed Lottie M. Bausman, librarian, Lancaster County Historical Society, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, to my dear Mr. Byars, regarding Byars’ research and thanking Byars for the money that

he sent.

- 1914 Apr 9 Letter signed Emily Solis Cohen to my dear Mr. Byars, asking if she can borrow the "bridal shoes" letter for copying again because she had left gaps out.
- 1914 Apr 10 Letter signed Emily Solis Cohen, to my dear Mr. Byars, thanking Byars for copying the "bridal shoes" letter for her and giving her advice on a correct setting for her story.
- 1914 Apr 12 Letter signed Frank J. Rubenstein, Aids of Zion, to W.V. Byars, Esq., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, regarding Byars' research.
- 1914 Apr 13 Letter signed [signature illegible; possibly J.B. Samuel] to Byars, regarding a friend who would like to meet Byars.

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- 1914 Apr 26 Typescript copy of card titled "Intervention in Mexico and the Bombardment of Vera Cruz" from W.V. Byars, Washington, D.C., to the Editor of the Post (Washington Post, with duplicates mailed at the same time to the Secretary of State and the Speaker of the House), regarding Byars' study of American history and the "work of the bully and the butcher."
- 1914 Apr 26 Copy of letter signed W.V. Byars, Washington, D.C., to the Editor of the Post, regarding Byars' study of American history and the "work of the bully and the butcher." Verso includes a copy of letter [from W.V. Byars] to Champ Clark, regarding Byars' letter to the Editor of the Post.
- 1914 Apr 30 Typescript copy of letter from William Vincent Byars, St. Louis, to Doctor H.S. Pritchett, New York, New York, recommending Doctor Joseph L. Foy.
- 1914 May 4 Letter signed Joseph H. Foy, 5062a Delmar Ave., [St. Louis], to Wm. Vincent Byars, Esq., in reply to a letter from Byars.
- 1914 May 25 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars] to Mr. Denison Cherry, Little Rock, [Arkansas], congratulating Denison upon graduating from Little Rock High School.
- 1914 May 27 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars] to A.N. Marquis and Co., Publishers, Chicago, Illinois, regarding his purchase of Volume VIII, *Who's Who in America*.
- 1914 May 27 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars] to J.

- Bunford Samuel, Esq., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, inquiring after Samuel's health.
- 1914 May 30 Letter signed Denison Cherry, Little Rock, Arkansas, to Mr. Byars, in reply to a letter from Byars.
- 1914 June 6 Typescript copy of letter [from William V. Byars], to Sheridan Webster, Esq., The People's League, St. Louis, regarding the "Proposed Charter" Webster had sent.
- 1914 June 9 Typescript copy of letter from W.V. Byars, to the editor of the *America*, congratulating the editor for showing "the Un-American character of the proposed charter."
- 1914 June 11 Typescript copy of letter from W.V. Byars to J.P. McDonough, Esq., chairman, The Joint Anti-Charter Campaign Committee, regarding the "Charter proposed for the City of St. Louis."
- 1914 June 15 Typescript copy of letter signed W.V. Byars to John P. Herrman[n], Esq., 1011 Market Street, St. Louis, thanking Herrman for his protest against the proposed "Charter."
- 1914 June 16 Typescript letter signed John P. Herrmann, Modoc Realty Co., 1011 Market Street, St. Louis, to William Vincent Byars, thanking Byars for his appreciation of Hermann's article, "Hamiltonian Doctrine."
- 1914 June 19 Typescript letter signed Anderson Gratz, Warren, Jones & Gratz, St. Louis, to William Vincent Byars, Kirkwood, Missouri, regarding Byars' research and the enclosed letter. (Enclosed typescript letter signed C.W. Alvord [Clarence W. Alvord], Urbana, Illinois, to W.V. Byars, St. Louis, June 15, 1914, giving Byars the opportunity to use the material Alvord has collected.)
- 1914 July 1 Typescript letter from Anderson Gratz, vice president, American Manufacturing Company, New York, New York, to W.V. Byers [Byars], Kirkwood, St. Louis, asking Byars to write Mr. Joseph asking if he has the journal of Thomas Gist.
- 1914 July 5 Letter signed Alexander N. DeMenil, The L.F. Sneering Company, 48 De Menil Building, Seventh and Pine Streets, St. Louis, to Mr. Byars, regarding the line "In the beauty of the lily Christ was born across the sea" from Julia Ward Howe's "Battle Hymn of the Republic."
- 1914 July 25 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars] to Hon.

Wm. J. Harris, director of the census, Washington, D.C., requesting information ready for distribution "showing the debt of cities having a population of 30,000 or over in 1912, and all information on the bonded debt of incorporated towns, counties, school districts, etc."

- 1914 July 28 Typescript letter from Starke M. Grogan, chief statistician, Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C., to W.V. Byars, proprietor, The Valley Press Bureau, St. Louis, regarding the data Byars asked for. Grogan writes that he will have "Financial statistics of cities having a population of over 30,000:1912" sent to Byars.
- 1914 Aug 4 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars], St. Louis, to Annan, regarding the enclosed poem, "Dies Rationis." (Enclosed copy of poem "Dies Rationis.")
- 1914 Aug 4 Typescript copy of letter from W.V.B. [William Vincent Byars], Temple Building, St. Louis, to Henry, regarding a translation of "Dies Irae" that Byars gave to Mr. W.C. Breckenridge. (Enclosed translation of poem "Dies Rationis.")
- 1914 Aug 6 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars] to C.D. Chamberlin, Los Angeles, California, regarding Chamberlin's father.
- 1914 Sept 1 Typescript letter from W.V. Byars, to the editor of the *Post-Dispatch*, regarding the attached article. (Attached article from the *Post-Dispatch* titled "War's Brutalities," by Dr. George Richter, St. Louis, August 28, 1914.)
- 1914 Sept 3 Typescript copy of letter from W.V.B. [William Vincent Byars], St. Louis, to the editor of the *Republic*, thanking the editor for the leading editorial "on the logic of events, illustrating themselves through the Imperialism of 'Blood and Iron.'" (2 copies) (Attached poem "The Rear Guard" from "The Axemen-The Artifex," by W.V. Byars.) (3 copies)
- 1914 Sept 12 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars], St. Louis, to Mrs. Richard Parks Bland, Denver, regarding the sale of Mr. Bland's Congressional Records. Byars also writes of news back home including the birth of Ewing Randolph.
- 1914 Sept 25 Typescript card from The American Society for Discouraging Manslaughter, petitioning: "We hereby promise to discountenance and discourage all who make a profession of, or a profit of any

kind on, the practice of manslaughter,” signed by W.V. Byars, St. Louis, and T.W. Chamberlin, 5618 Maple Ave.

- 1914 Sept 30 Typescript letter from C.A. Lawton, recorder and financial recorder, and S.D. Webster, chancellor, Kirkwood Council No. 8, Legion of Honor, to dear Sir and Brother [William Vincent Byars], advising Byars to “avoid delay in remitting contributions promptly, so as not to incur the penalty of suspension.”
- 1914 Oct 6 Letter signed Katharine Essex Gratz, Millbrook Inn, Millbrook, New York, to my dear Mr. Byars, with appreciation for her booklet from the Byars family.
- 1914 Oct 12 Typescript letter signed Sarah Cresson, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to Mr. Byars, regarding Byars’ research.
- 1914 Oct 15 Typescript letter from A.N. Marquis & Company, Publishers, *Who’s Who in America*, Chicago, [Illinois], to William V. Byars, St. Louis, in reply to a letter from Byars, thanking him for the kind note.
- 1914 Nov 10 Letter signed J. Bunford Samuel, Philadelphia, to Mr. Byars, regarding the enclosed clipping that will help Byars with his translations. Samuel also writes about Byars’ dealing with “that Jewish Historical inquiry” and includes a Thanksgiving joke about Mark Twain. (Enclosed unidentified newspaper clipping from a Yiddish newspaper.)
- 1914 Dec 16 Typescript letter from The Arthur H. Clark Company, Publishers, Booksellers & Importers, Cleveland, Ohio, to Anderson Gratz, Esq., St. Louis, regarding *Boone’s Wilderness Road* by Professor Hulbert.
- 1915 Nov 6 Letter signed Virginia E. Bland, Denver, to my dear Mr. Byars, regarding news from home and possibly selling the Bland book to libraries.
- 1917 Printed poem titled “The Ironside” by William Vincent Byars. (Attached typescript note states: Reprinted as a Postal Card for Circulation 1917 on the Occasion of the violation of the constitutional rights of free speech and the inauguration of compulsion as a practice of American Imperialists.)
- 1917 Feb 27 Letter signed Laura H. Carnell to my dear Mr. Byars, regarding a work that Byars sent and her teaching duties.

1919 July 25 Letter signed John F. McCabe, Brooklyn, New York, to editor of *Reedy's Mirror*, suggesting that Horace Flack [William Vincent Byars] write an article on the legends of St. Swithun, the Winchester egg woman, and Queen Emma's ordeal.

Newspaper Men Correspondence Series

Folder 6

Inventory to letters from newspapermen, A–J (perhaps compiled by William V. Byars or the donor) (25 pages)

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1899 July 8 Letter signed Eli D. Ake, *Iron County Register*, Ironton, Missouri, to W.V. Byars, St. Louis, regarding Byars' "favor of recent date, which shall appear in the next issue of the *Register*."

1905 Apr 13 Typescript letter signed M.A. Aldrich, *The St. Louis Star*, St. Louis, to Wm. V. Byars, St. Louis, regarding the possible formation of a group of authors from around the area. Aldrich invites Byars to a "dollar dinner" at the Jefferson Hotel. Includes attached list of authors.

1922 April 20 Letter signed W.V. Byars, St. Louis, to Nettie Harney Beauregard, Missouri Historical Society, St. Louis, regarding an enclosed article on Eugene Field.

No date Copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars] to Rudolph Block, Esq., *The Journal*, New York City, regarding a book review on *The World's Best Orations* and *The World's Best Essays*.

1915 Mar 18 Typescript letter signed "Boo," The Censor Company, *The Censor*, St. Louis, informing Byars that they sent copies of "The Made-In-St. Louis edition of the Censor which were sold at the Coliseum for the benefit of Maternity Hospital."

1899 Mar 29 Typescript letter signed A. Brisbane, *New York Journal*, Evening Edition, Editorial Rooms, to my dear Mr. Byars, requesting Byars' advice on the art of public speaking and to purchase one of Byars' books.

1899 Mar 31 Typescript copy of letter from [William Vincent Byars], St. Louis, to Author [Arthur] Brisbane, Esq., Editorial Rooms, *Evening Journal*, New York, regarding the art of public speaking.

1899 Apr 6 Typescript letter signed A. Brisbane, *New York Journal*, Evening Edition, Editorial Rooms, to my dear Mr. Byars, thanking Byars for his advice on public speaking, and asking Byars' opinion of

dictating on a phonograph.

- 1900 Feb 12 Typescript letter signed A. Brisbane, *New York Journal*, to my dear Mr. Byars, 512 Temple Building, St. Louis, expressing his desire for Byars to be an editorial writer for the *New York Journal*. Brisbane also compliments Byars' work on oratory.
- 1900 Feb 22 Typescript letter signed A. Brisbane, *New York Journal*, to W.V. Byars, 512 Temple Building, St. Louis, regarding Byars' work on the selection of orations and Byars' desired salary.
- 1900 Mar 2 Typescript letter signed A. Brisbane, *New York Journal*, to my dear Mr. Byars, regarding Byars' work for the *New York Journal* and also regarding the possibility of acquiring an inexpensive copy of Mr. Kaiser's book.
- 1900 Mar 9 Typescript note signed A.B. [Arthur Brisbane], [editor], *New York Evening Journal*, regarding an enclosed note: ". . . a million men to talk to—no one to talk."
- 1901 Apr 23 Typescript letter signed A. Brisbane, *New York Journal*, to Mr. Byars, with appreciation for Byars' books.
- 1901 May 14 Typescript letter signed A. Brisbane, *New York Journal*, to Mr. Byars, informing Byars that Hearst has not spoken of starting a paper in St. Louis.
- 1901 May 21 Typescript letter signed A. Brisbane, *New York Journal*, to my dear Mr. Byars, regarding the attached letter. (Attached copy of typescript letter [from Arthur Brisbane], *New York Journal*, to Block [Rudolph Block], May 21, 1901, recommending Byars as the "best writer on books in the United States.")
- 1901 May 23 Typescript letter signed Rudolph Block, *New York Journal*, to W.V. Byars, St. Louis, asking Byars to send an example of his work.
- 1901 May 24 Copy of typescript letter [from William Vincent Byars], 514 Temple Building, to Mr. Brisbane, thanking Brisbane for referring him to Block.
- 1908 Dec 19 Typescript letter signed A. Brisbane, The Lakewood Hotel, Lakewood, New Jersey, to dear Mr. Byars, regarding astronomy articles written by Byars. (Fragment of letter torn off.)
- 1909 Feb 17 Typescript letter signed A. Brisbane, *New York Evening Journal*

Publishing Company, President's Office, to my dear Mr. Byars, regarding payment for Byars' astronomical work.

- 1909 June 23 Typescript letter signed A. Brisbane, New York Evening Journal Publishing Company, President's Office, New York, to my dear Mr. Byars, thanking Byars' for his article "The View of an Outsider," although he wishes that Byars had been more frank about Dr. Elliott who is a "cultured jackass" who has "never contributed an original idea to the world," according to Brisbane.
- 1909 Aug 16 Typescript letter signed A. Brisbane, New York Evening Journal Publishing Company, President's Office, New York, to my dear Mr. Byars, offering Byars a job in New York.
- [Circa 1909 Aug] Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars] to Mr. Brisbane, declining Brisbane's job offer at the present.
- 1909 Aug 23 Typescript letter signed A. Brisbane, *New York Journal*, to my dear Mr. Byars, informing Byars that he will keep a position open for Byars as long as he has the power.
- 1912 Jan 9 Typescript copy of letter signed W.V. Byars, St. Louis, to Mr. Brisbane, regarding payment for Byars' editorials on Monticello and a fiction proposition Byars had sent. Byars also writes about Brisbane's ability to not take things personally and an experiment Byars conducted on himself.
- 1912 Aug 1 Copy of letter from W.V. Byars to Arthur Brisbane, New York City, congratulating Brisbane on his marriage to Phoebe Cary.
- 1912 Aug 2 Typescript letter signed A. Brisbane, New York Evening Journal Publishing Company, President's Office, to W.V. Byars, St. Louis, thanking Byars for his congratulations, wishing that he could meet his wife.
- 1912 Dec 14 Typescript letter signed A. Brisbane, New York Evening Journal Publishing Company, President's Office, to my dear Mr. Byars, thanking Byars for his articles to be used as editorials in the *Morning American*. Brisbane also writes asking Byars what he would have to pay to have Byars move to New York.
- 1912 Dec 18 Typescript letter signed A. Brisbane, New York Evening Journal Publishing Company, President's Office, to my dear Mr. Byars, asking Byars for "some very exciting fiction for the evening paper."

- 1912 Dec 23 Typescript letter signed A. Brisbane, New York Evening Journal Publishing Company, President's Office, to my dear Mr. Byars, regarding the exciting fiction stories he wants Byars to write.
- 1912 Dec 28 Typescript letter signed A. Brisbane, New York Evening Journal Publishing Company, President's Office, to my dear Mr. Byars, explaining to Byars that his articles, like "The Confessions of Barton Hungerford," were too complicated for his readers. Brisbane writes that he must return the articles and explains that "you must remember that it is absolutely impossible to overestimate the stupidity and dullness of the public."
- 1912 Dec 31 Typescript letter signed A. Brisbane, New York Evening Journal Publishing Company, President's Office, to my dear Mr. Byars, in reply to Byars' letter concerning Dr. Pankhurst and fiction.
- 1913 Jan 7 Typescript letter signed A. Brisbane, New York Evening Journal Publishing Company, President's Office, to my dear Mr. Byars, regarding an enclosed check for the editorials on Monticello. Brisbane also explains that the reason that he is returning Byars' article is because the staff is competitive, and Byars is not following through with speaking down to the public.
- 1913 Jan 8 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars] to Arthur Brisbane, Esq., president, *The Evening Journal*, New York, regarding the difference between European and American fiction that may explain Byars' inability to write fiction for Brisbane's readers.
- 1913 Jan 10 Typescript letter signed A. Brisbane, New York Evening Journal Publishing Company, President's Office, to my dear Mr. Byars, in reply to Byars' letter concerning fiction.
- 1913 Jan 21 Typescript note signed A. Brisbane, New York Evening Journal Publishing Company, President's Office, to my dear Mr. Byars, with appreciation for Byars' verses.
- 1913 Feb 1 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars] to Mr. Brisbane, regarding an enclosed sample of "Men We Ought to Know More About."
- 1913 Feb 20 Typescript letter signed A. Brisbane, New York Evening Journal Publishing Company, President's Office, to my dear Mr. Byars, regarding Byars' story about Confucius and Wesley, asking for more, although Brisbane does not know how much space he can give to someone not on the regular payroll.

1913 Feb 24 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars], to Arthur Brisbane, Esq., president, *The New York Journal*, regarding the biographies Byars sent: "Sam Houston and Homer," "Hammurabi and James Watt," "Diogenes and Walt Whitman," and "Julius Caesar and Benjamin Franklin." Byars writes that Brisbane would only have to pay "on acceptance."

1913 Feb 25 Typescript letter signed A. Brisbane, New York Evening Journal Publishing Company, President's Office, to my dear Mr. Byars, asking that Byars conduct research on the mothers of great men.

1913 Mar 1 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars] to Arthur Brisbane, Esq., president, *The New York Journal*, regarding the enclosed biographies: "Bunyan and Lincoln" and "Richard Cromwell and Thomas Jefferson." Byars also writes concerning the mothers of great men research. (Attached "Personal Memorandum for Mr. Brisbane," from W.V.B. [William Vincent Byars], March 1, 1913, regarding research on the mothers of great men.)

1913 Mar 5 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars] to Mr. Brisbane, regarding research on the mothers of great men.

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1913 Mar 13 Typescript letter signed A. Brisbane, New York Evening Journal Publishing Company, President's Office, to my dear Mr. Byars, regarding payment for Byars' seven short articles and the research on the "mothers of famous men."

1913 Mar 15 Typescript letter signed A. Brisbane, New York Evening Journal Publishing Company, President's Office, to my dear Mr. Byars, requesting that Byars send him the Caxton edition of *Reynard the Fox* by express collect.

1913 Mar 17 Registry Return Receipt from A. Brisbane and his agent Leo. Hutzul to W.V. Byars, St. Louis.

1913 Mar 18 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars] to Arthur Brisbane, Esq., president, *The Evening Journal*, New York, regarding Byars' biographical articles and the Caxton book. (Attached memorandum for Mr. Brisbane from W.V. Byars, St. Louis, March 18, 1913, regarding research on the mothers of great men and the Caxton book.)

1913 Mar 18 Typescript letter signed A. Brisbane, New York Evening Journal Publishing Company, President's Office, to my dear Mr. Byars,

thanking Byars for his research on Olympias, but asking him to stop his research because it is more inconvenient for Byars than Brisbane had expected.

- 1913 Mar 18 Typescript letter signed A. Brisbane, New York Evening Journal Publishing Company, President's Office, to my dear Mr. Byars, thanking Byars for "Reynard Fox," informing Byars that he must return the Caxton because it would not be appreciated by the readers and re-writing would "kill its character." Brisbane also writes thanking Byars for Sarah Hale's book and that he plans on having it re-bound, and he offers to re-bind any of Byars' books.
- 1913 Mar 19 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars] to Mr. Brisbane, regarding enclosed notes on Brisbane's "five mothers of Conquerors." Byars also writes that he will send Mrs. Hale's "Woman's Record, or Sketches of All Distinguished Women from the Beginning till A.D. 1850."
- 1913 Mar 22 Typescript note signed A. Brisbane, New York Evening Journal Publishing Company, President's Office, to my dear Mr. Byars, upon receipt of "Woman's Record" by Sarah Hale.
- 1913 Mar 24 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars] to Mr. Brisbane, regarding Caxton's "Reynard the Fox," Sarah J. Hale's "Women's Record" that may need re-binding, and notes on the "mothers of conquerors."
- 1913 Mar 31 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars] to Mr. Brisbane, regarding the enclosed articles, the Caxton book, and Byars' research on the "mothers of famous men."
- 1913 Apr 3 Typescript letter signed A. Brisbane, New York Evening Journal Publishing Company, President's Office, to my dear Mr. Byars, regarding the two short articles Byars sent on Abigail Smith and the Profanity of Rome. Brisbane also writes regarding the notes about "Mothers of Great Men."
- 1913 Apr 7 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars] to Mr. Brisbane, with appreciation for Brisbane's suggestions. Byars also writes regarding the enclosed short features headed "Great Thoughts of Great Men."
- 1913 Apr 7 Typescript letter signed A. Brisbane, New York Evening Journal Publishing Company, President's Office, in reply to a letter from Byars regarding "the book about women."

- 1913 Apr 19 Typescript letter signed A. Brisbane, New York Evening Journal Publishing Company, President's Office, regarding payment for Byars' articles. Brisbane apologizes for not having enough space in the publication.
- 1913 Apr 21 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars] to Mr. Brisbane, regarding Byars' articles not yet paid for and his views on opinion writing.
- 1913 May 10 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars] to Arthur Brisbane, Esq., president, *The New York Journal*, regarding Byars' articles not yet paid for and the possibility of connecting with the Hearst syndicate service.
- 1913 May 11 Typescript letter signed A. Brisbane, New York Evening Journal Publishing Company, President's Office, to my dear Mr. Byars, approving of Byars' selections of "Great Thoughts of Great Men."
- 1913 May 17 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars] to Arthur Brisbane, Esq., president, *The Evening Journal*, regarding the "Great Thoughts of Great Men" series.
- 1913 May 19 Telegram from A. Brisbane to Wm. V. Byars, St. Louis, requesting that Byars "send further quotations Thoughts of Great Men."
- 1913 May 21 Typescript letter signed A. Brisbane, New York Evening Journal Publishing Company, President's Office, to my dear Mr. Byars, regarding the "Great Thoughts of Great Men" series.
- 1913 May 23 Typescript letter [from William Vincent Byars] to Arthur Brisbane, Esq., president, *The New York Journal*, regarding the "Great Thoughts of Great Men" series. (Enclosed typescript "Great Thoughts of Great Men, VI to XIII.")
- 1913 May 25 Typescript copy [from William Vincent Byars] to Arthur Brisbane, Esq., president, *The New York Journal*, responding to Brisbane's request to fix "a good liberal price" to Byars' work on the "Great Thoughts of Great Men" series.
- 1913 May 29 Typescript letter signed A. Brisbane, New York Evening Journal Publishing Company, President's Office, to my dear Mr. Byars, regarding payment for the "Great Thoughts of Great Men" series.
- 1913 May 31 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars] to Arthur Brisbane, Esq., president, *The Evening Journal*, New York, regarding the "Great Thoughts of Great Men" series. (Enclosed

private memorandum for Mr. Brisbane, including a letter Byars received from Los Angeles approving of Byars' piece, "Caesar and Franklin.")

