

Lipscomb Library

Randolph College

THE JANE M. RABB COLLECTION

Compiled by

Elizabeth Johnston Lipscomb

Catherine Ehrman Thoresen '23 and William E. Thoresen Professor of English, Emerita

(revised 5/15/2007)

INTRODUCTION

This collection, donated by scholar Jane M. Rabb (also known as Jane Rabb Cohen), reflects her research leading to the entry on Pearl S. Buck in the reference work *Notable American Women: The Modern Period* (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1980) and to a possible biographical or critical study that was never completed. The collection includes photocopies of numerous letters from Pearl S. Buck, housed in several different libraries, and more than forty audiotapes of interviews with individuals personally acquainted with Buck, as well as Rabb's correspondence with Buck friends, acquaintances, and business associates.

The collection is contained in two boxes. In Box One a large box labeled "Letters" on the spine contains materials connected with Randolph-Macon Woman's College, the Pearl S. Buck Birthplace Foundation, Amerasian Children, and three copies of a draft of the entry for *Notable American Women*, annotated by Buck biographer Nora Stirling, Buck's companion of her last years, Ted Harris, and her employee in Perkasio, Sarah Rowe.

Also included in this box are two large red notebooks. The first, labeled "Buck—Libraries," contains letters from Jane Rabb to a number of libraries and copies of materials from various collections, including a number of letters from Buck to reformer Ida M. Tarbell, women's rights advocate Alma Lutz, Smith College President William Lyon Phelps, and many others. The second, labeled "Buck—Letters," is organized alphabetically and contains Rabb's correspondence with many Buck acquaintances, notes on interviews, and copies of Buck's letters to her friend Margaret Thomson between 1931 and 1936. Also contained in this notebook is a section on institutions with which Buck was associated.

Box Two contains 44 audiotapes of interviews with individuals who knew and work with Pearl S. Buck, as well as a large stack of index cards with notes and bibliographic information.

BOX 1

Folder:

- Letter to Theodore Hostetler, Director, Lipscomb Library

Box labeled “Letters” on spine:

- Typescript containing memories of PSB, headed “Richmond, 1954”; internal evidence indicates that the author is Emma Edmunds White
- Printed brochure, “A Biographical Sketch of Pearl S. Buck,” prepared by The John Day Company
- Photocopy of portions of the *Alumnae Bulletin*, Randolph-Macon Woman’s College, February 1939:
 - The Nobel photograph
 - “Nobel Prize Winner,” editorial reprinted from the *New York Times*, November 11, 1938
 - “Pearl S. Buck” by Emma Edmunds White
- Photocopy of twelve-page letter from PSB to Eleanor Roosevelt, March 22, 1943, Perkasio which comments on China and the Soong family
- Photocopy of letter from PSB to Roberta Cornelius, July 24, 1943
- Photocopy of letter from PSB to Roberta Cornelius, August 30, 1948, Perkasio
- Photocopy of letter from PSB to Roberta Cornelius, May 11, 1943, Perkasio
- Photocopy of letter from PSB to Roberta Cornelius, July 29, 1943, Perkasio
- Photocopy of letter from PSB to Bess [Wright?], May 13, 1938, Pierre, South Dakota stating that “my most important manuscripts, at least, are willed to the college for their collection—always presuming, of course, that they want them!”
- Copy of “Commencement Address delivered by Pearl S. Buck at Randolph-Macon Woman’s College, Lynchburg, Virginia, June 7, 1964. Miss Buck earned her A.B. degree at R-MWC 50 years ago.” Title: “You and Your Miracle – by Pearl S. Buck”
- Randolph-Macon *Alumnae Bulletin* Spring 1977 containing a letter from PSB to the Class of 1932, page 19
- Photocopy of portions of the *Alumnae Bulletin*, Randolph-Macon Woman’s College, November, 1948:
 - Photograph of PSB
 - “Windows to the World” by PSB
- Photocopy of portions of the *Alumnae Bulletin*, Randolph-Macon Woman’s College, September, 1943 containing “Message to Randolph-Macon” by PSB [on the College’s Fiftieth Anniversary]
- Photocopy of letter from PSB to Roberta Cornelius for the Pearl S. Buck Foundation, Inc.
- Photocopy of *The Angelos of Kappa Delta*, May, 1933, dedicated to Pearl Sydenstricker Buck, Theta
 - “The Interpretation of China to the West” by PSB
 - “Twenty Years Ago: The Disadvantages of Sophomore Pledging by Pearl Sydenstricker, Theta”
 - Drawings illustrating *The Good Earth*