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- 1913 June 2 Typescript letter signed A. Brisbane, *New York Evening Journal*, to my dear Byars, regarding the "Great Thoughts of Great Men" series.
- 1913 June 4 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars] to Mr. Brisbane, regarding the "Great Thoughts of Great Men" series.
- 1913 June 11 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars] to Arthur Brisbane, Esq., president, *The New York Evening Journal*, regarding payment for Byars' work on the "Great Thoughts of Great Men" series.
- 1913 June 11 Post Office Registry Circular of Inquiry and two related documents (dated June 4 and June 13) regarding disposition of registered letter sent to Arthur Brisbane.
- 1913 June 19 Typescript letter signed A. Brisbane, *New York Evening Journal*, to Mr. Byars, regarding payment for the 20 articles "Thoughts of Great Men."
- 1913 June 21 Typescript letter [from William Vincent Byars] to Arthur Brisbane, Esq., *The New York Evening Journal*, acknowledging receipt of check and asking for Brisbane's say on the magazine coupons. Attached receipt for \$200 by W.V. Byars from *The New York Journal*.
- 1913 July 18 Typescript letter signed A. Brisbane, New York Evening Journal Publishing Company, President's Office, Chicago, Illinois, to my dear Mr. Byars, St. Louis, in reply to a letter from Byars.
- 1913 July 29 Typescript letter signed A. Brisbane, *Chicago Evening American*, Business Department, Chicago, Illinois, to my dear Mr. Byars, St. Louis, with appreciation for "The Ironside."
- 1913 Oct 27 Typescript letter signed A. Brisbane, *New York Evening Journal*, to my dear Mr. Byars, thanking Byars for his note regarding Brisbane's "rag-time" editorials. Brisbane also informs Byars that the job of purchasing manuscripts has been taken over by the Hearst International News Syndicate.
- 1913 Nov 17 Copy of typescript letter [from William Vincent Byars] to Mr.

Brisbane, thanking Brisbane for passing along “An Everyday Sermon.” Byars also asks how he can get in touch with the Hearst International News Syndicate.

- 1913 Nov 19 Typescript letter signed A. Brisbane, *Chicago Evening American*, to my dear Mr. Byars, regarding payment to Byars. Brisbane also writes that Mr. Farrelly is the head of the International News Syndicate in New York.
- 1915 June 17 Typescript letter signed A. Brisbane, *New York Evening Journal*, to my dear Mr. Byars, requesting more research from Byars, and thanking him for what he has already sent.
- 1915 Aug 2 Typescript letter signed A. Brisbane, *New York Evening Journal*, to my dear Mr. Byars, St. Louis, regarding payment for Byars’ article on excessive legislation.
- 1915 Aug 5 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars], Temple Building, St. Louis, to Mr. Brisbane, regarding payment for Byars’ research on excessive legislation and the enclosed article from the *Pennsylvania Gazette* and memorandum. (Attached memorandum from W.V. Byars to Arthur Brisbane, August 5, 1915, regarding an article from the *Pennsylvania Gazette*, October 5, 1785 [4 pages].)
- 1916 Aug 7 Typescript letter signed A. Brisbane, *New York Evening Journal*, to my dear Mr. Byars, St. Louis, thanking Byars for the book he sent. “I am afraid I am too old to rise above the every day features of yellow journalism.”
- 1917 Nov 17 Typescript letter signed A. Brisbane, editor and owner, *The Washington Times*, Washington, D.C., to my dear Mr. Byars, St. Louis, asking Byars to spend two weeks in Washington, D.C., writing experimentally for Brisbane.
- 1917 Nov 24 Typescript letter signed A. Brisbane, editor and owner, *The Washington Times*, Washington, D.C., to my dear Mr. Byars, St. Louis, asking that Byars come to Washington for the opening of Congress on December 3rd and stay in the house of a friend to Brisbane’s private secretary.
- 1917 Nov 26 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars], Temple Building, St. Louis, to Arthur Brisbane, editor and owner, *The Daily Times*, Washington, D.C., agreeing to visit Washington, D.C.
- 1920 July 9 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars], Temple Building, St. Louis, to Mr. Brisbane, regarding “leadership in

‘action rear.’”

- 1921 Apr 11 Typescript letter signed A. Brisbane, editor, *Milwaukee Wisconsin News*, *The Washington Times*, *Chicago Herald & Examiner*, *New York Evening Journal*, to W.V. Byars, St. Louis, regarding attached newspaper clipping. (Attached newspaper clipping from *New York Evening Journal*, April 10, 1921, titled “A Little Serious Reading,” regarding a translation of “Ulysses Declines Immortality” by W.V. Byars.)
- 1921 Apr 14 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars] to Arthur Brisbane, Esquire, *The Evening Journal*, New York, regarding the editorial “A Little Serious Reading.”
- 1921 Nov 6 Typescript letter signed A. Brisbane, *The Detroit Evening Times*, to my dear Mr. Byars, 514 Temple Building, St. Louis, in reply to a letter from Byars. Brisbane writes that he is a “driven slave, by my own fault and choice,” and that taking over the Detroit paper “is one of the most difficult jobs.”
- 1921 Nov 15 Typescript letter signed A. Brisbane, *New York Evening Journal*, to my dear Mr. Byars, St. Louis, regarding Byars’ article on courage.
- 1921 Nov 25 Copy of typescript letter [from William Vincent Byars] to Mr. Brisbane, regarding Brisbane’s interest in writing on the power of words and regarding Byars’ series on courage. Byars includes an outline of the enclosed briefs on “Good Words.”
- 1921 Dec 3 Copy of typescript letter [from William Vincent Byars] to Mr. Brisbane, congratulating Brisbane for his editorial on “The Most Powerful Words,” and thanking Brisbane for his use of Byars’ article on “Courage.”
- 1902 Apr 26 Typescript letter signed Chas. W. Bryan, business manager, *The Commoner*, Lincoln, Nebraska, to W.V. Byars, St. Louis, explaining that they cannot use Byars’ poem because they do not publish outside contributions. (Attached poem “The High Tide of Toryism” by William Vincent Byars.)

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- 1901 Apr 27 Typescript letter signed F.O. Caruthers, *The World*, Publication Office, New York, to William Vincent Byars, St. Louis, regarding an advertisement for Byars’ *The Handbook of Oratory*. (Attached newspaper clipping, “The Handbook of Oratory,” from *The World*, April 27, 1901.)

- 1886 July 24 Letter signed J.T. Child, Bangkok, Siam, to friend Byars.
- 1887 July 18 Letter signed J.T. Child, Bangkok, Siam, to friend Byars.
- 1887 Oct 12 Typescript letter signed Jacob T. Child, United States legation, Bangkok, Siam, to W.V. Byers [Byars], regarding Byars' comments on the "uncalled attack on the 'Siamese minister' by the *N.Y. Tribune*," the idols Child sent to Byars, United States and Missouri politics, including the upcoming election, and the *Bangkok Times* that Child occasionally sends to Byars.
- 1887 Nov 14 Typescript letter signed Jacob T. Child, United States legation, Bangkok, Siam, to Wm. V. Byers [Byars], in admiration of Grover Cleveland and Missouri's reception of him. Child also writes of political news in the United States and of the sleeping Buddha he sent to Byars' daughter.
- 1887 Dec 14 Typescript letter signed Jacob T. Child, United States legation, Bangkok, Siam, to W.V. Byers [Byars], discussing the beautiful country he is in, the missionaries that "make but little headway with the followers of Buddha whose teachings comes nearer to the oriental belief than the truths of the son of Mary," and politics including Norton's persistence in not running and what that means for Dockery.
- 1888 Feb 13 Typescript letter signed Jacob T. Child, United States legation, Bangkok, Siam, to W.V. Byers [Byars], Esq., regarding the souvenirs sent to friends back home, Child's experience of a lunar eclipse, beliefs of the Buddhists, Child's journeys around Siam, and the big celebration in Bangkok involving the Duke of Southerland, the governor of Indo-China, Sir Andrew Clark, and the Portuguese minister to China and Japan, for which the king will give a dinner. Child also writes of various political issues back in the United States, like Norton being a "drift log politician, always waits for the water to rise and float him off and then swims with the current, hence he makes no enemies and when the proper time comes steps out serenely and with a smile says, 'Here I am.'" (7 pages)
- 1888 May 6 Typescript letter signed Jacob T. Child, United States legation, Bangkok, Siam, to W.V. Byers [Byars], Esq., regarding the idols Child's son has sent, the hot weather in Bangkok, and recent political issues in the United States.
- 1889 May 22 Typescript letter signed Jacob T. Child, Legation of the United States, Bangkok, Siam, to F[r]iend Byers [Byars], regarding the

purchase of a Siamese sword, Missouri politics, small pox and cholera epidemics in Siam due to the hot weather, the enclosed “a curio” tical Child sent to Byars, Child’s return to the United States during which he will take in the Paris Exposition, and the flowers of Siam. (Enclosed “One Tical” note from The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Bangkok.)

- [Circa 1889] Letter signed J.T. Child to Friend Byars, regarding the enclosed idol.
- 1893 July 7 Letter signed Jacob T. Child, Richmond, Missouri, to Mr. Byars [Byars]. (Enclosed newspaper clipping titled “Lee. Viotrix Causa Diis Placuit Sed Vieta Catoni” includes quote of Robert E. Lee.)
- 1901 May 9 Typescript letter signed James W. Clarke, *The World*, Morning Edition, Editorial Department, New York, to W.V. Byars, Esq., with appreciation for Byars’ *The Handbook of Oratory*.
- 1894 Jan 17 Typescript letter signed C.F. Cochran, *The St. Joseph Gazette*, to Hon. W.V. Byars, 313 Temple Building, St. Louis, regarding Byars’ offer to help Cochran with some of his “editorial labor.”
- 1894 Jan 26 Typescript letter signed Wm. A. Collier, Memphis, Tennessee, to Hon. W.V. Byars, 313 Temple Building, St. Louis, informing Byars that he would need the testimony of a good newspaper man in order to consider hiring Byars for the A.A.
- 1898 Aug 13 Typescript copy of letter from the editor of the *Democrat and Journal* to Hon. W.F. Cramb [Crumb], editor of the *Journal*, Fairburg, Nebraska, regarding politics and the influence of Mr. Bryan.
- 1897 Mar 5 Poem written by J.A.D. [Mr. J.A. Dillon] for [W.V. Byars], asking Byars to give up poetry, and instead, devote his time to fighting monopolies.
- 1898 Jan 18 Letter signed John A. Dillon, *The World*, Editorial Rooms, New York, to my dear Mr. Byars, regarding Byars’ leaving *The World* and the enclosed letter. (Enclosed letter signed Blanche E. Dillon to Mr. Byars, regarding Byars’ move back to Kirkwood, January 11.)
- 1899 Dec 26 Letter signed John A. Dillon, *The World*, Morning Edition, Editorial Department, New York, to my Dear Byars, regarding Byars’ address before the university and Byars’ Goethe article.

- 1888 Nov 30 Letter signed T. Dimmock [Thomas Dimmock], 3120 Washington Ave., St. Louis, to my dear Byars, in praise of a poem about Robert E. Lee by Byars.
- 1891 Dec 17 Letter signed T. Dimmock [Thomas Dimmock], 3120 Washington Ave., St. Louis, to my dear Byars, thanking Byars for the book he sent.
- 1894 Dec 31 Letter signed T. Dimmock [Thomas Dimmock] to W.V. Byars, thanking Byars for the poem and Byars' work for "the wild and wicked *World*."
- [Circa 1890] Sept 4 Copy of letter signed W.V. Byars to Hon. A.M. Dockery, Gallatin, Missouri, regarding Byars' political views. Dockery asks Byars for an excerpt from his next speech. **(filed in oversize)**
- 1897 Apr 15 Letter signed F.A. Duneka, *The World*, Evening Edition, Editorial Rooms, New York, to Mr. Byars, with appreciation for the book of poems that Byars sent; "I am tempted to forgive even your Free Silver heresies."
- 1913 Sept 15 Note signed Geo. C. Dyer, president, *The Censor*, The Censor Company, St. Louis, to W.V. Byars, Esq., St. Louis, asking Byars to call.
- 1900 Feb 5 Letter signed Geo W. Eads, editor, *The Calumet Banner*, Clarksville, Missouri, to my dear Mr. Byars, thanking Byars for his advice.
- 1936 Mar 20 Typescript letter signed Jas. C. Espy, St. Louis, to my dear Mr. Byars, regarding the Lovejoy monument.
- 1908 Feb 13 Typescript letter signed John Fay, *The World*, Chicago, to W.V. Byars, St. Louis, regarding newspaper work and old friends in St. Louis, like Kelsoe and Frank O'Neil. Fay also mentions the Galveston disaster and the San Francisco earthquake.
- 1909 Jan 31 Typescript letter signed John Fay, *The World*, Chicago, to William Vincent Byars, regarding the death of Mr. Fayel and the attached newspaper clipping. (Attached newspaper clipping from the *Chicago Evening American* titled "The Harm That Is Done by Our Friends," January 30, 1909, regarding Byars advice to "make an editorial on that old Italian saying quoted by Bacon.")
- 1913 Jan 28 Typescript letter signed John Fay, *The World*, Chicago, to my dear Byars, regarding the bad changes in the newspaper world. Fay

suggests that Byars write a 700-word article educating the public on famous philosophers. Fay also mentions the loss of \$8,000 on Wall Street because of Wilson and the tariff.

1913 Aug 8 Typescript letter signed John Fay, *The World*, Chicago, to William V. Byars, St. Louis, regarding an old book of plays that Fay sent to Byars.

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1914 May 18 Typescript letter signed John Fay, Chicago, to my dear Byars, regarding Fay's new life with the *Tribune*; "I have to do every thing from base ball to financial, with scandal interspersed." Fay also mentions the Inter Ocean blowing up.

1920 Sept 8 Copy of typescript letter [from William Vincent Byars], Temple Building, St. Louis, to Fay, asking Fay for a new market, because the one in St. Louis is dead.

1920 Sept 18 Typescript letter signed John Fay, Press Club of Chicago, to my dear Byars, informing Byars that the *Tribune* is not connected with any syndicates, but that Byars might try the Wheeler and Bell syndicates, or the *Evening World*. Fay offers to send Byars "Vices and virtues of great men of antiquity" for some material.

1930 Mar 16 Typescript letter signed John Fay, *Tribune* Editorial, Chicago, to William V. Byars, St. Louis, regarding Byars' misfortune and recounting his own.

no date Telegram from John Fay, Chicago, Illinois, to William V. Byars, 425 Taylor St., Kirkwood, Missouri: "whether the gods are kind or unkind congratulations."

1900 Aug 17 Copy of typescript letter from W.V.B. [William Vincent Byars], St. Louis, to Roswell Martin Field, Esq., Chicago, Illinois, asking for permission to use Eugene's "Bibliomania" Essays.

1900 Aug 21 Typescript letter signed Roswell Field, Buena Park [Chicago, Illinois], to Byars, informing Byars that Eugene's work is copyrighted by Charles Scribner's Sons.

1896 May 21 Letter signed D.C. Fitzmaurice, *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, St. Louis, to Mr. Byars, regarding Fitzmaurice's work and change in character.

1896 July 25 Typescript letter signed R.W. Gilder, editor, *The Century Magazine*, New York, to William Vincent Byars, South Orange,

New Jersey, regarding Byars' *Studies in Verse*.

- 1913 Jan 3 Typescript letter signed Russell Gore, *The Evening Press*, chief editorial writer, Grand Rapids, Michigan, to William V. Byars, St. Louis, asking for the publisher of *The World's Best Essays*.
- 1893 Sept 26 Typescript letter signed J.A. Graham, managing editor, *The St. Louis Republic*, St. Louis, to William Vincent Byars, [St. Louis], thanking Byars for the ballad he sent that was used in the editorial for the morning's paper.
- 1897 Apr 14 Typescript letter signed J.A. Graham, managing editor, *The St. Louis Republic*, St. Louis, to William Vincent Byars, South Orange, New Jersey, thanking Byars for the volume of poems that he sent.
- 1897 June 24 Typescript letter signed J.A. Graham, managing editor, *The St. Louis Republic*, St. Louis, to W.V. Byars, South Orange, New Jersey, informing Byars that the Sunday paper is full of "dead weight" because they must appeal to the public.
- 1894 June Letter signed D.M. Grisson, Kirkwood, Missouri, to Wm. V. Byars, regarding current events in Kirkwood, including the birth of Byars' son, and the Republican Convention in St. Louis.
- 1896 July 29 Letter signed D.M. Grisson, Kirkwood, Missouri, to my dear Byars, informing Byars that Col. Jones and Judge Biggs want him to move back to St. Louis.
- 1893 Oct 31 Letter signed E. Hannaford, secretary, *Journal of Agriculture*, 1120 Pine Street, St. Louis, to Wm. V. Byars, Esq., asking Byars for the names of some books that would "enable a busy man to inform himself on the basic principles of national finance . . ."
- 1913 Jan 25 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars] to Colonel George Harvey, editor, *Harper's Weekly*, asking to be included on a list of "writers who can be depended on to get immediate action when you need to have information . . ."
- 1893 Sept 28 Typescript letter signed Morton L. Hawkins, editor in chief, *The St. Louis Chronicle*, St. Louis, to W.V. Byars, regarding an enclosed clipping from the *New York Sun*.
- 1893 Nov 8 Typescript letter signed Morton L. Hawkins, editor in chief, *The St. Louis Chronicle*, St. Louis, to my dear Byars, regarding Byars' letter concerning Oates: "Oates is way up on his ear, eh?"

- 1893 Nov 8 Typescript letter signed Morton L. Hawkins, editor in chief, *The St. Louis Chronicle*, St. Louis, to my dear Byars, in reply to a letter from Byars: "If you do not see it in the Chronicle, it isn't so."
- 1893 Dec 28 Typescript letter signed Morton L. Hawkins, editor in chief, *The St. Louis Chronicle*, St. Louis, to my dear Mr. Byars, thanking Byars for letting Hawkins know what Mr. Scripps said about him.
- 1894 May 24 Letter signed Morton L. Hawkins, *The Enquirer*, Cincinnati, to my dear Mr. Byars, informing Byars that the Washington paper does not need editorial matter. Hawkins also mentions that he thinks Scripps is "being systematically 'done up' by his 'wicked partners.'"
- 1895 Feb 23 Letter signed Morton L. Hawkins, *The Enquirer*, to my dear friend Byars, regarding J.J. Dickenson's kind words about Byars, and the hiring of Hamlin Russell. Hawkins also mentions how the P.D. [*Post-Dispatch*] going down to one cent has hurt the *Chronicle*.
- 1893 July 21 Letter signed Walter Holmes, business manager, *The Memphis Commercial*, Memphis, Tennessee, to W.V. Byars, St. Louis, informing Byars that Mr. Knapp refused to allow wire into the *Republic* building, which is where the United Press Office is. The *Commercial* has a contract with the U.P. and they were hoping that Byars could speak with Mr. Knapp.
- 1895 Apr 15 Letter signed George S. Johns, St. Louis, to my dear Byars, regarding Byars' poetry and his discovery that was published in the *New York World*.
- 1895 Aug 6 Letter signed George S. Johns, *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, 513 Olive Street, to my dear Byars, regarding William Schuyler who is interested in Byars' poetic discoveries.
- [Circa 1896] Letter signed G.S. Johns to Byars, asking Byars to meet him in order to discuss a scheme that may hold something in the future for Byars.
- [Circa 1897] Letter signed Geo. S. Johns, The St. Louis Press Club, to my dear Byars, regarding Byars' new book of songs.
- 1897 Apr 13 Letter signed George S. Johns, St. Louis, to my dear Byars, with appreciation for Byars' book of songs.
- 1897 July 20 Letter signed George S. Johns, St. Louis, to my dear Byars, regarding Johns' work for the P.D. [*St. Louis Post-Dispatch*].

- 1919 Feb 5 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars], Temple Building, St. Louis, to Mr. Johns, thanking Johns for the Burns Club book.
- 1927 Mar 29 Typescript letter signed Geo S. Johns, *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, Editorial Department, St. Louis, to W.V. Byars, 425 North Taylor Ave., Kirkwood, Missouri, informing Byars that Mr. Bostwick, public librarian, asked if Byars would meet with him.
- 1938 July 16 Typescript letter signed George S. Johns, Route 6, Webster Groves, Missouri, to Katherine [Byars], regarding Byars' death.
- 1892 Oct 9 Typescript letter signed C.H. Jones [Chas. H. Jones], editor, *The St. Louis Republic*, St. Louis, to W.V. Byars, Esq., regarding Byars' illness.
- 1892 Nov 7 Typescript letter signed C.H. Jones [Charles H. Jones], editor, *The St. Louis Republic*, St. Louis, to W.V. Byars, Esq., regarding Byars' illness.
- 1893 Apr 28 Letter signed C.H. Jones, Editorial Rooms, *The World*, New York, to my dear Mr. Byars, regarding Jones' sale of his *Republic* stock.
- 1893 July 11 Letter signed C.H. Jones, Ocean Hotel, Asbury Park, New Jersey, to my dear Mr. Byars, regarding Jones getting the P-D [*Post-Dispatch*], the silver question, and the P-D [*Post-Dispatch*] alarmists.
- 1893 July 14 Letter signed C.H. Jones, Ocean Hotel, Asbury Park, New Jersey, to my dear Mr. Byars, regarding a rumor that Byars will be going back to *The Republic*.
- 1893 July 30 Letter signed C.H. Jones [fragment with address missing] to my dear Mr. Byars, regarding the difficulty in selling *The Republic*.
- 1893 July 31 Letter signed C.H. Jones, Bar Harbor, [Maine], to my dear Mr. Byars, informing Byars that he had signed with Pulitzer, and would be the editor of the *New York World*. Jones asks if Byars would like to come east to work with him or if he would like to work for the *Post-Dispatch*. Jones spoke highly of Byars to Pulitzer.
- Folder 12**
- 1893 Aug 7 Typescript letter signed C.H. Jones, editor, *The World*, New York, to W.V. Byars, Esq., Kirkwood, Missouri, asking Byars to do some editorial work for *The World*.

- 1893 Aug 11 Typescript letter signed C.H. Jones, editor, *The World*, New York, to W.V. Byars, Esq., Kirkwood, Missouri, asking Byars to tell Capt. Williams that Pulitzer spoke highly of him, and to consider doing some work for *The World*.
- 1893 Aug 14 Typescript letter signed C.H. Jones, editor, *The World*, New York, to W.V. Byars, Esq., St. Louis, regarding Byars' editorial work for *The World*. Jones informs Byars of the writing style that Pulitzer preferences.
- 1893 Aug 19 Typescript letter signed C.H. Jones, editor, *The World*, New York, to W.V. Byars, Esq., St. Louis, regarding Byars' editorial work for *The World*. Jones informs Byars of more of Pulitzer's prefers.
- 1893 Aug 30 Typescript letter signed C.H. Jones, Editor's Room, *The World*, New York, to W.V. Byars, Esq., regarding Byars' editorial work for the *World*, asking if there is any chance that Byars would like to make a permanent connection with the *World*.
- 1893 Sept 2 Typescript letter signed C.H. Jones, Editor's Room, *The World*, New York, to W.V. Byars, Esq., regarding Byars' editorial work for *The World*.
- 1893 Sept 7 Typescript letter signed C.H. Jones, Editor's Room, *The World*, New York, to Mr. Byars, regarding Byars' editorial work for *The World*. Jones also thanks Byars for sending him updates on *The Republic*.
- 1893 Sept 13 Typescript letter signed C.H. Jones, Editor's Room, *The World*, New York, to Mr. Byars, regarding Byars' editorial work for *The World*.
- 1893 Sept 15 Receipt from J.A. Shaw, cashier, Cashier's Department, *The World*, New York, to W.V. Byars, St. Louis.
- 1893 Sept 20 Receipt from J.A. Shaw, cashier, Cashier's Department, *The World*, New York, to W.V. Byars, St. Louis.
- 1893 Oct 25 Typescript letter signed C.H. Jones, Editor's Room, *The World*, New York, to W.V. Byars, Esq., regarding Byars' editorial work for *The World*.
- 1893 Oct 26 Typescript letter signed C.H. Jones, Editor's Room, *The World*, New York, to W.V. Byars, Esq., regarding Byars' editorial work for *The World*.

- 1893 Oct 30 Typescript note signed C.H. Jones, Editorial Rooms, *The World*, New York, to W.V. Byars, Esq., regarding an article on the annulling of the Russian treaty.
- 1893 Dec 1 Typescript letter signed C.H. Jones, Managing Editor's Room, *The World*, New York, New York, to W.V. Byars, Esq., asking Byars to suspend the writing of articles until further notice.
- 1894 Jan 5 Typescript letter signed C.H. Jones, Managing Editor's Room, *The World*, New York, New York, to W.V. Byars, Esq., regarding the "regular glut in the department of editorial writers."
- 1894 Feb 9 Typescript letter signed C.H. Jones, Editor's Room, *The World*, New York, to W.V. Byars, Esq., regarding Byars' editorial work for *The World*.
- 1894 May 9 Typescript letter signed C.H. Jones, *The World*, New York, to W.V. Byars, Esq., inviting Byars to come work for *The World*. Includes handwritten note [by Byars]: "I declined this."
- 1894 May 24 Typescript letter signed C.H. Jones, Editor's Room, *The World*, New York, to W.V. Byars, Esq., regarding Byars' editorial work for *The World*. Jones also asks Byars to carefully consider a permanent position with *The World*.
- 1894 May 26 Receipt from J.A. Shaw, cashier, Cashier's Department, *The World*, New York, to W.V. Byars, St. Louis.
- 1894 May 28 Typescript letter signed C.H. Jones, Editor's Room, *The World*, New York, to W.V. Byars, Esq., asking that Byars consider a month trial with *The World*. Includes handwritten note [by Byars]: "I declined this also. When I went on the World it was of \$100 a week on a telegram from Pulitzer in Europe."
- 1894 June 2 Receipt from J.A. Shaw, cashier, Cashier's Department, *The World*, New York, to W.V. Byars, St. Louis.
- 1894 July 7 Typescript letter signed C.H. Jones, Managing Editor's Room, *The World*, New York, New York, to W.V. Byars, Esq., asking that Byars arrive as soon after the 15th as he can.
- 1895 Mar 28 Typescript letter signed C.H. Jones, *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, 513 Olive Street, St. Louis, to W.V. Byars, Esq., in reply to a letter from Byars regarding Jones' editorial in the Sunday *Post-Dispatch*. Jones also writes of his appreciation for Byars' discovery.

- 1895 Apr 16 Typescript letter signed C.H. Jones, *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, 513 Olive Street, St. Louis, to W.V. Byars, Esq., regarding Byars' literary discovery. Jones also writes asking for help on a few editorials and that Byars consider moving back to Missouri.
- 1895 Apr 22 Typescript letter signed C.H. Jones, *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, 513 Olive Street, St. Louis, to W.V. Byars, Esq., regarding Byars' discovery and his editorial, "Psalm to Life."
- 1896 Apr 18 Letter signed Lily Emerson[?] Jones, Grand Ave. Hotel, St. Louis, to Mr. Byars, asking that Byars return to St. Louis and work with Jones again.
- 1896 Apr 18 Copy of letter signed W.V. Byars to Madam [Lily Emerson(?) Jones], in reply to her letter asking that he come back to St. Louis.
- 1896 Nov 7 Typescript letter signed C.H. Jones, *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, St. Louis, to W.V. Byars, South Orange, New Jersey, asking Byars to suspend writing because Jones is trying to cut costs in order to finance a legal fight with Mr. Pulitzer.
- 1899 Apr 7 Letter signed C.H. Jones, New York, to Mr. Byars, regarding the annexation of Puerto Rico.
- 1899 Mar 31 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars], The Valley Press Bureau, to Colonel Jones, regarding the fight against imperialism in the United States.
- 1899 Apr 10 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars], The Valley Press Bureau, St. Louis, to my dear Colonel Jones, in reply to Jones' letter regarding the annexation of Puerto Rico. (4 pages)
- 1898 Mar 19 Typescript letter signed G.W. Jones [George W. Jones], chairman, State of Missouri Board of Election Commissioners, City Hall, St. Louis, to W.B. Byars [W.V. Byars], editor, *Mississippi Valley Democrat & Journal*, St. Louis, thanking Byars for publishing his letter and for Byars' "fight for the people."
- 1898 Apr 4 Typescript letter signed James K. Jones, chairman, Democratic National Committee, Washington, D.C., to W.V. Byars, St. Louis, with appreciation for Byars' letter and for Byars' newspaper work.
- 1891 Dec 22 Letter signed Kelsoe [William A. Kelsoe, reporter, *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*] to friend Byars, regarding Byars' "Tempting of the King" and other poetry.

- 1892 Jan 18 Letter signed Kelsoe [William A. Kelsoe, reporter, *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*] to friend Byars, regarding Byars' "Tempting of the King."
- Folder 13**
- 1892 June 19 Letter signed Kelsoe [to William Vincent Byars], regarding the rivalry between Kirkwood and Webster Groves, the building of the street car, the Meramac Highlands, the Press Club, updates about the newspaper business in St. Louis, and Byars' news of Abe Webb. (21 pages)
- Box 3**
- Folder 1**
- 1894 Dec 16 Letter signed Kelsoe, 1331 South 13th Street, St. Louis, to my dear Byars, regarding the newspaper business and local politics. Postscript written December 17, 1894, signed "K," regarding a letter that Kelsoe has sent to Davidson. (8 pages)
- 1900 Feb 12 Typescript letter signed Kelsoe, St. Louis, to Friend Byars, regarding Byars "big ten-strike at the Aschenbroedel Club rooms," and the Louderman scoop.
- 1901 Apr 27 Typescript letter signed Kelsoe, St. Louis, to Byars, with appreciation for a book sent by Byars as a wedding present.
- 1909 May 19 Note signed Kelsoe, St. Louis, to Byars, in order to subscribe for two copies of Byars' book.
- 1909 July 25 Letter signed Kelsoe, *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, St. Louis, to Friend Byars, thanking Byars for sending a group picture of the Byars family.
- 1914 July 26 Typescript letter signed W.A. Kelsoe, *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, St. Louis, to my dear Byars, regarding an enclosed letter from Stofer. Kelsoe also apologizes for what he last sent the Byars family, and he asks Byars how he is progressing with his "herculean, cyclopiian" work.
- 1916 Aug 9 Typescript letter signed W.A. Kelsoe, *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, St. Louis, to Friend Byars, regarding Byars' "Homeric Memory Rhyme" and the enclosed letter from Al Spink.
- 1916 Aug 10 Typescript copy of letter from W.V.B. [William Vincent Byars], Temple Building, to Kelsoe, thanking Kelsoe for his "words of faith" about Byars' "Homeric Memory Rhyme."

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- 1913 Nov 7 Typescript note signed William B. Kenny, managing editor, *The New St. Louis Star*, to Mr. Wm. V. Byars, St. Louis, regarding the return of Byars' manuscript, informing Byars that they have a large staff at present.
- circa 1915 Mar Memorial card of Captain Henry King.
- no date Newspaper clipping titled "Capt. Henry King Resigns from the Globe-Democrat after 31 Years as Editor."
- 1899 Feb 5 Typescript letter from A.B. Kingsbury, New York, to my dear Byars, regarding Kingsbury's appreciation for the typewriter and for Byars' work.
- 1900 Apr 2 Letter signed A.B. Kingsbury, Morning Edition–Editorial Department, *The World*, New York, to Byars, regarding the Horace Club.
- 1907 Dec 27 Letter signed A.B. Kingsbury, Editorial Rooms, *The World*, New York, to Byars.
- 1897 Dec 3 Typescript letter signed Cortez A. Kitchen, 1101 Leonard Ave., St. Louis, to W.V. Byars, South Orange, New Jersey, regarding Kitchen's success with the newspaper enterprise and the unification of Missouri Democrats over the proposition.
- 1897 Dec 18 Typescript letter signed Cortez A. Kitchen, Edmonston & Cullen, Mexico, Missouri, to V.W. Byars [W.V. Byars], Esq., South Orange, New Jersey, regarding the newspaper enterprise.
- 1893 June 10 Typescript letter signed Chas. W. Knapp, Editorial Rooms, *The St. Louis Republic*, to W.V. Byars, regarding Byars' resignation from the editorial staff of *The Republic*.
- 1900 June 20 Typescript letter signed Chas. W. Knapp, Editorial Rooms, *The St. Louis Republic*, St. Louis, to my dear Mr. Byars, assenting to Byars' use of the articles he had contributed to *The Republic*.
- 1901 May 31 Typescript letter signed Chas. W. Knapp, president and general manager, *The Republic*, St. Louis, to W.V. Byars, The Valley Press Bureau, regarding an editorial from *The Republic* concerning a Louisiana Purchase celebration.
- 1901 June 4 Typescript letter signed Chas. W. Knapp, president and general manager, *The Republic*, St. Louis, to W.V. Byars, The Valley Press

Bureau, regarding the claims that Washington and Oregon constitute a part of the Louisiana Purchase.

- 1881 Aug 16 Unsigned note, George Knapp & Co., *Missouri Republican*, Third and Chestnut Streets, St. Louis, [to William Vincent Byars]: “Compliments of the Proprietors of Old 1808 to the boys she is proud of.”
- 1893 July 5 Typescript letter signed Albert Lawson, managing editor, *The Cincinnati Daily Tribune*, Cincinnati, Ohio, to my dear Mr. Byars, regarding the newspaper business.
- 1893 Aug 13 Typescript letter signed Albert Lawson, managing editor, *The Cincinnati Daily Tribune*, Cincinnati, Ohio, to Mr. Byars, regarding newspaper business.
- 1893 Dec 3 Typescript letter signed Albert Lawson, *The Cincinnati Tribune*, Cincinnati, to Byars, regarding newspaper business and the possibility that Byars might be able to do editorial work for the *Tribune*.
- 1896 June 15 Typescript letter signed Albert Lawson, *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, 513 Olive Street, St. Louis, to my dear Byars, regarding Lawson’s new responsibilities, Byars’ new book, and the Republican celebrations for the presidential nomination.
- 1896 July 15 Typescript letter signed Albert Lawson, *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, 513 Olive Street, St. Louis, to my dear Byars, regarding an advertisement for Byars’ book in the *Post-Dispatch*, newspaper business, Bland’s campaign for Democratic nominee for the presidency, and the possible treachery in the Missouri camp.
- 1900 Dec 7 Letter signed James W. Lee, *The American Illustrated Methodist Magazine*, St. Louis, to my dear Mr. Byars: “the only way to regulate . . . a great city is, taking human nature as we find it, by occasional knocks and blows from the police.”
- [Circa 1900 Dec 7] Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars] to Rev. J.W. Lee, editor, *The Methodist Magazine*, regarding Lee’s political views and the enclosed typescript. (Attached typescript, “The Most Difficult Thing in the World,” from Chapter 11, on “Universal Love,” Legge’s Translation of the Works of Mencius [2 copies, each 2 pages].)
- 1899 Dec 4 Copy of letter signed W.V. Byars, 512 Temple Building, St. Louis, to Captain A.A. Lesueur, Jefferson City, Missouri, regarding

Byars' editorial work.

- 1899 Dec 11 Letter signed A.A. Lesueur, *Kansas City Times*, Kansas City, Missouri, to friend Byars, regarding Byars' editorial work.
- [Circa 1899] Dec 11 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars], St. Louis, to Captain Lesueur, regarding politics and the newspaper business in Missouri. Byars mentions his plan to write Bland's *Life and Times*.
- 1900 Aug 21 Typescript letter signed M.J. Lowenstein, *The St. Louis Star*, St. Louis, to Wm. V. Byars, requesting that Byars write a series of articles concerning Mr. Dockery.
- 1900 Aug 21 Copy of letter signed W.V. Byars, The Valley Press Bureau, St. Louis, to M.J. Lowenstein, manager, *St. Louis Star*, in reply to a letter from Lowenstein, agreeing to work with him, but reluctant to write about politics.
- 1916 Feb 1 Memorandum from W.V. Byars for Mr. Lowenstein, regarding editorial work for the *Star*.
- 1917 Jan 30 Typescript note signed M.J. Lowenstein, *The St. Louis Star*, to Mr. William V. Byars, manager, Valley Press Bureau, 19 South Broadway, St. Louis, regarding a meeting with Mr. John C. Roberts.
- 1917 Feb 17 Typescript note signed M.J. Lowenstein, *The St. Louis Star*, to Mr. W.V. Byars, Temple Building, St. Louis, regarding the two attached articles on "Americanism. (Attached two articles "Americanism for America" [by William Vincent Byars].)
- Folder 3**
- 1910 Jan 3 Typescript letter signed Frank A.C. MacManus, 509 Chestnut Street, St. Louis, to William Vincent Byars, Esq., suggesting Byars contribute to "The Song of Missouri" contest.
- 1915 July 9 Postcard signed L.M. Maddock to W.V. Byars, St. Louis, regarding a visit to Byars.
- 1919 Feb 10 Typescript copy of letter from W.V. Byars, St. Louis, to Maddox, regarding rhythm in verse.
- 1919 Apr 8 Typescript letter signed W.J. Maddox, United States Senate, Press Gallery, Washington, D.C., to Wm. V. Byars, Esq., St. Louis, with appreciation for Byars' articles that Reedy had sent. Maddox also

writes regarding “the super-men” in Paris, Major Stofer’s performance, and Horace. (Includes envelope addressed to Wm. V. Byars, Esq., Temple Building, St. Louis, from United States Senate Press Gallery.)

- 1919 Aug 30 Typescript letter from WJM [Maddox], National Press Club, Washington, D.C., to Mr. Byars, regarding the president’s trip to St. Louis, the peace treaty in Congress, the president’s expense account for the Peace Commission, and their agreement on political philosophy.
- 1891 Dec 4 Letter signed G. Matthews, editor, *The Memphis Appeal-Avalanche*, Memphis, Tennessee, to W.V. Byars, *The Republic*, St. Louis, regarding the printing of Byars’ poem. Matthews writes that he would be “glad to open the column of the *Appeal-Avalanche*” to Byars.
- no date Letter signed Jesse McDonald, St. Louis, to Mr. Byars, with a birthday wish for Byars.
- 1891 Feb 23 Letter signed John T. McEnnis, editor and archbishop of Titipu, Standard Publishing Co., Evansville, Indiana, to dear old Frank, regarding news from St. Louis concerning the treasurer of St. Louis County.
- 1892 Jan 7 Letter signed John T. McEnnis, Standard Publishing Co., Evansville, Indiana, to my dear Will, regarding Byars’ “The Tempting of the King,” encouraging him to take his work “to the world’s market.”
- 1893 Sept 15 Typescript letter signed Milton A. McRae, secretary & treasurer, *The Cincinnati Post*, Cincinnati, to W.V. Byars, Esq., St. Louis, informing Byars that the *Post* will be sent to him regularly.
- 1893 Sept 20 Typescript letter signed Milton A. McRae, secretary & treasurer, *The Cincinnati Post*, Cincinnati, to Wm.V. Byars, Esq., St. Louis, thanking Byars for sending a copy of his “The Tempting of the King.”
- 1897 July 1 Typescript letter signed Milton A. McRae, vice president & general manager, The Scripps-McRae League, Cincinnati, Ohio, to William Vincent Byars, Esq., South Orange, New Jersey, regarding arrangements the league has in New York.
- 1896 May 20 Letter signed Thos. J. Meek, The Wabash Railroad Company, Auditor’s Office, St. Louis, to my dear Byars, thanking Byars for

sending him a copy of *Studies in Verse*.

- 1931 June 21 Typescript letter signed Geo. F. Mockler, St. Louis, to William Vincent Byars, 125 Taylor Avenue, Kirkwood, Missouri, with a birthday wish for Byars.
- 1901 Sept 7 Typescript letter signed Speed Mosby, Office Clerk Missouri Supreme Court, Jefferson City, Missouri, to Mr. Byars, thanking Byars for his letter of encouragement and for sending his St. Patrick's Day speech. Mosby also writes concerning the attempted assassination of McKinley and reactions to it.
- 1901 Sept 9 Typescript copy of letter from W.V.B. [William Vincent Byars] to Mr. Mosby, regarding the reactions to the McKinley assassination attempt that Mosby wrote of.
- 1893 Dec 18 Letter signed John Mueller, president and managing editor, *Shoe and Leather Gazette*, 919 Locust Street, St. Louis, to friend Byars, regarding Byars' "severance with the *Republic*."
- 1885 Apr 20 Typescript letter signed Morrison Munford, president & general manager, *The Kansas City Times*, Kansas City, Missouri, to W.V. Byars, St. Louis, regarding an enclosed letter to Colonel Coleman.
- 1898 Oct 19 Typescript letter signed H.L. Nelson, Editorial Rooms, Harper & Brothers Publishers, New York City, to W.V. Byars, St. Louis, regarding work that Nelson might want done in Byars' neighborhood. Nelson also writes that he is sorry that Byars' paper had been sold; "It is very seldom in newspaper work that the conscience and the opportunity meet."
- 1899 Nov 15 Letter signed H.L. Nelson, New Rochelle, [New York], to my dear Byars.
- 1901 Sept 5 Typescript letter signed N.O. Nelson, N.O. Nelson Manufacturing Co., St. Louis, to Mr. Byars, regarding Byars' Knights of St. Patrick address.
- 1884 Nov 5 Telegram from O'Neil, Indianapolis, Indiana, to W.V. Byars, St. Louis, regarding Thomas Francis Bayard.
- 1882 Mar 13 Letter signed Frank R. O'Neil, *The Evening Chronicle*, 10 South Second Street, St. Louis, regarding the sale of *The Evening Chronicle*.
- 1886 Nov 3 Letter signed W.N. Morrison [or W.R. Morrison], Waterloo,

- Illinois, to Frank O'Niell, Esq., regarding the presidential election.
- 1888 Jan 9 Letter signed Frank R. O'Neil, editor, *Missouri Republican*, St. Louis, to my dear Mr. Byars, regarding O'Neil's leaving *The Republican*. O'Neil writes of his appreciation for Byars' work.
- 1895 Jan 2 Letter signed Frank R. O'Neil, Stifel-O'Neil Home Comfort Co., 904 Pine Street, St. Louis, to my dear Byars, regarding news from St. Louis, including the *Post-Dispatch* changing its price to one cent. (5 pages)
- 1897 Apr 22 Letter signed Frank R. O'Neil, American Tripoli Company, 122 Pine Street, St. Louis, to W.V. Byars, Esq., South Orange, New Jersey, with appreciation for Byars' new songs.
- 1901 May 13 Letter signed Frank R. O'Neil, American Tripoli Company, Seneca, Missouri, to my dear Byars, regarding O'Neil's appointment to a position by J.L. Blair, news from home, and the death of Byars' father.
- 1901 June 2 Letter signed F.R. O'Neil, Commercial House, Seneca, Missouri, to my dear Byars. O'Neil writes that he is "adequately in evidence before the committee."
- 1901 June 17 Letter signed Frank R. O'Neil, Commercial House, Seneca, Missouri, to my dear Byars, regarding the enclosed letter. (Enclosed typescript copy of letter from E.W. Stevens to Frank [Frank O'Neil], June 18, 1901, in support of O'Neil.)
- 1901 June 18 Letter signed F.R. O'Neil, Commercial House, Seneca, Missouri, to my dear Byars, regarding O'Neil's fight before the committee.
- 1901 June 30 Letter signed Frank R. O'Neil, Commercial House, Seneca, Missouri, to my dear Byars, regarding the labor union formed in the mail room, and O'Neil's lack of support because Stockton called him a "has-been." (6 pages)
- 1906 Feb 14 Typescript letter signed Frank R. O'Neil, asst. manager, *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, Counting Room, concerning Byars' work.
- 1887 Sept 14 Letter signed Palmer [L.A. Palmer], editor and proprietor, *The Ripley Enterprise*, to my dear William, in reply to a letter from Byars.
- 1894 Oct 19 Letter signed Joseph Pulitzer, Newport, to Mr. Byars, regarding Byars' notes.

- 1896 July 19 Letter signed Joseph Pulitzer, Bar Harbor, Maine, to my dear Mr. Byars, regarding Byars' resignation.
- Folder 4**
- no date Letterhead for Hector M.E. Pasmazoglu, Royal Consulate of Greece, St. Louis.
- 1900 Mar 8 Typescript letter signed Hamlin Russell, The Whitehead & Hoag Co., Newark, New Jersey, to editorial writer, *Evening Journal*, New York City, regarding Byars' editorial work.
- [Circa 1900] Oct 28 Note from [Hamlin Russell, Newark, New Jersey, to William Vincent Byars], regarding Byars' absence from the office when Hamlin came to visit.
- 1901 Aug 26 Typescript letter signed Hamlin Russell, *Russell's Convention Dates*, Newark, New Jersey, to Wm. Vincent Byers [Byars], St. Louis, regarding The Valley Press Bureau and making fun of the fact that Byars was managing a "non-partisan institution."
- 1901 Aug 28 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars] to my dear Mr. Russell, concerning Byars' "non-partisan" business.
- 1901 Aug 30 Typescript letter signed Hamlin Russell, *Russell's Convention Dates*, Newark, New Jersey, to Mr. Byers [Byars], concerning Byars' "non-partisan" business; "I am glad that you are the same old wood chopper, still cutting to the line, and not caring where the chips fall."
- 1901 Sept 2 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars] to my dear Mr. Russell, in reply to a letter from Russell and regarding an enclosed copy of "An American Commoner."
- 1901 Sept 5 Typescript letter signed Hamlin Russell, *Russell's Convention Dates*, Newark, New Jersey, to Mr. Byars, regarding Byars' "An American Commoner."
- 1901 Sept 7 Typescript copy of letter from WB [William Vincent Byars] to my dear Mr. Russell, regarding the one day they held a Tax Convention and discussed forming an "Economic Association."
- 1909 May 14 Typescript note signed Frank K. Ryan, St. Louis, to William Vincent Byars, Esq., Valley Press Bureau, requesting two copies of Byars' Record Edition.
- 1903 Aug 5 Typescript copy of letter signed W.V. Byars, St. Louis, to John

- Schroers, business manager, *The Westliche Post*, regarding Byars' work in promoting the World's Fair. Includes handwritten note signed W.V. Byars, dated 1927, that states, "This in reply to a question of whether as a contributor to World's Fair publicity of which Schroers was one of the directors, I would 'support Francis for President' (of the United States)."
- 1905 May 8 Typescript letter signed John Schroers, St. Louis, to W.V. Byars, Esq., 19 South Broadway, St. Louis, with appreciation for Byars' sympathy.
- 1899 Dec 21 Letter signed E.W. Scripps, Miramar, California, to my dear Mr. Byars, with appreciation for Byars' work.
- 1900 May 9 Typescript letter signed E.W. Scripps, Cincinnati, Ohio, to W.V. Byars [Byars], St. Louis, regarding Scripps' plan to start a paper, free of advertising, in Chicago.
- 1900 May 15 Typescript letter signed E.W. Scripps, Public Stenographers, Chicago, to W.V. Byars [Byars], St. Louis, regarding Scripps' need to meet with Byars.
- 1900 May 30 Typescript letter signed E.W. Scripps, Cleveland, Ohio, to W.V. Byars, St. Louis, regarding Scripps dealings with the new Chicago paper.
- [Circa 1900 May 30] Draft of letter [from William Vincent Byars] to Mr. Scripps, regarding Scripps paper. Byars gives Scripps advice, but is pleased with how it turned out. Byars also writes about his new book. (5 pages)
- 1898 Dec 28 Letter signed J. Howard Sharp, editor and manager, *Scott County Newsboy*, Benton, Missouri, to W.V. Byars, Esq., St. Louis, regarding an enclosed article and its relation to Dockery.
- 1903 July 22 Typescript copy of letter signed W.V. Byars, Kirkwood, Missouri, to James M. Shepherd, Esq., Warrensburg, Missouri, regarding Shepherd's respect for the Supreme Court or Missouri as an institution.
- 1918 Dec 11 Typescript letter signed Anne Higginson Spicer [Mrs. Vibe K. Spicer], Kenilworth, Illinois, to Mr. William Vincent Byars, with appreciation for Byars' articles, "Return of the Immortals" and the "Rhymes of Horace."
- 1934 Feb 2 Letter signed H.H. Stendel, Franklin Press, Blytheville, Arkansas,

to friend Byars, regarding the revival of *The Arkansas Traveler*, asking if Byars would consider editorship. Verso includes response signed W.V. Byars, February 6, 1934, thanking Stendel for the offer but declining due to his physical condition. Enclosed fragment of paper with design for potential heading of *The Arkansas Traveler*.

- 1902 Sept 1 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars] to E.W. Stephens, Esq., Jefferson City, Missouri, regarding the attached newspaper clipping which, according to Byars, contains false information. (Attached newspaper clipping from the *State Tribune* titled "Is He the Old Politician.")
- 1902 Sept 2 Typescript letter from the Tribune Printing Company, Jefferson City, Missouri, to W.V. Byars, St. Louis: "We . . . hope that you will understand that there was no intention to misrepresent you."
- 1902 Sept 11 Typescript letter [from E.W. Stephens, publisher], Columbia, Missouri, to W.V. Byars, St. Louis, apologizing for the published letter containing false information about Byars.
- 1902 Sept 13 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars] to E.W. Stephens, Esq., Columbia, Missouri, regarding Stephens' published letter that contained false information about Byars. (Attached typescript copy of newspaper article from *Cape City Progress*, regarding Stephens' published letter.)
- 1898 Jan 2 Letter signed Walter B. Stevens, Washington, D.C., to William V. Byars, with appreciation for Byars' "The Tempting of the King."
- 1898 Mar 9 Letter signed W.B. Stevens, U.S. Senate, Press Gallery, Washington, D.C., to my dear Byars, asking Byars to thank Mr. Williams. Stevens also writes of Muhammed Webb.
- [Circa 1898] Apr 25 Letter signed W.B. Stevens, Washington, D.C., to my dear Byars, regarding the *Republican*.
- [Circa 1898] Apr 26 Letter signed W.B. Stevens, Senate Chamber, Washington, D.C., to Byars, regarding a conversation with Colman, and regarding a copy of Eggleston's report.
- 1901 May 29 Typescript letter signed W.B. Stevens, secretary, Louisiana Purchase Exposition Company, St. Louis, to W.V. Byars, regarding Byars' editorial concerning the Louisiana Purchase and "Jefferson's West." (Enclosed magazine clipping, "Chronology of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition.")

- 1909 May 27 Letter signed Walter B. Stevens, *The Washington*, St. Louis, to Mr. Byars, subscribing to Byars' Record Edition.
- 1930 Mar 12 Letter signed W.B.S. [Walter B. Stevens], Georgetown, South Carolina, to my dear Byars, regarding Byars' accident and the Prohibition.
- 1931 June 29 Letter signed W.B.S. [Walter B. Stevens], Burdick, Kansas, to my dear Byars, regarding the enclosed newspaper clipping and a letter from Bill Kelsoe. (Enclosed newspaper clipping [fragment with title missing] from the *Philadelphia Record*: "Legacy of \$100,000 in Memory of a Noted Jewish Lady.")
- 1936 Dec 28 Letter signed W.B.S. [Walter B. Stevens], Georgetown, South Carolina, to my dear Byars, regarding Byars' "Poem on Love."
- Folder 5**
- 1914 July 16 Typescript letter signed Alfred J. Stofer, Washington, D.C., to Kelsoe, with appreciation for the souvenir of the Second Annual Frolic of the St. Louis Press Club that Kelsoe sent him with an article by him titled "My Big Fire." Stofer also writes of his early days in St. Louis.
- 1917 Dec 9 Typescript letter signed Alfred J. Stofer, Washington, D.C., to Kelsoe, regarding Stofer's encounter with Byars who is working with Brisbane on the *Washington Times*, and regarding Stofer's new position with the *Baltimore News*.
- 1918 Jan 30 Typescript letter signed Alfred J. Stofer, Washington, D.C., to Kelsoe, regarding Byars' column for the *Washington Times* titled "What Congress Did Yesterday."
- 1918 Mar 17 Typescript letter signed Alfred J. Stofer, Washington, D.C., to Kelsoe, regarding an enclosed article by Byars, and regarding Stofer's new position as correspondent to the *Baltimore News*.
- 1918 Apr 3 Copy of letter signed W.V. Byars, Washington, D.C., to my dear Stofer, regarding Byars' work in Washington. Byars thanks Stofer for his support.
- 1919 Jan 25 Typescript copy of letter signed W.V. Byars, St. Louis, to Stofer, regarding Andrew Carnegie's "socialism" and Wilson's view that the constitution "must be reinterpreted in terms of Darwinism." Byars also comments on Stofer's "portliness" and his son, Warner Minor Byars, still in Europe.

- 1919 Mar 19 Typescript letter signed Alfred J. Stofer, Washington, D.C., to Byars, regarding the death of Thomas Meek, Senator Chauncey M. Depew, Stofer's love for children, Stofer's song from the Press Gallery the day Congress quit, Col. Geo. Harvey's speech at Indianapolis, and the Lodge-Lowell debate in Boston.
- 1919 June 30 Typescript letter signed Alfred J. Stofer, Washington, D.C., to Byars, regarding Stofer family history, Maddox, and Horseface (Wilson) with his league of nations.
- 1919 Aug 9 Typescript letter signed Alfred J. Stofer, Washington, D.C., to Byars, regarding the flop of Senator Spencer "regarding the league of Nations proposition old Horseface is trying to put over, after having been tricked by the European diplomats." Stofer also writes regarding the "Shantung business," Wilson's address, and the *Congressional Record* Stofer sent to Byars.
- 1919 Oct 21 Typescript letter signed Alfred J. Stofer, Washington, D.C., to Byars, regarding the League of Nations and the Irish question.
- 1919 Dec 7 Typescript letter signed Alfred J. Stofer, Washington, D.C., to Byars, regarding the "passing away of the *Republic*."
- 1919 Dec 8 Typescript letter signed A.J.S. [Alfred J. Stofer] [to William Vincent Byars], regarding a copy of the *Congressional Record* Stofer had mailed that contained many speeches, including ones by Senator Borah and Senator La Follette. Stofer also writes regarding the ruling of Judge Faris in St. Louis.
- 1920 Jan 10 Typescript letter signed Alfred J. Stofer, U.S. Senate, Press Gallery, Washington, D.C., to Byars, regarding Senator James A. Reed.
- 1927 Feb 6 Typescript letter signed Alfred J. Stofer to Byars, regarding a fire in the Temple Building, and regarding the McNary-Haugen bill.
- 1927 Mar 13 Typescript letter signed Alfred J. Stofer to Byars, regarding an enclosed copy of an address made by Senator William Cabell Bruce of Maryland. (Enclosed newspaper clipping from the *Congressional Record* with the "Address of Senator William Cabell Bruce of Maryland," in "promotion of the movement to secure an endowment of \$1,000,000 for the American Historical Association.") Includes envelope addressed to Wm. V. Byars, Esq., 425 Taylor Avenue, Kirkwood, Missouri, from the U.S. Senate, Press Gallery, March 13, 1927.

- 1928 Feb 19 Typescript letter signed Alfred J. Stofer to Byars, regarding an article about Mr. Grissom in the *Washington Post*, and regarding Stofer's encounter with an Indian chief. Stofer writes of Mr. William Fayell [William Fayel] and Alec. Webb getting in trouble for writing and publishing the word "Injuns."
- 1929 Apr 7 Typescript letter signed Alfred J. Stofer to Byars, regarding an enclosed article from the *Washington Post*, and regarding Stofer's experience with a young Boston widow.
- 1893 May 19 *St. Louis Republic* newspaper clipping titled "Col. Jones Deposed. Chas. W. Knapp Assumes General Control of the Republic."
- 1895 *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* newspaper clipping, "Sham vs. Honest Bimetallism."
- 1893 Newspaper clipping regarding Col. Charles H. Jones, editor of the *St. Louis Republic*.
- 1931 June 18 Typescript letter signed Alfred J. Stofer to Byars, regarding St. Louis friends and Byars' 74th birthday.
- 1933 June 8 Typescript letter signed Alfred J. Stofer to Byars, regarding the attached newspaper clipping, Kelsoe's drinking habits, and President Roosevelt's celebrations at end of the Prohibition with Anheuser-Busch beer: "He probably wanted to impress those sitting near him, that is as much as he polled twenty two million votes at the November election in 1932, he was justified in pouring down his throat all the Budweiser his stomach could hold." Attached newspaper clipping from *The Washington Post* titled "Joseph C. Byars, Jr., Dies in New York."
- 1913 July 10 Typescript letter signed Collins Thompson, *The St. Louis Republic*, St. Louis, to William Vincent Byars, proprietor, The Valley Press Bureau, congratulating Byars upon the fifteenth anniversary of The Valley Press Bureau.
- 1913 July 11 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars] to Mr. Thompson, thanking Thompson for his congratulations. Byars includes a poem, "A Prayer to Hertha."
- [Circa 1913] Typescript letter [from William Vincent Byars], proprietor, The Valley Press Bureau, titled "1898-1913 Fifteenth Anniversary of The Valley Press Bureau," regarding the clean record and successes of The Valley Press Bureau on its fifteenth anniversary.

- 1917 July 13 Typescript letter signed Oswald Jamison Villard, president, *The New York Evening Post*, to William Vincent Byars, St. Louis, in reply to a letter from Byars, promising to call upon Byars when the opportunity opens.
- 1895 Feb 1 Letter signed Solon J. Vlasto, *The Atlantis*, New York, to W. Byars, Esq., regarding Byars' visit and reading Greek.
- 1913 Feb 8 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars] to Frederick B. Warren, Esq., editorial director, *The St. Louis Star*, regarding enclosed articles, "Studies of St. Louis Rings."
- 1913 Feb 11 Typescript note signed F.B. Warren, editorial director, *St. Louis Star*, to Wm. V. Byars, Valley Press Bureau, St. Louis, informing Byars that he was unable to use Byars' articles.
- 1913 June 25 Typescript copy of note [from William Vincent Byars] to F.B. Warren, Esq., editorial director, *St. Louis Star*, regarding an enclosed petition to the president in the Julian Hawthorne case. (Enclosed typescript copy of letter from W.V. Byars, St. Louis, to the president of the United States, June 25, 1913, regarding the Julian Hawthorne case.)
- 1913 July 7 Typescript letter signed F.B. Warren, editorial director, *St. Louis Star*, to William V. Byars, St. Louis, informing Byars that he could not publish the petition in the case of Julian Hawthorne.
- Folder 6**
- 1884 Nov 7 Letter signed Stanley Waterloo, president, *The Day*, to my dear Byars, regarding Byars' work.
- 1892 Feb 5 Letter signed Stanley Waterloo, Press Club of Chicago, to my dear Byars, regarding a poem that Byars sent.
- 1892 Apr 12 Letter signed Stanley Waterloo, Press Club of Chicago, to my dear Byars, in reply to a letter from Byars.
- 1892 Apr 13 Letter signed Stanley Waterloo, Chicago, to my dear Byars, regarding Byars' "Tannhauser," an enclosed article, newspaper women, and Byars' recent activity.
- 1892 Apr 19 Letter signed Stanley Waterloo, Press Club of Chicago, to my dear Byars, regarding a copy of "A Man and Woman" that Waterloo sent to Byars.
- 1892 Apr 21 Letter signed Stanley Waterloo, Press Club of Chicago, to my dear

Byars, regarding Byars' new book.

- 1892 May 9 Letter signed Stanley Waterloo, Chicago, to my dear Byars, regarding the book notices, and asking Byars to take a trip "up here."
- 1892 July 7 Letter signed Stanley Waterloo, St. Louis, to my dear Byars, advising Byars to take a break from newspaper work until he recovers from his problems. Waterloo offers Byars the city editorship of the *Globe-Democrat*. Waterloo also writes regarding the broken deal with the *Chronicle* and asks if there are any country newspapers in Tennessee in need of an editor and business manager.
- 1899 Feb 13 Letter signed Edwin M. Watson, *Missouri State Tribune*, Jefferson City, to W.V. Byars, asking Byars to edit the enclosed articles he had written.
- 1888 Feb 7 Letter signed Alex R. Webb, Manila, Philippine Islands, to my dear Byars, regarding Webb's move to Manila.
- [Circa 1913] Letter signed F.D. White, Waterford, Connecticut, to Byars, regarding Byars' contribution.
- 1913 Aug 12 Typescript letter signed F.D. White, Publication Department, *The World*, New York, to W.V. Byars, The Valley Press Bureau, St. Louis, regarding Byars' circular, wishing Byars success on the new form of the *Post-Dispatch Magazine*.
- 1913 Aug 16 Typescript letter signed F.D. White, Publication Department, *The World*, New York, to Wm. V. Byars, St. Louis, suggesting Byars send his work to the *New York Evening Post* or to Commodore James Gordon Bennett of Paris.
- 1892 Oct 8 Typescript letter signed H.M. Williams, *The St. Louis Republic*, St. Louis, to W.V. Byars, Esq., regarding Byars' sickness, suggesting a course of purgative and quinine.
- 1893 Nov 20 Typescript letter signed H.M. Williams, Editor's Room, *The World*, to W.V. Byars, Esq., asking Byars if he knows anyone who would be willing to buy the Williams home, because Williams can no longer keep up with the payments.
- 1893 Nov 29 Typescript letter signed H.M. Williams, Managing Editor's Room, *The World*, New York City, to my dear Mr. Byars, thanking Byars for his welfare in "the present financial depression." (Attached

- typescript, "The Millionaire and His Frankenstein," by H.M.W. [H.M. Williams].)
- 1893 Dec 22 Typescript letter signed H.M. Williams, Managing Editor's Room, *The World*, New York City, to W.V. Byars, Esq., regarding a bill owed to Byars.
- 1894 June 7 Typescript letter signed H.M. Williams, Managing Editor's Room, *The World*, New York City, to W.V. Byars, Esq., regarding Williams' family's move to New York, asking Byars to consider doing the same. (Enclosed poem, "In Eternity," by H.M. Williams. Attached note signed H.M.W. [H.M. Williams], regarding Byars' missing check.)
- 1895 Mar 28 Letter signed H.M. Williams to Mr. Byars, regarding the study of Homer.
- 1897 July 23 Typescript letter signed Henry M. Williams, *Post-Dispatch* Office, to Mr. Byars, regarding "pot boilers," and his newspaper's business of merely amusing the people.
- 1909 June 11 Note signed H.M. Williams to Mr. Byars, subscribing to Byars' book of poems.
- 1912 May Typescript copy of letter from W.V. Byars to Colonel Williams [Sam Williams], regarding Williams' letter to White.
- 1897 June 4 Letter signed Samuel Williams, Kirkwood, Missouri, to W.V. Byars, with appreciation for Byars' "New Songs to Old Tunes and Other Studies in Verse." Williams also writes that he is out of work: "Gray beards don't seem to be in demand in newspaper offices."
- 1912 May Letter signed Samuel Williams to W.V. Byars, regarding an enclosed copy of a letter regarding the relation between Socratic Paganism and modern Christianity. Enclosed typescript letter signed Samuel Williams, Berry Road, Kirkwood, Missouri, to Florence D. White, May 1912, relating religious and pagan teachings. (14 pages)
- 1900 Feb 17 Typescript letter signed Walter Williams, editor, *The Columbia Missouri Herald*, Columbia, Missouri, to Hon. W.V. Byars, St. Louis, regarding Williams' talk to the Indiana Democratic Association in which he drew from Byars' discussion of imperialism.

- 1913 Feb 12 Typescript letter signed John E. Wright, editor, *The St. Louis Times*, Evening Daily, St. Louis, to W.V. Byars, St. Louis, asking Byars to write an article on the political situation in Ireland.
- 1913 Feb 18 Typescript letter signed John E. Wright, editor, *The St. Louis Times*, Evening Daily, St. Louis, to W.V. Byars, St. Louis, regarding payment to Byars and informing Byars that they cannot take another feature.
- 1913 Feb 18 Typescript copy of letter from W.V. Byars to John E. Wright, Esq., editor, *Times*, regarding the return of his article "Anonymous Observations." Byars also informs Wright that he must return the ten dollars for his "Data on Ireland," because he will "never collect for small things of that kind in the way of helping the ladies."
- 1911 Mar 25 Letter signed C.S. Yost, editor, *St. Louis Globe-Democrat*, to my dear Mr. Byars, requesting that Byars speak at a meeting of the Papyrus Club.
- 1885 Apr 24 Letter signed Robt. M. Yost, U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C., to Mr. Byars, regarding Yost's desire to represent the *Republican*.
- 1894 Dec 10 Letter signed R.M. Yost, *The St. Louis Republic*, St. Louis, to Mr. Byars, regarding Yost's desire to go to New York, although he has a good position with *The Republic* and a clerkship with the legislative committee. Yost also writes regarding his health and the changes at *The Republic*.

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Folder 7

- no date Newspaper clipping titled "250 Pages in Christmas Number Reedy's Mirror."
- no date Typescript, "Memorandum for Editor," regarding articles written by Horace Flack. (Attached undated page of *Reedy's Mirror* [2 copies] and two pages from *Reedy's Mirror* dated February 7, 1919.)
- 1895 Apr 8 Letter signed William Marion Reedy, *The Mirror*, St. Louis, to William V. Byars, regarding Byars' discovery, requesting that Byars send all of his articles on the matter.
- 1897 Apr 21 Letter signed William Marion Reedy, *The Mirror*, St. Louis, to Mr. Byars, regarding Byars' "The Glory of the Garden," and the package of books Byars sent.

- 1905 Feb 2 Typescript letter signed William Marion Reedy to William Vincent Byars, asking if Byars sent copies of "Tannhauser," "House of Fate," and "The Isle of Dreams" to the American Printing House for the Blind at Louisville.
- 1909 June 23 Letter signed William Marion Reedy, editor and proprietor, *The Mirror*, St. Louis, to my dear Byars, asking to subscribe for two copies of Byars' poems.
- 1912 Feb 25 Typescript copy of letter from W.V. Byars to William Marion Reedy, Esq., editor of *The Mirror*, regarding Byars' discovery regarding Homer.
- 1913 Feb 15 Typescript letter signed William Marion Reedy, Esq., editor and proprietor, *The Mirror*, St. Louis, to Wm. Vincent Byars, St. Louis, with appreciation for the article Byars' sent, asking that Byars do more book reviews.
- 1913 Feb 17 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars] to William Marion Reedy, Esq., editor, *The Mirror*, St. Louis, thanking Reedy for the payment for his article on "The Kallikaka Family," and accepting Reedy's request that he should do more book reviews.
- 1913 Feb 20 Typescript letter signed William Marion Reedy, editor and proprietor, *The Mirror*, St. Louis, to Wm. Vincent Byars, St. Louis, asking Byars to review *The Modern Reader's Chaucer* and *The Sea Kings of Crete*.
- 1913 Feb 21 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars] to William Marion Reedy, Esq., editor, *The Mirror*, accepting the two books Reedy asked Byars to review.
- 1913 Feb 24 Typescript letter signed William Marion Reedy, editor and proprietor, *The Mirror*, St. Louis, to Wm. Vincent Byars, St. Louis, asking Byars to make his review of *Sea Kings of Crete* more understandable for the reader.
- 1913 Feb 26 Typescript letter signed William Marion Reedy, editor and proprietor, *The Mirror*, St. Louis, to Wm. Vincent Byars, with appreciation for Byars article on "The Greeks Before Homer."
- 1913 Feb 28 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars] to William Marion Reedy, Esq., editor, *The Mirror*, St. Louis, regarding the enclosed article on "What Chaucer Means to Modern Readers," and asking Reedy for more payment.

- 1913 Mar 5 Typescript letter signed Reedy [William Marion Reedy, editor and proprietor], *The Mirror*, St. Louis, to W.V. Byars, regarding the two books sent to Byars.
- 1913 Mar 7 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars] to William Marion Reedy, Esq., editor, *The Mirror*, regarding the enclosed article on "The Science of Human Behavior."
- [Circa Mar 1913] Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars] to William Marion Reedy, Esq., editor, *Mirror*, regarding Byars' "The Science of Human Behavior," and the value of plain English.
- 1913 Mar 14 Typescript letter signed William Marion Reedy, editor and proprietor, *The Mirror*, St. Louis, to W.V. Byars, St. Louis, asking Byars to write an article on a book about Shakespeare by Mr. Acheson.
- 1913 Mar 17 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars] to William Marion Reedy, Esq., editor, *The Mirror*, regarding reading matter on "Mistress Davenant, the Dark Lady," and Reedy labeling Byars as a "Shakespearian Scholar."
- 1913 Mar 20 Typescript letter signed William Marion Reedy, editor and proprietor, *The Mirror*, St. Louis, to Wm. Vincent Byars, St. Louis, regarding Byars' article on "The Dark Lady," and his manuscript book about Shakespeare.
- 1913 Mar 22 Typescript copy of letter from W.V.B. [William Vincent Byars] to Mr. Reedy, regarding Byars' Shakespeare's Scholar's Library.
- 1913 Mar 28 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars] to William Marion Reedy, Esq., editor, *The Mirror*, regarding Byars' prose introduction to the Hermit of Hampole.
- 1913 Apr 2 Typescript letter signed William Marion Reedy, editor and proprietor, *The Mirror*, St. Louis, to William Vincent Byars, St. Louis, informing Byars that he does not understand Byars' piece about "The Hermit of Hampole Wood."
- 1913 Apr 3 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars] to William Marion Reedy, Esq., editor, *The Mirror*, regarding an enclosed study of Richard Rolle and the included poem by Carlyle Spencer.
- 1913 July 26 Typescript letter signed William Marion Reedy, editor and proprietor, *The Mirror*, St. Louis, to William Vincent Byars, Valley Press Bureau, St. Louis, congratulating the Valley Press

Bureau. Reedy also writes to ask if Byars could write something on George Santayana.

- 1913 July 26 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars] to William Marion Reedy, Esq., *The Mirror*, St. Louis, in reply to a letter from Reedy regarding the record of the Valley Press Bureau and an article on George Santayana. Byars also writes regarding his studies on Homeric poems.
- 1913 Nov 8 Typescript letter signed William Marion Reedy, editor and proprietor, *The Mirror*, St. Louis, to W.V. Byars, St. Louis, regarding payment for Byars' article on Altruism in City Government. Reedy also writes asking if Byars would write an article upon Missouri history and resources.
- [Circa 1913] Nov 10 Copy of letter signed W.V. Byars to Mr. Reedy, regarding payment for an article on Missouri history and resources.
- 1913 Nov 22 Typescript letter signed William Marion Reedy, editor and proprietor, *The Mirror*, St. Louis, to W.V. Byars, St. Louis, regarding payment for Byars' article, "Missouri Today."
- 1913 Nov 24 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars] to *The Mirror*, Syndicate Trust Building, St. Louis, regarding payment for Byars' article, "Missouri Today."
- 1913 Nov 29 Typescript note from *The Mirror*, St. Louis, to W.V. Byars, St. Louis, regarding payment for Byars' article, "Missouri Today."
- 1913 Dec 1 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars] to *The Mirror*, Syndicate Trust Building, St. Louis, regarding payment for Byars' article, "Missouri Today."
- 1913 Dec 5 Typescript note from *The Mirror*, St. Louis, to W.V. Byars, St. Louis, regarding payment for Byars' article, "Missouri Today."
- Folder 8**
- 1913 Dec 8 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars] to *The Mirror*, Syndicate Trust Building, St. Louis, regarding payment for Byars' articles on Missouri.
- 1913 Dec 13 Typescript note from *The Mirror*, St. Louis, to W.V. Byars, St. Louis, regarding payment for Byars' article, "Missouri Today."
- 1913 Dec 15 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars] to *The Mirror*, Syndicate Trust Building, St. Louis, regarding payment for

- Byars' article, "Missouri Today."
- 1913 Dec 20 Typescript note from *Reedy's Mirror*, St. Louis, to W.V. Byars, St. Louis, regarding payment for Byars' article, "Missouri Today."
- 1913 Dec 22 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars] to *The Mirror*, Syndicate Trust Building, St. Louis, regarding payment for Byars' article, "Missouri Today."
- 1913 Dec 27 Typescript note from *The Mirror*, St. Louis, to W.V. Byars, St. Louis, regarding payment for Byars' article, "Missouri Today."
- 1913 Dec 29 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars] to *The Mirror*, Syndicate Trust Building, St. Louis, regarding payment for Byars' article, "Missouri Today."
- 1914 Jan 3 Typescript note from *Reedy's Mirror*, St. Louis, to W.V. Byars, St. Louis, regarding payment to Byars.
- 1913 [1914] Jan 5 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars] to *Reedy's Mirror*, Syndicate Trust Building, St. Louis, regarding payment for Byars' article, "Missouri Today."
- 1914 Jan 10 Typescript note from *Reedy's Mirror*, St. Louis, to W.V. Byars, St. Louis, regarding payment for Byars' article, "Missouri Today."
- 1913 [1914] Jan 12 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars] to *Reedy's Mirror*, Syndicate Trust Building, St. Louis, regarding payment for Byars' article, "Missouri Today," and a possible change in format.
- 1914 Jan 24 Typescript note from *Reedy's Mirror*, St. Louis, to W.V. Byars, St. Louis, regarding payment for Byars' article, "Missouri Today."
- 1914 Jan 26 Typescript note from *Reedy's Mirror*, St. Louis, to W.V. Byars, St. Louis, informing Byars that Reedy was out of town, but Byars would hear back about his article, "Missouri Today," upon Reedy's return.
- 1914 Jan 26 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars] to *Reedy's Mirror*, Syndicate Trust Building, St. Louis, regarding payment for Byars' article, "Missouri Today." Includes "Personal Memorandum" from W.V. Byars to Mr. Reedy, informing Reedy that he will be leaving town in order to "investigate early files of newspapers and records," but offers to still write for Reedy during his travels. Byars also writes regarding payment.

- 1914 Mar 23 Typescript letter signed William Marion Reedy, editor, *The Mirror*, St. Louis, to Wm. Vincent Byars, Philadelphia, wishing Byars a good trip, promising to pay him upon his return.
- 1914 May 25 Typescript copy of note [from William Vincent Byars] to William Marion Reedy, *Reedy's Mirror*, St. Louis, regarding payment for Byars' article, "Missouri Today." (Attached "Reedy's Mirror in Account with W.V. Byars," regarding payment for Byars' article, "Missouri Today.")
- 1914 May 26 Typescript letter signed Reedy [William Marion Reedy], editor, *The Mirror*, to W.V. Byars, St. Louis, regarding payment to Byars.
- 1914 June 30 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars] to William Marion Reedy, Esq., editor, *The Mirror*, regarding payment for Byars' article, "Missouri Today," and Reedy's trip to Europe.
- 1914 July 18 Typescript note from *Reedy's Mirror*, St. Louis, to W.V. Byars, St. Louis, regarding payment for Byars' article, "Missouri Today."
- 1914 July 21 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars], to managers, *Reedy's Mirror*, Syndicate Trust Building, St. Louis, regarding payment for Byars' article, "Missouri Today."
- 1914 Aug 3 Typescript copy of note [from William Vincent Byars] to *Reedy's Mirror*, Syndicate Trust Building, St. Louis, regarding payment from Reedy.
- 1914 Aug 4 Typescript copy of note [from William Vincent Byars] to *Reedy's Mirror*, Syndicate Trust Building, St. Louis, regarding payment from Reedy.
- 1914 Aug 11 Typescript copy of note [from William Vincent Byars] to *Reedy's Mirror*, Syndicate Trust Building, St. Louis, regarding payment from Reedy.
- 1914 Aug 15 Typescript note from *Reedy's Mirror*, St. Louis, to W. Byars, St. Louis, regarding payment for Byars' article, "Missouri Today."
- 1914 Aug 17 Typescript copy of note [from William Vincent Byars] to *Reedy's Mirror*, Syndicate Trust Building, St. Louis, regarding payment from Reedy for the Missouri article.
- 1914 Dec 21 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars] to William Marion Reedy, editor, *Reedy's Mirror*, including addresses for Reedy to send his Missouri Today Christmas Number to.

- 1914 Dec 21 Typescript copy of letter signed W.V. Byars, proprietor, The Valley Press Bureau, St. Louis, to William Marion Reedy, editor, *Reedy's Mirror*, including addresses for Reedy to send his Missouri Today Christmas Number to.
- 1914 Dec 22 Typescript note from *Reedy's Mirror*, St. Louis, to W.V. Byars, St. Louis, regarding the *Mirrors* Reedy mailed out for Byars. (Attached receipt for amount paid by W.V. Byars to *Reedy's Mirror*, St. Louis, dated December 22, 1914.)
- 1915 Jan 9 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars], Temple Building, St. Louis, to *Reedy's Mirror*, St. Louis, regarding payment to Reedy.
- 1915 Jan 15 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars] to *Reedy's Mirror*, Syndicate Trust Building, regarding Byars' "Missouri Today" article.
- 1915 Dec 26 Typescript letter signed William Marion Reedy, editor, *Reedy's Mirror*, St. Louis, to William Vincent Byars, Temple Building, regarding Byars' editorial upon "The Bloodroot."
- 1917 July 17 Typescript copy of letter signed W.V. Byars, St. Louis, to William Marion Reedy, Esq., *Reedy's Mirror*, regarding payment for Byars' "25 Old Bookman" articles and an enclosed poem, "The Rear Guard."
- 1918 Jan 15 Typescript letter signed William Marion Reedy, editor, *Reedy's Mirror*, St. Louis, to Mr. Byars, regarding payment for Byars' couplets.
- 1918 Jan 21 Typescript letter signed William Marion Reedy, editor, *Reedy's Mirror*, St. Louis, to Wm. Vincent Byars, Edtr Rooms, *Washington Times*, Washington, D.C., congratulating Byars for his article on "What Congress Did Yesterday." Reedy also writes asking that Byars continue a series with the *Mirror*.
- 1918 Dec 7 Typescript letter signed Reedy [William Marion Reedy], editor, *Reedy's Mirror*, St. Louis, to W.V. Byars, St. Louis, regarding payment for Byars' Fabre piece and Byars' "The Origins of modern Verse." Reedy asks Byars to make his article "simple, simple, simple, so the fellows can see it."
- 1918 Dec 8 Typescript letter signed John Beverly Robinson, 4339 West Pine, to Reedy, regarding Byars' article on Horatian rhyme. Note below signed Reedy to Mr. Byars, regarding letter above.

- 1918 Dec 9 Typescript copy of letter from W.V.B. [William Vincent Byars], St. Louis, to Mr. Reedy, regarding Horace Flack's work.
- 1918 Dec 11 Typescript copy of letter signed W.V. Byars, St. Louis, to Mr. Reedy: "Of, course, if you mention Greek, Latin, or Hebrew, you are supposed to become unintelligible at once."
- 1919 Jan 3 Typescript letter signed William Marion Reedy, editor, *Reedy's Mirror*, St. Louis, to Mr. Byars, encouraging Byars to publish a book on the origin of modern verse.
- 1919 Jan 4 Typescript copy of letter from W.V.B. [William Vincent Byars], St. Louis, to Mr. Reedy, regarding Byars' responses to Galder and Liveright, and the differentiation of philology and politics. (Attached typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars], St. Louis, to A.B. Calder, Esquire, As't General Passenger Agent, C.P.R.R., Montreal, Canada, January 4, 1919, regarding the publication of Byars' "Old Bookman Papers"; and typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars], St. Louis, to Horace B. Liveright, Esquire, Boni and Liveright, Publishers, New York, January 4, 1919, regarding the publication of a book on Byars' studies of modern verse.)
- 1917 Clipping from *Reedy's Mirror* titled "A New American Verb," including verse, "The Fate of the Sycophanted," by William Vincent Byars.
- no date Typescript poem titled "The Rear Guard."

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- circa 1915 Typescript titled "Scraps of Paper," regarding imperialism. (1 page)
- 1915 Jan 11 Typescript copy of letter signed W.V. Byars, St. Louis, to The Belgian Relief Fund of Missouri, Professor A. Devroye, secretary, 3958 Washington Boulevard, St. Louis, regarding the enclosed donation and his political views in relation to The Belgian Relief Fund.
- 1915 Jan 12 Letter signed A. Devroye, secretary, Belgian Relief Fund for Missouri, 3958 Washington Boulevard, St. Louis, to William Vincent Byars, St. Louis, thanking Byars for his donation and letter. (Enclosed "Hand-Book of Relief in Belgium" [15 pages], certificate of thanks to Wm. V. Byars from The Belgian Relief Fund, Sub-Committee of Missouri, and pamphlet titled "Ravished

Belgium” [28 pages].)

- 1915 Jan 13 Typescript copy of letter signed W.V. Byars, St. Louis, to Professor Albert Devroye, secretary, The Belgian Relief Fund for Missouri, informing Devroye of his plan to publish his letters to the Belgian Relief Fund for Missouri.
- 1915 Jan 14 Typescript letter signed Floyd C. Shoemaker, assistant librarian, State Historical Society of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri, to William Vincent Byars, *The Mirror*, St. Louis, regarding Byars’ article, “The People of Missouri as State Makers.”
- 1915 Jan 15 Letter signed W.V. Byars, St. Louis, to city collector, Kirkwood, regarding taxes. Note at bottom signed J.G. Hawken [Jacob Granville Hawken], regarding Byars’ real estate and personal taxes.
- 1915 Jan 15 Copy of letter signed W.V. Byars, St. Louis, to J.D. Hawken [Jacob Granville Hawken], collector of revenue, Kirkwood, Missouri, regarding payment for Byars’ taxes.
- 1915 Jan 16 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars], St. Louis, to Floyd C. Shoemaker, assistant librarian, State Historical Society of Missouri, regarding Byars’ article, “The People of Missouri as State Makers.”
- 1915 Feb 22 Letter signed Robt. Byars, Importer and Tailor, New York, to Wm. Vincent Byars, St. Louis, regarding the spelling of their last name, “Byars.”
- 1915 Feb 25 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars], St. Louis, to Robert Byars, New York, regarding the spelling of their last name, “Byars.”
- 1915 Feb 27 Typescript resolutions of the Valley Press Bureau regarding Capt. Henry King. Signed by W.V. Byars and his several pen names.
- 1915 May 4 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars], St. Louis, to Mrs. Bland, regarding news from home and an ad for the Frisco Railroad.
- 1915 May 10 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars], Kirkwood, to Professor Francis E. Nipher, Washington University, St. Louis, regarding the scientific papers that Nipher sent to Byars.
- 1915 May 10 Note signed Casper S. Yost, editor, *St. Louis Globe-Democrat*, to

Mr. Byars, apologizing for not being able to publish the attached newspaper clipping. (Attached newspaper clipping, "Reason Should Rule.")

- 1915 May 10 Typescript copy of letter from W.V. Byars, St. Louis, to the editor, regarding Byars' political beliefs concerning presidential power.
- 1915 May 12 Typescript copy of letter from Elihu Root, the constitutional convention of the state of New York, Albany, to Colonel Archibald Hopkins, Washington, D.C., regarding constitutional freedom.
- 1915 June 25 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars] to Sir Gilbert Parker, London, England, thanking Parker for the "Diplomatic Documents Relating to the Outbreak of the European War, and for the Documents of the Bryce Committee's Investigation in Belgium." Byars expresses his views on the invasion of Belgium.
- 1915 July 7 Typescript letter from the Executive Committee of the National Association for Constitutional Government, Washington, D.C., to dear sir [William Vincent Byars], regarding the National Association for Constitutional Government. (Attached pamphlet for the National Association for Constitutional Government and donation card.)
- 1915 July 16 Typescript letter signed Gilbert Parker, London, [England], to W.V. Byers [Byars], St. Louis, regarding Byars' response to the documents Parker sent.
- 1915 July 17 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars], St. Louis, to Doctor Harvey W. Wiley, chairman, Executive Committee of the National Association for Constitutional Government, Washington, D.C., regarding Byars' views on constitutional government.
- 1915 July 27 Typescript letter signed W.H. Short [William H. Short], secretary, League to Enforce Peace, New York, to William V. Byars, St. Louis, asking Byars to enroll as a charter member of the league.
- 1915 July 31 Typescript copy of letter signed W.V. Byars, St. Louis, to Sir Gilbert Parker, London, in reply to a letter from Parker, thanking Parker for sending *The White Book on India* and other documents.
- 1915 July 31 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars], St. Louis, to William H. Short, Esq., secretary, The League to Enforce Peace, New York, declining their offer of enrollment. (Attached

pamphlet, "League to Enforce Peace American Branch," and blank enrollment form of the League to Enforce Peace.)

- 1915 Aug 17 Typescript copy of letter signed Gilbert Parker to William Vincent Byers [Byars], Esq., in reply to a letter from Byars; "... do all I can on my part to place the naked facts with regard to the war before as many individuals of strong intellect and high character as I can . . ." (Attached explanation for copy instead of original.)
- 1915 Aug 17 Typescript letter signed Gilbert Parker, London, [England], to William Vincent Byers, Esq., in reply to a letter from Byars; "...do all I can on my part to place the naked facts with regard to the war before as many individuals of strong intellect and high character as I can. . . ."
- 1915 Sept 4 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars] to Sir Gilbert Parker, London, [England], regarding the war, the enclosed manuscript, and Gilbert's *Seats of the Mighty*. (Enclosed "A Psalm of Hope for the Hunted" from "The Manuscripts of William Vincent Byars, Kirkwood, St. Louis County, Missouri.")
- 1915 Sept 22 Typescript letter signed Gilbert Parker, London, [England], to my dear Mr. Byars, regarding the war, Byars' paraphrase from the Book of Job, and Byars' praises of Parker's work.
- 1915 Oct 4 Typescript letter signed A.N. Marquis & Company, *Who's Who in America*, Chicago, to dear sir [William Vincent Byars], regarding Byars' personal sketch from the last edition of *Who's Who in America*.
- 1915 Nov 10 Typescript letter from P.P. Lewis, president, and signed Geo. W. Ruhl, secretary, Permanent Road and Bridge Assn. of St. Louis County, Missouri, to Mr. Vincent Byers [William Vincent Byars], 19 South Broadway, St. Louis, regarding Byars' appointment to serve on the Literature Committee.
- 1915 Nov 13 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars], St. Louis, to Mrs. Bland, regarding news from home and the included letter. (Enclosed typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars] to Richard Roe, Ph.D., librarian, The Public Library, Hightown, Colorado, regarding the sale of *An American Commoner, The Life and Times of Richard Parks Bland*.)
- 1915 Nov 15 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars], St. Louis, to P.P. Lewis, Esquire, The Permanent Road and Bridge Association of St. Louis County, Missouri, informing Lewis that

he cannot accept the appointment.

- 1915 Nov 23 Typescript letter signed Philander P. Lewis, president, Permanent Road and Bridge Assn. of St. Louis County, Clayton, Missouri, to dear sir [William Vincent Byars], regarding local projects and the bond issue.
- 1915 Dec 7 Letter signed R.H. Green, proprietor, *The Tipton Record*, Covington, Tennessee, to Hon. W.V. Byars, St. Louis, regarding news from home, current politics, and the enclosed speech. (Attached pamphlet, "State Missions: Address by Dr. R.W. Hooker at First Baptist Church, Covington, Tenn., Oct. 3 1915.")
- 1915 Dec 13 Typescript letter signed H. Watkins, treasurer, Tennessee Society of St. Louis, and manager, Sole Leather Department (2001 Hickory Street), International Shoe Co. (1501-1509 Washington Ave.), St. Louis, to Wm. Vincent Byars, 19 South Broadway, apologizing for sending Byars a statement for Tennessee Society dues.
- 1915 Dec 25 Letter signed J. Bunford Samuel, Philadelphia, to Mr. Byars, regarding an enclosed check for a New Year's remembrance.
- 1915 Dec 27 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars], St. Louis, to Doctor C.A. Dunnivant [C.A. Dunnivant], Kirkwood, Missouri, regarding payment for Dunnivant's attention to Mrs. Byars since her accident.
- Folder 10**
- 1916 Jan 17 Letter signed Enos Clarke, Seven Gables, Kirkwood, Missouri, to Mr. Byars, expressing sympathy.
- 1916 Jan 18 Telegram from John S. Collins, St. Louis, to W.B. Byars [W.V. Byars], Kirkwood, Missouri, expressing sympathy.
- 1916 Mar 4 Typescript letter signed H.T. Byars, Caruthersville, Missouri, to Will [William Vincent Byars], regarding H.T. Byars' views towards the war.
- 1916 Mar 7 Typescript copy of letter signed W.V. Byars, Kirkwood, Missouri, to Henry [H.T. Byars], regarding W.V. Byars' views toward current politics and the war. (4 pages)
- 1916 May 6 Typescript letter signed Wm. H. Taft [William Howard Taft], president, Alton B. Parker, chairman, Committee on Home Organization, A. Lawrence Lowell, chairman, Executive Committee, Herbert S. Houston, treasurer, and Edward A. Filene,

- League to Enforce Peace, American Branch, New York, to Wm. V. Byars, St. Louis, inviting Byars to be present at the Washington meeting of the League to Enforce Peace. (Attached invitation to “their first annual national assemblage,” the tentative program for the event, an RSVP card addressed to Hon. William Howard Taft, president, League to Enforce Peace, New York, and a typescript card, “Origin of the League Platform.”)
- 1916 May 8 Typescript copy of letter signed W.V. Byars, St. Louis, to Executive Committee, The League to Enforce Peace, William Howard Taft, chairman, declining their invitation to the meeting for The League to Enforce Peace.
- 1916 May 24 Letter signed Melusina Fay Peirce, Cambridge, Massachusetts, to William Vincent Byars, Esq., St. Louis, asking for permission to quote a passage of Byars’ in a book Peirce will be publishing. (Attached calling card of Mrs. Fay Pierce.)
- 1916 May 27 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars], St. Louis, to Mrs. Fay Peirce, Cambridge, Massachusetts, regarding Byars’ paraphrase of Corinthians I. (Attached typescript, “St. Paul’s Psalm of Love,” by W.V. Byars.)
- 1916 June 5 Letter signed M. Fay Peirce, Cambridge, Massachusetts, to W.V. Byars, Esq., St. Louis, regarding the printing of her book.
- 1916 June 9 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars], St. Louis, to Mrs. Fay Peirce, Cambridge, Massachusetts, granting Peirce permission to publish a passage from his work and giving her all the information necessary to do so.
- 1916 June 20 Letter signed M. Fay Peirce, Cambridge, [Massachusetts], to W.V. Byars, Esq., St. Louis, regarding Byars’ paraphrase from Corinthians.
- 1916 June 22 Two *St. Louis Globe-Democrat* newspaper clippings regarding mobilization for the invasion of Mexico. Attached page from *St. Louis Globe-Democrat*, dated June 22, 1916, including articles regarding mobilization for the invasion of Mexico.
- 1916 June 23 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars], St. Louis, to Mrs. Fay Peirce, Cambridge, Massachusetts, regarding his paraphrase from Corinthians.
- 1916 July 22 Typescript letter signed James H. Hyslop, Boston, to William Vincent Byars, regarding the Pat McQuillin incidents in the work

of Mrs. Curran.

- 1916 July 25 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars], St. Louis, to James H. Hyslop, Ph. D., New York, informing Hyslop that he knows nothing other than Mrs. Hutchings is an estimable lady.
- 1916 July 26 Typescript letter signed Daniel Keifer, chairman, The Joseph Fels Fund Commission, Cincinnati, Ohio, to Wm. V. Byars, St. Louis, asking Byars to be a part of a list of prominent Americans who favor the taxation of land values exclusively.
- 1916 July 26 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars], St. Louis, to Daniel Kiefer, chairman, The Joseph Fels Fund Commission, Cincinnati, Ohio, asking not to be a part of the list of prominent Americans who favor taxation of land values exclusively.
- 1916 Oct 12 Typescript letter signed Daniel Kiefer, chairman, Provisional National Singletax Committee, Cincinnati, Ohio, to W.V. Byars, St. Louis, asking Byars to contribute to the National Singletax League. (Attached pledge card.)
- 1916 Oct 13 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars], St. Louis, to Daniel Kiefer, Esq., chairman, Provisional National Single Tax Committee, Cincinnati, Ohio, regarding Byars' reasons for not contributing to the National Single Tax Association.
- Folder 11**
circa 1917 Typescript, "Data of Imperialism, 1912-1917," by William Vincent Byars. Includes page titled "The Constitution and Its Amendments" and page titled "Peonage or Self-Government?" (2 pages)
- 1917 Aug 8 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars], St. Louis, to Roger N. Baldwin, Esquire, Civil Liberties Bureau, New York, regarding the enclosed article and Byars' contribution to the Civil Liberties Defense Fund. (Attached typescript, "A Vital Argument for Peace and Justice," and clipping from the *St. Louis Globe-Democrat*, August 14th, 1917.)
- 1917 Aug 8 Typescript letter signed Roger N. Baldwin, director, Civil Liberties Bureau of the American Union Against Militarism, New York, to W.B. Byars [W.V. Byars], St. Louis, thanking Byars for the articles that he sent. (Enclosed receipt of one dollar from W.V. Byars to the American Union Against Militarism, signed L. Hollingsworth Wood, New York.)

- 1917 Aug 9 Typescript copy of letter signed W.V. Byars, St. Louis, to Mr. Oswald Garrison Villard, President's Office, *The Evening Post*, New York City, regarding an enclosed carbon copy of a letter to Mr. William Hale Thompson: ". . . my distaste for the 'spotlight' is especially strong in connection with possibilities of jail or assassination—both of which I will use all the brains I have to avoid." (Attached typescript letter signed W.V. Byars to William Hale Thompson, Chicago, Illinois, August 9, 1917, regarding the protection of American liberties.)
- 1917 Aug 10 Typescript note signed Wm. Hale Thompson, mayor, Chicago, to W.V. Byars, St. Louis, thanking Byars for his letter.
- 1917 Aug 10 Typescript letter signed Roger N. Baldwin, director, Civil Liberties Bureau of the American Union Against Militarism, New York, to W.V. Byars, St. Louis, thanking Byars for his letter, promising to send Byars' stories along.
- [circa 1917] Aug 11 Typescript, "'Publicity' in a Pulitzerized Country." (1 page)
- 1917 Aug 11 Newspaper clipping from the *St. Louis Globe-Democrat* showing advertisement for the Fall Festival and Fashion Pageant in Forest Park; attached to typescript poem titled "Bargains."
- 1917 Dec 21 Letter signed J. Bunford Samuel, Philadelphia, to W.V. Byars, regarding the end of 1917, "an epoch one in the history of our Century," and congratulating Byars for his victory with the park commissioners over the statue.
- 1918 Jan 2 Typescript, "Information for the Press," regarding the "alleged disorder in Cuba." Includes envelope from United States Senate, Committee on Private Land Claims, to W.V. Byars, Esq., *The Washington Times*.
- 1918 Jan 16 Letter signed J. Bunford Samuel, Philadelphia, to W.V. Byars, in reply to a letter from Byars.
- 1918 Jan 26 Letter signed J. Cloyd Byars, adjuster, Woodward Building, Aetna Life Insurance Company, Accident and Liability Department, Washington, D.C., to Mr. Byars, regarding enclosed clippings and Byars' articles in the *Times*.
- 1918 Feb 27 Letter signed Celia Baldwin Whitehead to my dear "Horace Flack" [William Vincent Byars], with appreciation for Flack's writing. Postscript signed Celia Baldwin Whitehead, written March 12, 1918, explaining why the letter was sent late. (Enclosed business

card of Mrs. Celia B. Whitehead and Mrs. Laura Belle Ewing, and printed poem titled "The Prober," by Celia Baldwin Whitehead.)

- 1918 Mar 14 Card signed Corinne M. Allen (Mrs. Clarence E. Allen), Salt Lake, [Utah], to Mr. Flack, with appreciation for the "Old Bookman" articles.
- 1918 Apr 2 Typescript letter signed T.W.C. [T.W. Chamberlin], The Valley Press Bureau, St. Louis, to William Vincent Byars, Washington, D.C., updating Byars with news from home.
- 1918 Apr 10 Typescript letter from T.W. Chamberlin, The Valley Press Bureau, St. Louis, to William Vincent Byars, *The Washington Times*, Washington, D.C., regarding business at The Valley Press Bureau, liberty bonds, the old book business, and an enclosed letter.
- 1918 June 28 Typescript letter signed T.W.C. [T.W. Chamberlin], 5973 Page Boulevard, St. Louis, to W.V. Byars, Washington, D.C., regarding news from home.
- 1918 Aug 14 Typescript letter [from William Vincent Byars], St. Louis, to T.W. Chamberlin, Esq., 5973 Page Boulevard, St. Louis, regarding payment for Chamberlin's work on Homeric Memory Rhymes.

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- 1919 Jan 4 Typescript letter signed Floyd C. Shoemaker, secretary, State Historical Society of Missouri, Columbia, to William Vincent Byars, The Valley Press Bureau, 19 South Broadway, St. Louis, regarding Byars' "The Origin of Modern Verse," and thanking Byars' for his contribution to the society.
- 1919 Jan 7 Typescript letter [from William Vincent Byars], St. Louis, to Floyd C. Shoemaker, Esquire, secretary, State Historical Society of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri, explaining "The Origins of Modern Verse," and his reasoning for donating his articles to the society.
- 1919 Apr 29 Typescript letter [from William Vincent Byars], St. Louis, to Anderson Gratz, St. Louis, regarding payment for the Campbell family investigation. (Enclosed statement of Campbell family investigation.)
- 1919 Apr 30 Typescript letter from Anderson Gratz, Warren, Jones, & Gratz, St. Louis, to W.V. Byars, St. Louis, regarding payment to Byars.
- 1919 May 15 Letter signed James Blythe Anderson, Lexington, Kentucky, to W.V. Byars, St. Louis, regarding the Gratz family investigation.

- 1919 May 19 Letter signed James Blythe Anderson, Lexington, Kentucky, to W.V. Byars, St. Louis, regarding the Gratz family investigation.
- 1919 May 21 Letter signed James Blythe Anderson, Lexington, Kentucky, to W.V. Byars, St. Louis, regarding Byars' Campbell research.
- 1919 May 23 Letter signed James Blythe Anderson, Lexington, Kentucky, to W.V. Byars, St. Louis, regarding Byars' plan to draw Campbell family investigation to a close.
- 1919 May 29 Typescript letter [from William Vincent Byars], St. Louis, to Anderson Gratz, Brooklyn, New York, regarding payment for collecting and editing "Campbell-Anderson Papers" and "Memoirs of a Scottish Whig Family." (Includes receipt.)
- 1919 May 31 Typescript note signed Anderson Gratz, vice president, American Manufacturing Company, Brooklyn, New York, to W.V. Byars, St. Louis, regarding payment to Byars.
- 1919 June 3 Typescript letter [from William Vincent Byars], St. Louis, to Captain Anderson, regarding the Campbell-Anderson papers.
- 1919 Nov 6 Letter signed John W. Jordan, Office of the Secretary, Valley Forge Park Commission, Philadelphia, to W.V. Byars, asking for Byars' help in locating Gen. Varnum's correspondence with his family, 1777-1778.
- 1919 Dec 20 Letter signed J. Bunford Samuel, Philadelphia, to Mr. Byars, regarding the enclosed newspaper clipping, Samuel's fight with the park commissioners, and old age. (Enclosed newspaper clipping, "Mr. Gratz, 50 Yrs. in Schools Today," December 9, 1919.)
- 1919 Dec 21 Typescript letter signed Laura H. Carnell to my dear Mr. Byars, regarding unrest in Philadelphia, the Casuals at Temple University, and the enclosed poem by a friend. (Enclosed untitled manuscript poem dated December 21, 1919.)
- 1920 Sept 30 Typescript letter signed Clarence S. Brigham, librarian, American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, Massachusetts, to William V. Byars, Maplewood, Missouri, regarding Byars' article on journalism in Missouri in the *Missouri Historical Review*, calling to Byars' attention the *Bibliography of Missouri Newspapers*.
- 1920 Oct 21 Letter signed Joseph D. Hirschberg, 918 Federal Reserve Bank Building, St. Louis, to William Vincent Byars, Esq., St. Louis, with appreciation for Byars' article "The Collapse of

Aestheticism” and “The Greeks Before Homer,” and for Byars’ address on the “Mind in Shakespeare.”

- 1920 Nov 18 Letter signed Francesca K. Douglas, 4305 Delmar Ave., to my dear Mr. Byars, thanking Byars for his letter concerning her husband.
- 1921 Dec 8 Typescript letter signed L. Cousins, secretary, Leonard Fowler Service, to W.V. Byars, St. Louis, with appreciation for Byars’ article, “No. 1 Courage,” in the Chicago paper. Cousins asks if it is possible to obtain Byars’ list of “A Hundred Good Words.”
- 1921 Dec 13 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars] to Leonard Fowler Service, Out-Door Advertising, Waterloo-Cedar Falls, Iowa, informing them that the “Hundred Good Words” articles will be published in various newspapers.
- 1923 Nov 29 Letter signed H.M. Lovett, Millhaven, Georgia, to my dear Horace Flack [William Vincent Byars], with appreciation for Horace Flack’s work, asking if his poems have been published.
- 1923 Dec 4 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars], Kirkwood, Missouri, to H.F. Lovett, Millhaven, Georgia, informing Lovett that Flack’s poems have not been published in book form.
- 1926 Mar 9 Typescript copy of letter [from William Vincent Byars] to Doctor Otto Heller, Washington University, St. Louis, with appreciation for Heller’s address, “The Noble Company of the Learned.”
- 1926 Apr 10 Typescript copy of letter signed W.V. Byars to Mrs. Nettie Harney Beauregard, archivist and curator, Missouri Historical Society, thanking Beauregard for her compliments regarding Byars’ daughter Blanche.
- 1927 Feb 21 Typed agreement between W.V. Byars, 425 North Taylor Avenue, Kirkwood, Missouri, and T.W. Chamberlin, Esquire, Mangan Printing Company, 325 Olive Street, St. Louis, regarding the disposition of copies of Byars’ “Homeric Memory Rhyme.” Includes both of their signatures.
- 1927 Feb 23 Note signed T.W. Chamberlin to W.V. Byars, 425 North Taylor Ave., Kirkwood, Missouri. “I am returning herewith signed copy of release as per your request. Am I to infer that you have discontinued your St. Louis office?”
- 1927 Feb 25 Typescript letter signed C.G. Abbot, acting secretary, Smithsonian

Institution, Washington, D.C., to W.V. Byars, Kirkwood, St. Louis County, Missouri, informing Byars that the Valley Press Bureau has been taken off the mailing list.

- 1927 Feb 28 Typescript copy of letter signed W.V. Byars, Kirkwood, St. Louis County, Missouri, to Charles Greely Abbot, acting secretary, Smithsonian Institute, Washington, D.C., regarding the two copies of "Homeric Memory Rhyme, Byars" that Byars sent to the Smithsonian Institute.
- 1927 Mar 9 Typescript note signed William L. Corbin, librarian, The Smithsonian Institution, Washington City, to William Vincent Byars, Kirkwood, Missouri, thanking Byars for his contribution of "Homeric Memory Rhyme."
- 1927 Mar 30 Typescript letter signed Laura H. Carnell, Office of the Associate President, Temple University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to William Vincent Byars, 425 North Taylor Avenue, Kirkwood, Missouri, regarding the rewards of their labors and the future education of young people.
- 1927 Apr 27 Typescript letter [from William Vincent Byars], Kirkwood, Missouri, to Eva Douglas Read, 4169 Flora Place, St. Louis, in reply to her letter.
- 1927 May 8 Letter signed Alexander N. DeMenil, 3352 South 13th Street, St. Louis, to my dear Byars, requesting that Byars' daughter recite one of his poems at the last meeting of St. Louis Authors for the season.
- 1927 May 25 Letter signed Eva Douglas Read, 4169 Flora Place, St. Louis, to W.V. Byars, with appreciation and respect for Byars' career.
- 1927 May 25 Letter signed Alexander N. DeMenil, to my dear Miss Byars, informing her of the time limit and asking if she would be able to bring her father: "He has never attended a meeting of the society & has been a member since 1921."
- 1927 Dec 2 Letter signed J. Bunford Samuel, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to Mr. Byars, regarding their old age, the museum at the entrance to Fairmount Park, and the marriage of his nephew.
- 1927 Dec 16 Letter signed J. Bunford Samuel, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to Mr. Byars, regarding Byars' lost items in a fire. Samuel writes of a check he enclosed so that Byars can buy anything he wants, because Samuel has no wants.

- 1928 Dec 3 Letter signed W.V. Byars, Kirkwood, to Mrs. De Menil, regarding her husband.
- 1929 Jan 31 Typescript letter signed Gifford Pinchot, Milford, Pike County, Pennsylvania, to Wm. Vincent Byars, St. Louis, regarding the enclosed pamphlet. (Attached "Brief summary of 'The Power Monopoly, Its Make-up and Its Menace'" by Gifford Pinchot.)
- 1929 Apr 6 Typescript letter signed Bunford Samuel, Ridgway Library, Philadelphia, to William Vincent Byars, St. Louis, regarding the copy of the papers that he inherited from his uncle J.B. Samuel.
- 1929 Apr 9 Unsigned letter, Pass Christian, Mississippi, to dear friend Byars, regarding working in the newspaper business in Mississippi. Asks that Byars do some editorial work for him.
- 1929 Apr 14 Letter signed Bunford Samuel, Ridgway Library, Philadelphia, to Mr. Byars, regarding Samuel's uncle's "high esteem and liking for" Byars. Samuel writes that he will attempt to learn from Byars' Homeric Memory Rhyme and remember him to Mrs. Samuel.
- 1929 Apr 20 Letter signed Bunford Samuel, Ridgway Library, Philadelphia, to Mr. Byars, thanking Byars for sending a diagram to help with Homeric rhyme.
- 1929 Apr 30 Letter signed W.V. Byars, Isler Tompsett Lithographing Co., St. Louis, to Mrs. Roseina Gilman, Philadelphia.
- 1929 Nov 5 Typescript letter signed Kathryn Trautz Buder, 3137 Longfellow Blvd., St. Louis, to William Vincent Byars, 425 North Taylor, Kirkwood, Missouri, asking Byars for any anecdotes concerning the life of Doctor Alexander N. DeMenil.

Box 4

Folder 1

- 1930 Feb 17 Letter signed W.V.B. [William Vincent Byars] to Dr. Otto Engel, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
- 1930 Apr 9 Typescript letter signed James M. Breckenridge, attorney at law, 820 Wainwright Building, St. Louis, to Wm. Vincent Byars, Esq., 425 North Taylor Ave., Kirkwood, Missouri, regarding his need for stenographic work in the preparation of a memoir for his brother. Verso contains copy of letter from W.V. Byars to James M. Breckenridge, 820 Wainwright Building, St. Louis, recommending his daughter Mary for the job.

- 1930 Apr 22 Letter signed W.V. Byars, 425 North Taylor Avenue, Kirkwood, Missouri, to Katherine Gratz Randolph, 315 East Bodley Avenue, Kirkwood, Missouri, thanking her and Mr. Randolph for their sympathy and kindness during Byars' stay in the hospital.
- 1930 Apr 23 Letter signed Eva Douglas Read, 5572 Waterman Ave., to my dear, dear friend [William Vincent Byars], regarding Byars' poem that was recited over the radio that brought back old memories of their family.
- 1931 Feb 7 Typescript letter signed James M. Breckenridge, attorney at law, 820 Wainwright Building, St. Louis, to Wm. Vincent Byars, Esq., 425 North Taylor Ave., Kirkwood, Missouri, regarding Byars' advice about "The Missouri Puke" and the Thomas Davidson articles. Breckenridge asks for advice on the enclosed draft about the Early St. Louis Movement, and he also writes concerning the enclosed booklet, "The Round Table."
- 1931 June 19 Postcard signed Marguerite Kenamore to Mary Warner Byars, 425 North Taylor Ave., Kirkwood, Missouri, wishing Mary's father a happy birthday and extending her greetings to Mary.
- 1931 June 19 Postcard signed C.F. Hurd to Mr. W.V. Byars, 425 North Taylor, Kirkwood, Missouri, with a birthday wish.
- 1931 June 19 Postcard signed L.C. Davis to W.V. Byars, 425 North Taylor Ave., Kirkwood, Missouri, with a birthday wish.
- 1931 June 19 Postcard signed H.A. Trask to William Vincent Byars, 425 North Taylor Ave., St. Louis, with best wishes.
- 1931 June 19 Postcard signed S. Carlisle Martin, St. Louis, to Wm. V. Byars, 425 Taylor St., Kirkwood, Missouri, with a birthday wish.
- 1931 June 19 Postcard signed Louis F. May, *Post-Dispatch*, to Wm. V. Byars, 425 North Taylor Ave., Kirkwood, Missouri, with best wishes.
- 1931 June 19 Postcard signed William A. Kelsoe, St. Louis, to William Vincent Byars, 425 North Taylor Street, Kirkwood, Missouri, with a birthday wish.
- 1931 June 19 Postcard signed F.A. Behymer to Wm. Vincent Byars, 425 North Taylor Avenue, Kirkwood, Missouri, with a birthday wish.
- 1931 June 19 Postcard signed S.R. McCulloch [Spencer R. McCulloch], 124A North Taylor, Kirkwood, to William Vincent Byars, 425 North

- Taylor Avenue, Kirkwood, Missouri, with a birthday wish.
- 1931 June 19 Postcard signed Hugh I. McSkimming to William Vincent Byars, 425 North Taylor Street, Kirkwood, Missouri, with a birthday wish.
- 1931 June 19 Postcard signed Clark McAdams to William Vincent Byars, 425 North Taylor Street, Kirkwood, Missouri, with best wishes.
- 1931 June 19 Postcard signed B.F. Burch to William Vincent Byars, 425 North Avenue, Kirkwood, St. Louis County, Missouri, with a birthday wish.
- 1931 June 19 Postcard signed Jas. C. Espy to William V. Byars, 125 Taylor, Kirkwood, Missouri, with a birthday wish.
- 1931 June 19 Postcard signed Joseph J. McAuliffe to W.V. Byars, 125 Taylor, Kirkwood, Missouri, with a birthday wish.
- 1931 June 19 Postcard signed Casper S. Yost to William Vincent Byars, 125 Taylor Street, Kirkwood, Missouri, with a birthday wish.
- 1931 June 19 Postcard signed Geo. S. Johns to Wm. V. Byars, 425 North Taylor Ave., Kirkwood, Missouri, with a birthday wish.
- 1931 June 20 Postcard signed John C. Lebens, 6120 McPherson Avenue, St. Louis, to William Vincent Byars, 425 North Taylor Avenue, Kirkwood, St. Louis County, Missouri, with a birthday wish.
- [circa 1931 June 20] Typescript note signed W.H. Miner, The William Harvey Miner Company, St. Louis, to my dear Byars, wishing Byars a happy birthday.
- [circa 1931 June 21] Typescript letter signed W.F. Saunders, The St. Louis Art League, 325 Locust Street, to dear old fellow [William Vincent Byars], wishing Byars a happy 74th birthday.
- 1931 Sept 1 Letter signed Russell Stark, Springfield, Tennessee, to William V. Byars, Kirkwood, Missouri, asking for Byars' advice on writing poetry.
- 1931 Sept 5 Typescript copy of letter from W.V. Byars, Kirkwood, Missouri, to Russell Stark, Springfield, Tennessee, with advice on writing poetry.
- 1931 Nov 12 Typescript letter signed Walter M. Kraus, New York, to William

- Vincent Byars, Kirkwood, St. Louis County, Missouri, regarding the Gratz family research.
- 1931 Nov 14 Letter signed Anderson Gratz, Memphis, Tennessee, to Byars, regarding the Gratz papers.
- 1931 Nov 24 Typescript copy of letter signed W.V. Byars [William Vincent Byars], Kirkwood, Missouri, to Dr. Walter H. Kraus, New York City, with advice for Kraus's historical research.
- 1933 Sept 1 Letter signed Rebecca Miller, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to William V. Byars, 425 North Taylor Ave., St. Louis, asking Byars to send his book on Bernard and Michael Gratz and other material that would be useful for her biography of Rebecca Gratz.
- 1935 Oct 4 Letter signed Mildred Keenan, New York City, to Mr. Byars, with appreciation for the copy of "Tannhauser" that Byars sent.
- 1935 Dec 25 Note signed B.F. Burch, Omaha, Nebraska, to my old friend Byars, with a Christmas wish for Byars.
- 1935 Dec 25 Manuscript verse signed William Vincent Byars to Ben F. Burch.
- [circa 1937 Jan 1] New Year's card signed Ben [B.F. Burch]. Includes several typed poems.
- 1937 Mar 22 Typescript letter signed Dr. Max Huhner, New York, to William Vincent Byars, regarding an essay titled "Shakespeare's Conception of the Clergy" that Huhner read at the annual meeting of the Shakespeare Association of America.

Historical Societies Correspondence Series

Folder 2

- 1937 Apr 14 Copy of typescript letter [from William Vincent Byars], Kirkwood, to Dr. Wilkins, thanking Wilkins for a gift of "cork-tipped, mentholated cigarettes," and warning that "some time this year, or in one not far distant, I expect to disappear into the ether which surrounds this sphere."
- 1937 Apr 20 Typescript letter signed Cecil Roth, president, the Jewish Historical Society of England, London, to W.V. Byars, Esq., asking how to get a hold of Byars' monograph on the Gratz family.
- 1937 May 4 Copy of typescript letter from W.V.B. [William Vincent Byars], Kirkwood, Missouri, to Cecil Roth, president, the Jewish Historical Society of England, London, England, suggesting Roth write to the

widow of Anderson Gratz because the Jewish Historical Society has been “fundamentally reorganized.”

- 1937 June 21 Typescript letter signed Roscoe Nunn to William Vincent Byars, wishing Byars a happy eightieth birthday.
- 1937 Oct 17 Typescript letter signed McDonald Held, Department of Speech, Tarkio College, Tarkio, Missouri, to William Vincent Byars, 425 North Taylor Ave., Kirkwood, Missouri, with appreciation for Byars’ translation of the Thirteenth Chapter of First Corinthians, “The Tempting of the King,” and “The Pools at Millburn.”
- 1937 Nov 19 Typescript letter signed J.J. Wilkins, reverend, The Church Pension Fund Canonical Committee, Diocese of Missouri, 5391 Pershing Ave., St. Louis, in reply to a letter from Byars.
- 1937 Dec 12 Typescript letter signed Roscoe Nunn, 215 Orrick Lane, Kirkwood, to William Vincent Byars, 425 Taylor Avenue, Kirkwood, thanking Byars for lending him “The Seven Great Hymns of the Mediaeval Church.”
- 1938 Feb 18 Typescript letter signed Floyd C. Shoemaker, secretary, State Historical Society of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri, to William Vincent Byars, 425 North Taylor, Kirkwood, Missouri, asking for a copy of Byars’ *B. and M. Gratz, Merchants in Philadelphia, 1754-1798*.
- 1938 Feb 23 Typescript copy of letter [from Dorothy M. Byars] to Floyd C. Shoemaker, secretary, State Historical Society of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri, informing Shoemaker that most of Byars’ books were burned in his office fire. She sends *B. and M. Gratz, Merchants in Philadelphia, 1754-1798*, “The Long Road,” and “Missouri,” and asks if Shoemaker has *The World’s Best Orations*, *The World’s Best Essays*, and Byars’ *Homeric Memory Rhyme*.
- 1938 Feb 28 Typescript letter signed Floyd C. Shoemaker, State Historical Society of Missouri, Office of the Secretary, Columbia, to Miss Dorothy M. Byars, Wagner Electric Corporation, St. Louis, thanking her for sending *B. and M. Gratz, Merchants in Philadelphia, 1754-1798*, “The Long Road,” and “Missouri,” asking her to send along any other works that she can. (Attached list of works by William Vincent Byars.)
- 1938 June 23 Typescript letter signed Floyd C. Shoemaker, secretary, State Historical Society of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri, to Miss Dorothy Byars, 425 North Taylor, Kirkwood, Missouri, expressing

sympathy upon Byars' death.

- 1938 July 2 Typescript letter signed Rob. Lancaster, Virginia Historical Society, Richmond, Virginia, to Mrs. Clarence Dawson, 425 North Taylor Ave., Kirkwood, Missouri, expressing sympathy upon Byars' death.
- 1938 July 6 Letter signed Allan D. Sanford, Waco, Texas, to dear Fielding, expressing sympathy upon Byars' death.
- 1938 July 6 Letter signed Julian P. Boyd, Office of the Librarian, Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to Mrs. Clarence H. Dawson, 425 North Taylor Avenue, Kirkwood, Missouri, expressing sympathy upon Byars' death.

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- 1938 Aug 9 Letter signed Mildred Keenan, New York City, to Mrs. Dawson, expressing sympathy upon Byars' death and with appreciation for Byars' work.
- 1938 Aug 30 Letter signed Mildred Keenan, New York City, to Mrs. Dawson, regarding an article Keenan wrote about Byars.
- 1938 Sept 8 Letter signed Mildred Keenan, New York City, to Mrs. Dawson, asking for information on Byars for an article.
- 1938 Sept 21 Postcard signed Mildred Keenan, New York, New York, to Mrs. C. Byars Dawson, 425 North Taylor Ave., Kirkwood, Missouri, thanking Mrs. Dawson for the folder she sent.
- 1939 Mar 18 Letter signed Mildred Keenan to Mrs. Dawson, regarding the material she will forward to Mrs. Dawson, deciding not to write an article about Byars. Keenan also thanks Mrs. Dawson for a Christmas card.
- 1940 Mar 12 Letter signed Mary E. Coughlan, St. Louis, to my dear Miss Byars, with an appreciation for Byars' poem.
- 1940 May 6 Letter signed Gisele D. Lynch [Mrs. Frank J. Lynch], Long Island City, New York, to dear Madam, requesting a copy of "The Cartwright of the Marais."
- 1940 May 13 Letter signed Gisele D. Lynch [Mrs. Frank J. Lynch], Long Island City, New York, to Miss Byars, thanking Miss Byars for sending the poem.

- 1940 May 19 Letter signed H. Bennett Abdy, New York City, to dear girls, regarding the enclosed leaves. (Enclosed leaves from "The Woods and Milburn.")
- 1942 Jan 27 Letter signed Allan D. Sanford, attorney at law, Waco, Texas, to Miss Mary Warner, with appreciation for the Byars papers, asking for more specific information on Byars' life.
- [circa 1942 Feb] Letter signed Allan D. Sanford, attorney at law, Waco, Texas, to Miss Mary Warner, thanking her for the information on Byars. Sanford also updates her on family matters.
- 1942 Feb 5 Typescript letter signed Warren, West Texas Cottonoil Co., Ballinger, Texas, to Miss Mary Warner Byars, Kirkwood, [Missouri], regarding copies of "A Great and Good Man Gone," "That Which the Books Mystify Made Plain," and other information on Byars' life.

William V. Byars' Writings Series

Folder 3

Typescript, "The Twenty-Third Psalm: A Paraphrase in Lowland Scotch," by William Vincent Byars. (1 page)

Typescript poem, "Out of the Whirlwind," by W.V. Byars. (1 page)

Typescript poem, "Dies Rationis," by William Vincent Byars, St. Louis. (2 pages)

Program of Camp St. Louis, No. 731, United Confederate Veterans, celebrating General Robert E. Lee's birthday, January 19, 1916. (4 pages)

Typescript poem, "Life as I Am Learning It by a Poet Who Studies the Planet," by W.V. Byars, St. Louis. (1 page)

Typescript poem, "Missouri," by William Vincent Byars, Kirkwood, Missouri, attached to sheet music. Poem by Byars; music by Mary Warner Byars, Kirkwood, Missouri, 1949. (6 pages)

Typescript, "Prospectus: The Shakespeare Scholar's Library, an Outline of Its Plan and Scope as Projected and Collected by William Vincent Byars." (8 pages)

Typescript letter from W.V. Byars to Mr. Merrill, New York, on "The Kind of Paper I Would Like to Read," January 15, 1895. (7 pages)

Printed poem titled "At Lucem Libertatemque (A Vision of Empire)." (2 copies, both 7 pages)

Folder 4

Typescript, *William Clark as a Manager of Men*, by Augustine Warner [William Vincent Byars]. Includes handwritten edits and footnote additions. (14 pages)

Folder 5

1949 Sept 9 Typescript letter signed Mary Warner Byars, Kirkwood, Missouri, to Charles van Ravenswaay, Missouri Historical Society, St. Louis, regarding the reminiscences of her father. Enclosed typescript, "Reminiscences of William Vincent Byars," by his daughter, Mary Warner Byars. (20 pages)

Folder 6

- 1902 Feb 1 Place card titled "Guilty Conscience Club" and clipping with note regarding history of the club. Dinner for F.R. O'Neil at Tony Faust's.
- 1916 Aug 7 Typescript letter signed W.V.B. [William Vincent Byars], St. Louis, thanking the Missouri Historical Society for asking for "two half-tone portraits of himself," but refusing to send them in.
- 1927 Feb 4 Blank genealogy information sheet from the Missouri Historical Society, Jefferson Memorial, St. Louis, with note from W.V. Byars, St. Louis, February 4, 1927, requesting that any work regarding his permanent record be done by others.
- 1937 Printed poem, "The Long Road," by William V. Byars.
- no date Letter signed W.V. Byars to Judge Douglas [Walter B. Douglas], St. Louis, regarding "The Gratz Papers."
- no date Postcard captioned "Tipton Male High School—James Byars, 1855-1901—Covington. Tenn." Includes image of two buildings.

James Byars' Correspondence Series**Folder 7**

Inventory of correspondence between William V. Byars and James Byars (perhaps compiled by William V. Byars or the donor) (8 pages)

Folder 8

- 1876 Feb 13 Letter signed W.V. Byars, New Providence, Tennessee, to my dear father, regarding W.V. Byars' teaching job. W.V. Byars also updates his father on certain people and family members that he has seen.
- 1879 July 14 Letter signed W.V. Byars, St. Louis, to my dear father, regarding money and the effects of the German element on society.

- 1880 Jan 24 Letter signed W.V. Byars, Hotel Hunt, Ninth & Chesnut St. [Chestnut St.], St. Louis, to my dear father, regarding the price of a stove from Mr. Buck.
- no date Notes titled "The Sacredness of Individual Rights" by "Tennessee." (1 page)
- no date Fragment of address regarding religious freedom and individual rights (includes pages 2 and 3).
- no date Fragment of letter signed James Byars discusses the increase in "outrages" on women perpetrated by Negro men since the end of the Civil War as compared to the antebellum period. States that "the free schools have not made better citizens of the Negro" (includes pages 3 and 5).
- 1880 Apr 12 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding making a living in the present day. Includes letter signed "your Mother" regarding news from the town.
- 1880 May 3 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to dear son, regarding the newspaper W.V. Byars sent to his mother and news from home.
- 1880 July 3 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding news from home.
- 1880 Oct 17 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, with news from home and advice. James Byars also writes regarding his views on liberty. (20 pages)
- 1882 June 8 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding news from home and James Byars' letter to *The Call* concerning "The Speech in the Court House." (5 pages)
- 1882 June 20 Letter signed James Byars, Democratic Convention, Nashville, Tennessee, to dear son, regarding James Byars' duties as a delegate and what he would like to say to the convention if he were allowed to speak. (11 pages)
- 1882 July 12 Letter signed W.V. Byars, St. Louis, to my dear father, regarding a book that W.V. Byars' father asked him to send.
- 1882 Aug 20 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear boy, regarding news from home, a letter James Byars wrote on

constitutional law, and a book that James Byars would like his son to read.

- 1882 Sept 5 Letter signed W.V. Byars, *Missouri Republican*, St. Louis, to my dear father, regarding W.V. Byars' newspaper work and news from home.
- 1883 Apr 25 Letter signed W.V. Byars, St. Louis, to my dear father, regarding W.V. Byars' newspaper work and his work with Greek and Latin. W.V. Byars also writes with news from home.
- 1883 Apr 28 Letter signed J. Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding news from home.
- 1883 July 21 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding W.V. Byars' move to St. Louis. James Byars also writes with news from home.
- 1883 Aug 13 Letter signed Jas. Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to dear son, regarding W.V. Byars' health, news from home, and current political principles. J. Byars asks his son for several favors including asking Dan Linnehan to send John Herring the *Hallam's History of Literature*, where to get a dozen toy balloons, and to purchase a razor with the \$2.50 enclosed.
- 1883 Sept 2 Letter signed Jas. Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding W.V. Byars' poor health, the razor that he sent which "shaves to perfection," and news from home. James Byars asks if W.V. Byars can find *Cobbetts's English Grammar* in St. Louis, and if he can speak to the commissioner in St. Louis in order to receive produce from James Byars.
- 1883 Nov 19 Fragment of letter [from James Byars], Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding the nuts that Mrs. Byars sent and news from home. James Byars suggests that W.V. Byars stay with him in the winter in order to improve his health.
- 1883 Dec 7 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding the publication of one of James Byars' letters and W.V. Byars' help. James Byars advises W.V. Byars to accept Mr. Waterloo's offer of one hundred dollars in order to improve his health. James Byars also writes regarding news from home and W.V. Byars' editorials. (6 pages)
- 1883 Dec 23 Letter signed Jas. Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding news from home and Byars' controversial newspaper

work.

- 1883 Dec 27 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding W.V. Byars' newspaper work and work with classic translation. James Byars also writes with news from home.
- 1883 Dec 28 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding news from home and W.V. Byars' newspaper work.
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- 1884 Jan 10 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding news from home, Mr. Bath's disposition, an enclosed Spanish coin from 1329, and an editorial by Byars concerning the possession of land by corporations.
- 1884 Jan 13 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding news from home, the Spanish coin, and Father Prout's book.
- 1884 Jan 20 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding W.V. Byars' writing, his health, and the Spanish coin.
- 1884 Mar 5 Letter signed W.V. Byars, St. Louis, to my dear father, regarding a scandal caused by the governor.
- 1884 Apr 13 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding news from home and James Byars' article on Queen Victoria's book in *The Record*. James Byars also asks if Bain's *Rhetoric* can be found in St. Louis.
- 1884 Apr 15 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding news from home and their genealogy.
- 1884 Apr 16 Letter signed W.V. Byars, St. Louis, to my dear father, regarding W.V. Byars' writing, comparing it to the bitterness of Swift's writing.
- 1884 Apr 20 Letter signed W.V. Byars, St. Louis, to my dear father, regarding Bain's *Rhetoric* that James Byars had asked for, James Byars' idea concerning Queen Victoria, and W.V. Byars' pride in their family history. Includes sketch of a family crest.
- 1884 Apr 27 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding their family history.
- 1884 May 3 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son,

thanking W.V. Byars for the copy of Bain's *Rhetoric*. James Byars also writes regarding classical literature, his letter in the *Tipton Record*, and news from home.

- 1884 May 10 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding W.V. Byars' speech in the *Republican*. James Byars also writes about sermon-giving, news from home, and current political events including the tariff.
- 1884 May 20 Unsigned letter [from William Vincent Byars], St. Louis, to my dear father, regarding the "certis momentis" proposition.
- [Circa 1884] Fragment of letter signed W.V. Byars, regarding their discussion of "certis momentis."
- 1884 May 22 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding their discussion of "certis momentis," news from home, the interview with Mr. Lewis, and W.V. Byars' support for Bayard for the presidency.
- 1884 June 15 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, thanking W.V. Byars for the loan. James Byars also writes regarding the "new style" of teaching and W.V. Byars' editorial, "Two Ideas."
- 1884 June 20 Letter signed W.V. Byars, St. Louis, to my dear father, regarding Senator Bayard and "Southern Democrats" in general.
- Folder 10**
- 1884 Aug 3 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding news from home and political views in the South.
- 1884 Sept 1 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding W.V. Byars' newspaper work and political views in the South.
- 1884 Sept 6 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding news from home, W.V. Byars' newspaper work, "the education of the negro," and the *Grove Greek Lexicon* he sent to W.V. Byars. James Byars also advises W.V. Byars to move his newspaper business to Florida.
- 1884 Sept 17 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding W.V. Byars' acquaintance with Mrs. Payne and her collection of portraits; the *Greek Lexicon* and how it helps with reading Homer; W.V. Byars' poetry; and George's "Social

Problems.”

- 1884 Sept 28 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, with news from home.
- 1884 Oct 4 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding W.V. Byars' communication to *The Record*.
- 1884 Nov 2 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding news from home and the upcoming political election.
- 1884 Nov 12 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding news from home, the presidential election, W.V. Byars' editorial, "A Reminiscence," and his newspaper work.
- 1884 Dec 7 Letter signed W.V. Byars, St. Louis, to my dear father, informing James Byars that he will be leaving *The Chronicle*, and perhaps will go to law school or begin drawing.
- 1884 Dec 26 Letter signed W.V. Byars, St. Louis, to my dear father, informing James Byars that he has been given three offers for editorial work, and that he has accepted with *The Republic*.
- 1885 Mar 30 Letter signed W.V. Byars, St. Louis, to my dear father, informing his father that he wrote to the new commissioner of agriculture on his father's behalf "for the position of investigation of forestry, botanist, or Tennessee State Statistician."
- 1885 July 26 Letter signed W.V. Byars, St. Louis, to my dear father, informing him that he has not heard from Washington yet. James Byars also writes regarding news from home and *The Republican*.
- 1885 Aug 23 Letter signed W.V. Byars, St. Louis, to my dear father, regarding forestry work.
- 1885 Sept 23 Letter signed W.V. Byars, St. Louis, to my dear father, regarding James Byars' forestry position.
- [Circa 1885] Letter signed W.V.B. [William Vincent Byars] to my dear father, regarding James Byars' forestry work.
- 1885 Oct 11 Letter signed W.V. Byars, St. Louis, to my dear father, regarding the street car strike and translations of the Bible and Horace. Includes translation of poem.
- 1885 Nov 9 Letter signed W.V. Byars, St. Louis, to my dear father, stating his

intention to study law. W.V. Byars also writes with news from home.

- 1885 Nov 29 [or 27] Letter signed W.V. Byars, St. Louis, to my dear father, regarding *The Proceedings of the Virginia Constitutional Convention*, European politics, and news from home.
- 1885 Dec 4 Letter signed W.V. Byars, St. Louis, to my dear father, regarding James Byars' visit and news from home.
- 1886 Jan 18 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding information of a few forestry books, news from home, and the Oxford edition of the first *Odyssey*.
- 1886 Jan 21 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding W.V. Byars' newspaper work and his pride in Southern ancestry.
- 1886 Feb 13 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding their family history.
- 1886 Feb 20 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding their family history and news from home.
- 1886 Feb 21 Handwritten note on back of deposit slip of The Plaza Bank of St. Louis: "This letter sent & photographs by U. of Va."
- 1886 Feb 21 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding their family history, news from home, the book *Nugae by Nugator*, and W.V. Byars' newspaper work.
- 1886 Feb 21 Handwritten note on back of page from Grace Church newsletter: "J.B. to W.V.B. Nugae & Nugator Page 5 & 6 to Mary."
- 1886 Feb 24 Letter signed W.V. Byars, St. Louis, to my dear father, regarding *Nugae by Nugator*, the Blair educational bill, the loss of morals in Southern statesmen and politicians, and news from home.
- 1886 Feb 26 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding news from home, W.V. Byars' editorial work, and James Byars' forestry work, including news of the forest fires.
- Folder 11**
- 1886 Mar 28 Incomplete letter [from William Vincent Byars], St. Louis, to my dear father, regarding Byars' eye trouble and proceedings at Congress.

- 1886 May 13 Letter signed W.V. Byars, St. Louis, to my dear father, regarding news from home and James Byars' forestry work.
- 1886 June 17 Letter signed W.V. Byars, St. Louis, to my dear father, with news from home.
- 1886 June 25 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding W.V. Byars' editorial work and James Byars' forestry work.
- 1886 Aug 1 Letter signed W.V. Byars, St. Louis, to my dear father, with news from home.
- 1886 Aug 14 Letter signed W.V. Byars, St. Louis, to my dear father, regarding news from home and W.V. Byars' recent ambitions.
- 1886 Aug 19 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding W.V. Byars' newspaper work, his work on Horatian Rhyme, and news from home. James Byars also writes that he is disappointed that he does not have money to provide for Lucy's future.
- 1886 Oct 19 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, with news from home.
- 1886 Nov 21 Letter signed W.V. Byars, St. Louis, to my dear father, regarding his study of German.
- 1887 Jan 11 Letter signed W.V. Byars, St. Louis, to my dear father, regarding the family letters.
- 1887 Mar 1 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding W.V. Byars' editorial work and James Byars' visit to Virginia. (6 pages)
- 1887 Mar 8 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding his trip to Washington and the people he met with, like Mrs. Fernow and Dr. Eggleston. James Byars also asks how the *Globe-Democrat* came to know about the letter introducing him to Mr. Hatch.
- 1887 May 20 [or 2] Letter signed W.V. Byars, *The Missouri Republican*, Kirkwood, Missouri, to my dear father, regarding his views on the Prohibition.
- 1887 Aug 26 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son,

- regarding the publishing of his speech.
- 1887 Aug 27 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to dear son, regarding manuscripts he has sent to be published in the *Rural World*, his views on the Prohibition, and news from home.
- 1887 Sept 7 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to dear son, regarding an enclosed clipping.
- 1887 Sept 22 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding his views on the Prohibition and news from home.
- 1887 Sept 23 Letter signed W.V. Byars, St. Louis, to my dear father, regarding James Byars' article on Jeffersonian Democracy and news from home.
- 1887 Oct 2 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding his views on the Prohibition.
- 1887 Nov 14 Letter signed W.V. Byars, Kirkwood, Missouri, to my dear father, regarding current political events: "The constitutions of the United States and of the State of Illinois were trampled under foot in those Anarchist cases."
- 1887 Dec 5 Letter signed W.V. Byars, St. Louis, to my dear father, regarding the Supreme Court decision and the enclosed newspaper clipping. W.V. Byars also asks that his father send information on their family history for Mrs. Payne's benefit. (Enclosed newspaper clipping (photocopy) titled "The Dead Line," from *The Indianapolis Sentinel*, December 1, 1887.)
- 1887 Dec 10 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding individual rights.
- 1888 Jan 1 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding news from home and W.V. Byars' editorial.
- 1888 Feb 20 [or 22] Letter signed W.V. Byars, Kirkwood, [Missouri], to my dear father, regarding his studies in language. (Attached translation of "Flores Amoenae" by Horace.)
- 1888 Mar 2 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding W.V. Byars' poetry and editorial work.
- 1888 Mar 6 Letter signed W.V. Byars, Kirkwood, [Missouri], to my dear father, regarding his studies in language and writing.

- 1888 May 23 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding changes in his forestry work and W.V. Byars' editorial work.
- 1888 Dec 5 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding his forestry work and W.V. Byars poem on Lee.
- 1888 Dec 9 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, asking that W.V. Byars send copies of his editorial, "Let Us Have Peace," to him and Zack Taylor. James Byars also writes regarding local politics, and with appreciation for W.V. Byars' other editorials.
- 1888 Dec 12 Letter signed W.V. Byars, St. Louis, to my dear father, regarding his editorial work and how he applies the Christian scriptures to his writing.
- Folder 12**
- 1888 Dec 30 Letter [from William Vincent Byars], Kirkwood, [Missouri], to my dear father, regarding "a tendency to evil" that "is inherent in the race."
- 1889 Feb 12 Letter signed W.V. Byars, Kirkwood, [Missouri], to my dear father, regarding Congressman Phelan's *History of Tennessee*, the Plummerville affair, W.V. Byars' eye, and the struggle to keep his "skirt and hands clean" in writing politics. (Enclosed copy of letter signed "A Southern Woman" to Chas. H. Jones, Esq., editor of *The Republic*, February 8, 1889, with appreciation for W.V. Byars' editorials.)
- 1889 Feb 20 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding Phelan's *History of Tennessee*, James Byars' first vote that went to Harrison and Tyler, voting in Kentucky, "blue stocking Presbyterians," and news from home.
- 1889 Feb 25 Letter signed W.V. Byars, Kirkwood, [Missouri], to my dear father, regarding W.V. Byars' salary that had been raised to \$50 a week and enclosed letters. W.V. Byars suggests that his father move to St. Louis.
- 1889 Mar 20 Letter signed W.V. Byars, St. Louis, to my dear father, advising his father on how to deal with the new administration.
- 1889 Apr 5 Letter signed W.V. Byars, Kirkwood, [Missouri], to my dear father, regarding an enclosed letter from Cockrell.

- 1889 Apr 14 Letter signed W.V. Byars, Kirkwood, [Missouri], to my dear father, with advice and support in working with the new administration.
- 1889 Apr 16 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding working with the new administration and news from home. James Byars informs his son that he would love to move to St. Louis to teach his grandchildren, but declines the offer.
- 1889 May 26 Unsigned letter [from James Byars], Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding the money his son sent to him, news from home, W.V. Byars' editorial work, James Byars' address on education at Henning, and the similarity between English and Latin iambs.
- 1889 July 16 Letter [from William Vincent Byars], St. Louis, to my dear father, regarding information on their family history.
- 1889 Aug 2 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding his lecture, W.V. Byars' editorial work, and Senator Bate.
- 1889 Aug 13 Letter signed W.V. Byars, Kirkwood, [Missouri], to my dear father, regarding the printing of James Byars' lecture and W.V. Byars' sickness induced by blackberries.
- 1889 Aug 20 Letter signed W.V. Byars, Kirkwood, [Missouri], to my dear father, regarding W.V. Byars' use of colloquialism in his editorials and political methods of reform.
- 1889 Sept 13 Letter signed W.V. Byars, Kirkwood, [Missouri], to my dear father, regarding W.V. Byars' articles about Davis and his health.
- 1889 Sept 23 Letter signed W.V. Byars, Kirkwood, [Missouri], to my dear father, regarding Mr. Claybrook's letter and political views, and W.V. Byars editorial work. W.V. Byars is a firm believer in "the descent of man." W.V. Byars also writes congratulating his father because his lecture on education will be put in the corner stone of the Covington courthouse.
- 1889 Oct 6 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding Gracy Adams' desire for a copy of *The Republic*, Dick Green's question about the possibility of *The Republic* and *The Tipton Record* exchanging and how much it would cost, the *Memphis Appeal* with an editorial on W.V. Byars' "Higher Law"

editorial, the “Race Problem,” and news from home.

- 1889 Dec 29 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding news from home and hazing in schools.
- 1890 Jan 11 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding Davis’s “Shadow and Perspective,” and Morell’s *History of Modern Philosophy*.
- 1890 Jan 18 Letter signed W.V. Byars, St. Louis, to my dear father, regarding Davis’s “Shades and Shadows,” and the teaching of children.
- 1890 Jan 25 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding news from home, “the Grip” which has caused no fatalities in Covington yet, violence in society, and the acts of the school commissioners in Taylorsville, Illinois; “There is a stripe of the old Puritan Blue law disposition in many of those Republicans . . .”
- 1890 Feb 1 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding news about “the Grip” or influenza and news about the family.
- 1890 Feb 8 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding news from home and W.V. Byars’ editorial work.
- 1890 Mar 9 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding news from home.
- 1890 Mar 19 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding news from home, *Bingham’s Latin Grammar*, the thinking mind, Illinois school laws.
- 1890 Mar 24 Letter signed W.V. Byars, St. Louis, to my dear father, regarding news from home.
- 1890 June 18 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding news from home and W.V. Byars’ editorial work. James Byars also writes congratulating his son on the commendations by statesmen on the success of *The Republic*.
- 1890 June 26 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding democratic principles.
- 1890 Aug 12 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding news from home and Byars’ editorial on Mississippi.

- 1890 Sept 25 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding news from home and “doing wrong just because it is wrong.”
- 1890 Sept 30 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding an enclosed letter, news from home, and the Sullivan administration.
- 1890 Oct 2 Letter signed W.V. Byars, St. Louis, to my dear father, regarding James Byars’ address to the Teacher’s Association and his article on agricultural chemistry. W.V. Byars also writes concerning a future editorial on the need for understanding and sympathy with those below your own level.
- 1890 Oct 25 [or 28] Letter signed W.V. Byars, St. Louis, to my dear father, regarding the “Bowles offer of \$200 for the land down to the ditch.”
- 1890 Oct 29 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding the land his son bought.
- 1890 Oct 30 Letter signed W.V. Byars, St. Louis, to my dear father, urging his father to “buy the lot for us.”
- 1890 Nov 6 Letter signed W.V. Byars, St. Louis, to my dear father, regarding news from home and “our fight for freedom of education, for civil and religious liberty, in Wisconsin and Illinois.”
- 1890 Nov 10 Letter signed W.V. Byars, St. Louis, to my dear father, regarding the land he bought.
- 1890 Nov 15 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding news from home, and payment for the land.
- 1890 Nov 25 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding news from home, a malarial fever epidemic in the neighborhood, and an enclosed arithmetic lesson.
- 1890 Dec 18 Letter signed W.V.B. [William Vincent Byars], St. Louis, to my dear father, regarding news from home, W.V. Byars’ editorial on Mr. Richardson’s brief, and the race issue in the South. [Fragment of letter is missing.]
- 1890 Dec 31 Letter signed W.V. Byars, St. Louis, to my dear father, regarding news from home.

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- 1884 June 4 Brief article titled "Morality Practically Taught." Relates to address at Covington Female Seminary.
- 1891 Feb 5 Letter signed W.V. Byars, St. Louis, to my dear father, regarding news from home, Homer's philosophical writing, "the grammarians," and politics in the South.
- 1891 Mar 15 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding General Palmer's victory in the South, W.V. Byars' editorial, and news from home.
- 1891 Mar 17 Letter signed W.V. Byars, St. Louis, to my dear father, regarding his editorial work, a possible move to Chicago, and current political and financial issues.
- 1891 Mar 21 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding the importance of liberty and happiness and W.V. Byars' editorial work.
- 1891 Apr 25 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding his son's editorial work, news from home, and their family history.
- 1891 Apr 28 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding news from home.
- 1891 May 9 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding news from home and teaching.
- 1891 May 14 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding news from home and the improvement of the bicycle.
- 1891 May 21 Letter signed W.V. Byars, St. Louis, to my dear father, regarding news from home.
- 1891 May 23 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding news from home. James Byars also includes business advice, using Horace as an example.
- 1891 May 31 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding a poem that Byars sent, obedience in children, and news from home.
- 1891 June 2 Letter signed W.V. Byars, St. Louis, to my dear father, regarding the poem and quotation that he sent, and the stoic idea of pain.

- 1891 July 5 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding news from home.
- 1891 July 10 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding news from home.
- 1891 Aug 10 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding his son's editorial, news from home, and the love for words and poetry.
- 1891 Aug 23 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding news from home, a sermon by Prof. Henry Drummond, and sermons against profanity.
- 1891 Sept 15 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding news from home.
- 1891 Sept 22 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding news from home and W.V. Byars' editorial work.
- 1891 Sept 25 Letter signed W.V. Byars, St. Louis, to my dear father, regarding an article he received from Mr. Blackford in *The Southern Churchman*. W.V. Byars also writes regarding news from home and his editorial work. (Includes *St. Louis Republic* envelope, with engraved illustration of *Republic* building, addressed to Mr. James Byars, Covington, Tennessee.)
- 1891 Sept 26 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding the week's *Southern Churchman*.
- 1891 Oct 15 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding his son's editorial on the "Anglo Saxon Catholic Church," his other editorial work, and news of Henry.
- 1891 Oct 23 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding his son's editorial on the "Anglo Saxon Catholic Church," and news from home.
- 1891 Nov 15 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding an enclosed letter from cousin May Blackford, W.V. Byars' editorial on boys, and news from home.
- 1891 Nov 17 Letter signed W.V. Byars, St. Louis, to my dear father, regarding "original sin," and an enclosed letter to cousin Mary Blackford.

- 1891 Dec 4 Letter signed W.V. Byars, St. Louis, to my dear father, regarding their views of education, W.V. Byars' poetry, and news from home.
- 1891 Dec 6 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding his theories of government.
- 1891 Dec 19 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding his son's "The Tempting of the King," "the worship of the flag by schools," the race issue in Southern politics, the defeat of Mills in the race for speaker, and an enclosed letter.
- 1891 Dec 23 Letter signed W.V. Byars, St. Louis, to my dear father, regarding news from home and Latin grammar.
- 1892 Mar 15 Letter signed W.V. Byars, St. Louis, to my dear father, regarding his duty in regard to editorials on mob rule and news from home.
- 1892 Apr 28 Letter signed W.V. Byars, St. Louis, to my dear father, regarding his position on *The Republic*, other options for employment, and news from home.
- 1892 May 8 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding news from home, W.V. Byars' editorials, "Some Better System," "Fight on Private Schools," and "Freedom of Education," current political events, the book *Psychology Applied to the Art of Teaching*, and Hilliard's book.
- 1892 May 29 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding news from home, an enclosed letter from Henry, and Baldwin's book.
- 1892 June 6 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding news from home and asking his son to send two pairs of shoes with the money enclosed.
- 1892 June 8 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding news from home, and Baldwin's book.
- 1892 June 29 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding his trip to Memphis and news from home.
- 1892 Sept 12 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding W.V. Byars' "Tanhauser" [Tannhauser], news from home, and the race issue.

- 1892 Nov 26 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding news from home, the Tennessee government, the death of Mr. Claybrook, the life of William Carey, and the idea of applying for the appointment of forestry agent for the South and Southwest again.
- 1893 Feb 23 Typescript copy of letter signed W.V. Byars, St. Louis, to my dear father, regarding his editorial, "Disorder and Crime."
- 1893 Feb 28 Typescript copy of letter from W.V.B. [William Vincent Byars], St. Louis, to my dear father, regarding the idea of James Byars applying to work for the Department of Agriculture again.
- 1893 Mar 1 Letter signed mother, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding news from home.
- 1893 Mar 2 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding the idea of applying to work for the Department of Agriculture again.
- 1893 Apr 3 Letter signed W.V. Byars, St. Louis, to my dear father, regarding an enclosed letter from Alfred J. Stofer and the idea of James Byars applying to work for the Department of Agriculture again.
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- 1893 June 23 Letter signed W.V. Byars, Kirkwood, [Missouri], to my dear father, regarding his father's health and finding employment since leaving *The Republic*.
- 1893 July 1 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding news from home, the money that W.V. Byars sent, and the "Silver Question."
- 1893 July 9 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding the money his son sent, James Byars' break from school labor due to poor health, W.V. Byars' decision to leave *The Republic*, and Cleveland being nominated on a "bi-metallic platform."
- 1893 July 17 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding the money that his son sent, beginning work at school, and news from home.
- 1893 July 19 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding the editorial "An Extraordinary Religious Movement," the editorial on bimetallism, and news from home.

- 1893 July 27 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding platform and non-platform Democrats.
- 1893 Aug 3 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding the receipt of money from his son and their health.
- 1893 Aug 14 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding news from home, W.V. Byars' editorial work that "ought to be printed in large black type and fixed up in every Sheriff's office," platform and non-platform Democrats, and recent "demoralizing" news stories.
- 1893 Aug 16 Letter signed W.V. Byars, St. Louis, to my dear father, regarding his father's health.
- 1893 Aug 26 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding recent political issues.
- 1893 Sept 1 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding his son's article on the "History of Panics," the Silver question, and news from home.
- 1893 Sept 3 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding his son's article on the "History of Panics," and current political issues such as free coinage and "Cleveland's course in violating his promises to the people . . ."
- 1893 Sept 9 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding his health and news from home.
- 1893 Sept 20 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding his son's editorial work and news from home.
- 1893 Oct 14 Typescript copy of letter from W.V. Byars, to my dear father, regarding his editorial work.
- 1893 Oct 27 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding money his son sent, an editorial from George Hunt's paper, mob activity, political issues surrounding President Cleveland, and news from home.
- 1893 Nov 3 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding money his son sent, Patterson's speech, other political events, and news from home

- 1893 Nov 11 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding news from home, and the politics of the Democrats, the Populists, and the "Clevelanites."
- 1893 Nov 18 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding news from home, the move from Virginia to Tennessee in 1831, Prometheus and men being wise before their times, *Phelan's School History of Tennessee*, and the writings of Horace.
- 1893 Dec 9 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, asking him to send something for Lucy and to write an editorial on whipping in schools.
- 1893 Dec 20 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding his son's editorial work.
- 1893 Dec 22 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to W.V. Byars, Kirkwood, Missouri, regarding the memorandum books he sent to his grandchildren.
- 1893 Dec 23 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding his son's editorial work, Southern politics, and the enclosed money for umbrella ribs.
- 1893 Dec 24 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding the attached article. (Attached article, "A West Tennessee," by James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, December 8, 1893, taken from a lecture to his students. [4 pages].)
- 1893 Dec 27 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, with news from home.
- 1894 Jan 6 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding news from home, W.V. Byars' editorial work, and his disbelief that a twelve-year-old blind, deaf, and mute girl, Helen Keller, could have written a story he read.
- 1894 Jan 17 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding his health, their family history, and news from home.
- 1894 Jan 26 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding news from home, the street car employee strike, and Dr. James Weir's "Psychology of Hypnotism."
- 1894 Jan 27 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding news from home, the printing errors in the *American*

Journal of Education, and W.V. Byars' poems "Tannhauser" and "The Tempting of the King."

- 1894 Feb 10 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding his son's essay on Rousseau, W.V. Byars' grandfather's acquaintance with Gen. Houston, and "the brutality of Northern schools."
- 1894 Feb 17 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding Henry's visit, W.V. Byars' editorial on Gen. Houston, the sin of infants, Pankhurst, and news from home.
- 1894 Apr 28 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding his article in the *Leader* and the beauty of Tennessee.
- 1894 May 3 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding news from home, W.V. Byars' editorial work, and James Byars' contribution to the *Record* concerning the presidential veto.
- 1894 May 11 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding his son's visit.
- 1894 May 19 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding grammar, W.V. Byars' health, the Missouri Democratic convention, and news from home.
- 1894 Aug 1 Typescript copy of letter from W.V.B. [William Vincent Byars], New York, to my dear father, regarding his move to New York.
- 1894 Aug 29 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding news from home and current politics surrounding Patterson.
- 1894 Sept 8 Typescript copy of letter signed W.V. Byars, to my dear father, regarding his health in New York, James Byars' articles in the *Record*, the cancellation of the Bar Harbor trip, and his decision to leave Covington in the first place.
- 1894 Sept 22 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding news from home, and his views on the role of a legislator. (Attached articles, "Practical Questions in Arithmetic for Little Boys," by James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, November 24, 1890, and "A West Tennessee" by James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, December 14, 1894, taken from a lecture to his students.)

- 1894 Sept 25 Letter signed W.V. Byars to my dear father, regarding his father's article in the *Record*, the move to South Orange, and the idea of letting Henry take care of his home in Kirkwood.
- 1894 Sept 30 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding his article in the *Record* and the resolutions on Mr. Holmes' death.
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- 1894 Oct 1 Letter signed W.V. Byars, South Orange, New Jersey, to my dear father, regarding the family's move to South Orange.
- 1894 Oct 5 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding news from home and the move to South Orange.
- 1894 Oct 30 Typescript copy of letter signed W.V. Byars, New York, to my dear father, regarding the move to South Orange.
- 1894 Nov 10 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding news from home, current political issues, and learning Italian.
- 1894 Nov 19 Letter signed W.V. Byars, South Orange, [New Jersey], to my dear father, regarding the *Record* and news about the children.
- 1894 Dec 15 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding the Italian language and news from home including the drummer evangelist, Mr. Fife, and dipping snuff.
- 1894 Dec 31 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding an enclosed lecture on whipping at school, and regarding Fisk's *School History of the United States*.
- 1895 Jan 12 Unsigned letter [from James Byars], Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding news from home, his sadness in not being able to afford to have publications sent to him, and his article in the *Leader*.
- 1895 Jan 16 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding the sonnets that his son sent, an enclosed article, and news from home.
- 1895 Jan 19 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding his article in the *Leader* concerning home education.
- 1895 Jan 23 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son,

thanking him for the book that he sent.

- 1895 Jan 29 Letter signed W.V. Byars, South Orange, [New Jersey], to my dear father, regarding the article his father sent, the book that he sent to his father, and Thoreau's book.
- 1895 Feb 1 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding news from home, Thoreau's book, Dr. Pankhurts' article, "Andromaniac," and news from Henry.
- 1895 Feb 9 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding the Italian language, learning to learn, and the assessment law in Tennessee.
- 1895 Mar 20 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding his son's discovery and his son's health.
- 1895 Apr 5 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding news from home and Brown's *Treasury of Latin Gems* he had sent to Loula.
- 1895 Apr 12 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding news from home, grammar, and Roger Williams and civil liberty.
- 1895 Apr 20 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding the study of Roger Williams, civil liberty and religion, and news from home. James Byars thanks his son for dedicating his pamphlet to him.
- 1895 Apr 23 Typescript copy of letter signed W.V. Byars to my dear father, regarding the study of Roger Williams.
- 1895 July 7 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, with news from home.
- 1895 Sept 24 Letter signed W.V. Byars, South Orange, [New Jersey], to my dear father, regarding rhyme and rhythm in verse.
- 1895 Dec 5 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding his son's work with Col. Jones, *Fisk's School History of the United States*, and their family history. (Attached clipping, "Advanced Ideas of Education," by James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, January 8, 1895.)
- 1895 Dec 14 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son,

regarding a passage his son wanted him to copy and news from home.

- 1896 Jan 7 Letter signed W.V. Byars, South Orange, [New Jersey], to my dear father, regarding his father's communication on Venezuela, W.V. Byars' Homeric discovery, and news from home.
- 1896 Apr 10 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding news from home, Homer's *Odyssey*, and W.V. Byars' "The Tempting of the King."
- 1896 May 30 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding his son's "head for figures," the attached paper on mathematical theories, and the storm in St. Louis. Attached handwritten note of mathematical theories taken from Thomas Taylor's *Theoretic Arithmetic*, published in 1816.
- 1896 June 22 Unsigned letter [from William Vincent Byars] to my dear father, regarding the "Theoretical Arithmetic" his father sent.
- 1896 June 25 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding classical melody, Lancelot Minor, the old home in Virginia, and Vanderbilt's home in North Carolina.
- 1896 July 4 Letter signed W.V. Byars, South Orange, [New Jersey], to my dear father, with an explanation of his study in meter and rhyme and his desire to get away from politics.
- 1896 July 5 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding free silver and news from home.
- 1896 July 23 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding some of his son's older editorials, Lewis P. Williams, and current political issues. Attached handwritten speech on money, dated July 23, 1896.
- 1896 July 31 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, in reply to a letter from his son.
- 1896 Aug 7 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding his son's contact with *The World* and news from home including his own health.
- 1896 Aug 22 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding his health and other news from home.

1896 Aug 29 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding news from home and “silver men in this country.”

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1896 Sept 8 Letter signed W.V. Byars, South Orange, [New Jersey], to my dear father, regarding the bank system and current political issues.

1896 Sept 19 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding current political issues and his communication with the *Record*.

1896 Oct 1 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, congratulating his son on doing so much to push Democrats forward and new school regulations.

1896 Oct 17 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding news from home, current local political issues, and W.V. Byars' editorial on Byron.

1896 Oct 23 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding Virgil and news from home.

1896 Nov 21 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding his son's discovery, news from home, geometry, and the death of cousin Mary Blackford. (4 pages)

1896 Nov 28 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding his son's discovery, the copy of Virgil his son sent, and news from home.

1897 Jan 1 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding news from home and politics, including Patterson's election.

1897 June 21 Typescript copy of letter from W.V. Byars, South Orange, [New Jersey], to my dear father, regarding the increase in crime rates.

1897 July 9 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding news from home and Virgil's writing.

1897 Aug 1 Letter signed W.V. Byars, South Orange, [New Jersey], to my dear father, regarding the Jefferson statue, and an editorial in *The Record* concerning Southern politics.

1897 Aug 9 Letter signed W.V. Byars, South Orange, [New Jersey], to my dear

father. Includes envelope addressed to Mr. James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, regarding an article his father wrote and W.V. Byars' work on Horace.

- 1897 Aug 25 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding news from home and the attached rough draft. Attached rough draft for article published as "That Which the Books Mystify Made Plain." (5 pages)
- 1897 Sept 3 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding his attached article. (Attached newspaper clipping, "That Which the Books Mystify Made Plain," by James Byars, Tipton Male High School, Covington, Tennessee, August 27, 1897.)
- 1897 Sept 8 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding news from home and the article he had sent to his son.
- 1897 Sept 14 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding his attached article and Joe Cotton. (Attached newspaper clipping, "That Which the Books Mystify Made Plain" by James Byars, Tipton Male High School, Covington, Tennessee, August 31, 1897 [filed in oversize].)
- 1897 Sept 18 Typescript copy of letter from W.V. Byars, manager, The Valley Press Bureau, New York, to my dear father, regarding his father's article, Mr. Cotton, and business.
- 1897 Oct 28 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding news from home, yellow fever in Memphis, and the copy of *Luther's Table Talk* that his son sent to him.
- 1897 Nov 3 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding news from home and the attached leaf.
- 1898 Feb 14 Letter signed W.V. Byars, *The Mississippi Valley Democrat and Journal of Agriculture*, Second and Olive Streets, St. Louis, to my dear father, regarding the newspaper business and news from home.
- 1898 July 24 Letter signed W.V. Byars, Kirkwood, Missouri, to my dear father, regarding news from home.
- 1898 Nov 2 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding news from home, an enclosed letter from Henry, and James Byars' article in *The Tipton Record*.

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- 1898 Dec 7 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding his son's *Babble of Green Fields*, local politics involving Brooks, and news from home concerning the Illinois Central Railroad that may run their route through James Byars' back lot.
- 1898 Dec 14 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding his son's work and *Uncle Tom's Cabin*.
- 1899 Jan 2 Typescript copy of letter signed W.V. Byars, St. Louis, to my dear father, regarding news from home and *The Tipton Record*.
- 1899 Feb 6 Letter signed W.V. Byars, to my dear father, regarding news from home and the road through the Byars' lot.
- 1899 Feb 28 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding the road through his back lot.
- 1899 Mar 1 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding the road through his back lot.
- 1899 Mar 8 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding the railroad through the Byars' lot.
- 1899 Mar 11 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding the railroad through his back lot.
- 1899 Mar 14 Typescript copy of letter from W.V. Byars, Kirkwood, [Missouri], to my dear father, regarding the railroad through the Byars' land and Mr. Smitheal's absentmindedness.
- 1899 Mar 23 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding news from home and the setting of *Banda Oriental*.
- 1899 Apr 12 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding news from home, his son's beautiful writing, and dealings with the railroad company.
- 1899 Apr 16 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding dealings with the railroad company.
- 1899 Apr 19 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding financial issues.
- 1899 Apr 25 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding financial dealings.

- 1899 Apr 30 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding financial dealings.
- 1899 May 2 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding financial dealings.
- 1899 May 2 Typescript copy of letter from W.V. Byars, Kirkwood, [Missouri], to my dear father, regarding financial dealings.
- 1899 July 5 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding *Fisher's Three Pronunciations of Latin* and news from home.
- 1899 July 12 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding the work of Henry Drummond.
- 1899 July 26 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding the work of Henry Drummond and the railroad.
- 1899 Aug 9 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding his son's current employment and news from home.
- 1899 Aug 16 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding Byars' poem, "Look at Your Hands," and action in the Philippines.
- 1899 Aug 22 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding news from home and the attached copy. (Attached transcribed copy of newspaper clipping titled "The Pronunciation of Latin.")
- 1899 Aug 28 Letter signed W.V. Byars, St. Louis, to my dear father, regarding "The Pronunciation of Latin," the poem "Look at Your Hands," and religious matters.
- 1899 Aug 31 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding financial issues.
- Folder 3**
- 1899 Sept 3 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding his son's poem, "Look at Your Hands," and news from home.
- 1899 Sept 3 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding his son's poem and news from home.

- 1899 Sept 5 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding the essay on Goethe in the post, Grant Allen's novel *Devil's Die*, the study of Latin, and news from home.
- 1899 Oct 4 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding news from home, an enclosed letter from Berkley Minor, Sr., and poetry by L.A. Palmer.
- 1899 Nov 22 Letter signed W.V. Byars, St. Louis, to my dear father, regarding the enclosed letter. (Attached letter signed Henry W. Bond, judge, St. Louis Court of Appeals, St. Louis, to James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, November 23, 1899, thanking James Byars for his approval of Bond's address and with appreciation for their family connection.)
- 1899 Dec 20 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding the burning of the theatre in Richmond, Virginia, and the death of Mr. Owen.
- 1899 Dec 26 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding Mr. Owen's death, Mary Minor Townsend's wedding, and James Byars' health.
- 1899 Dec 31 Letter [from James Byars], Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding the naming of children after characters in novels, news from home, Mr. Owen's son, a letter from Walter Crofford, discontinuing his subscription with the *Mississippi Valley Democrat*, and current politics.
- 1900 Jan 24 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding his son's address at McKendree College and Lewis Cherry's political views.
- 1900 Jan 31 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding news from home, W.V. Byars' "The Calumet," Mr. Bryan as a presidential candidate, and W.V. Byars' address at McKendree College.
- 1900 Mar 7 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding current politics involving Cuba, the "silver men," the Philippines, and America's "deplorable condition."
- 1900 Mar 21 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding his son's *World's Best Orations*, Latin words, and the "Old World."

- 1900 Apr 6 Letter signed W.V. Byars, St. Louis, to my dear father, regarding his *World's Best Orations*, business with the Valley Press Bureau, and dealings with Mr. Kaiser.
- 1900 Apr 16 Letter signed W.V. Byars, Kirkwood, Missouri, to my dear father, regarding his *World's Best Orations*, his poetry, and mobs in America.
- 1900 Apr 18 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding the definitions of words.
- 1900 Apr 21 Letter signed W.V. Byars, Kirkwood, Missouri, to my dear father, regarding the definitions of words and news from home.
- 1900 Apr 30 Letter signed W.V. Byars, St. Louis, to my dear father, regarding news from home and a religious image W.V. Byars saw on a walk.
- 1900 May 2 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding the religious image his son saw on a walk, news from home, and books in the *Review of Reviews*.
- 1900 May 20 Letter signed W.V. Byars, St. Louis, to my dear father, regarding articles his father sent and Missouri politics.
- 1900 May 22 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding the "Brief" sent by Dr. Hill, news from home, and current politics.
- 1900 June 10 Letter signed James Byars, Covington, Tennessee, to my dear son, regarding news from home.
- 1900 Sept 1 Letter signed W.V. Byars, Valley Press Bureau, St. Louis, to my dear father, regarding his collecting of orations and the matter of living life over again.
- 1900 Sept 19 Letter signed W.V. Byars, Valley Press Bureau, St. Louis, to my dear father, regarding news from home.
- 1900 Oct 8 Letter signed W.V. Byars, Valley Press Bureau, St. Louis, to my dear father, regarding news from home.