- Clipping of “GI Children Face Stateless Future” by Lewis M. Simons, labeled in pencil “Manchester Guardian Weekly 12/24/77”
- “The New Children – The Amerasians,” the Pearl S. Buck Foundation, Incorporated [brochure]
- “The New Children” by PSB (1892-1973), letter sent by the Pearl S. Buck Foundation
- Copies of *Insight/Asia*, magazine distributed by the Pearl S. Buck Foundation:
 - Spring 1976
 - Summer 1976
 - Fall 1976
 - Winter 1977
 - Spring 1977
 - Fall 1977
 - Winter 1978 (2 copies)
 - August 1979
 - March 1980
- Fundraising letter from Grace S. Yaukey [PSB’s sister] for the Pearl S. Buck Foundation, Inc.
- Envelope labeled Ruth Cadieu, containing PSB Foundation materials
- PSB Foundation envelope with handwritten notes on budget, numbers of children, staff
- Additional brochures and fund-raising materials for the PSB Foundation
- Photocopy of “A Walking Tour of Pearl S. Buck’s Home in the words of Pearl S. Buck” [“transcribed from a tape made by PSB on April 8, 1972 at Green Hills Farm, in Dublin, Pennsylvania”]
- “The Universal Harmony” by Li Chi from “The Book of Ceremonies, published about 300 years B.C.” containing Meditation on Justice with end notation: “Miss Pearl S. Buck/Please kindly to keep./ Calligraphy by Hsieh Shun-Tsu/at age 73
- Photocopy of *Insight*, Spring 1974
- “My Sister’s Gifts to Me . . .” by Grace S. Yaukey
- Portions of the *New York Times Magazine*, March 2, 1980 containing “The Plight of the Children Abandoned in Vietnam” by Bill Kurtis
- “U.S. Post Office Special Cancellation” envelope, dated May 4, 1974, the Grand Opening of the Pearl S. Buck Museum in Hillsboro, West Virginia
- Obituary for David Burpee, *New York Times*, June 26, 1980
- Page of handwritten notes
- “My Mother’s House, An Audio-Visual Presentation produced by the Pearl S. Buck Birthplace Foundation, Inc., March 1980”:
 - Introduction to the presentation by Ann V. Wyatt
 - Resume of Participants
 - Consultants
- “Guidelines for Research on the Pearl S. Buck Manuscripts Currently Stored at West Virginia Wesleyan College in Buckhannon, WV, but Owned by the Pearl S. Buck Birthplace Foundation, Inc.”
- Photocopy of notice of publication of edition of *The Analects of Confucius*
- “Pearl S. Buck Manuscript Exhibit, Pfeiffer Library, West Virginia Wesleyan College, June 9, 1979, including a list of eighteen manuscripts exhibited with annotations

- Photocopy of article, “Pearl S. Buck Manuscripts To Be Exhibited at Wesleyan June 9,” *The Inter-Mountain*, Elkins, W. VA., May 23, 1979
- Clipping: “Local woman writes Pearl Buck bibliography” [source unidentified]
- Photocopy of article, “Rare Pearl Buck ‘All Men Are Brothers’” from Book Chats, *The West Virginia Hillbilly* [date illegible]
- Copy of “Pearl Buck Activities of the Buckhannon Woman’s Club, 1979-80” by Mrs. J. C. Huffman, Chairman, Pearl S. Buck Birthplace Committee
- Photocopy of newspaper article, “Locals to participate in panel for Pearl Buck Birthplace Foundation” [source unidentified]
- Photocopy of typescript, “The Seidenstrickers in Pennsylvania” by Rudolf Hommel
- Photocopy of portrait of John M. Sydenstricker
- Selection from *History of Greenbrier County*: “The Sydenstricker Family” by Rev. C. Sydenstricker
- Photocopy of newspaper article “Manuscripts To Be Catalogued,” *The West Virginia Daily News*, Lewisburg, W.VA, March 1, 1976 about the cataloging of PSB manuscripts held at West Virginia Wesleyan College
- Clipping: “Pearl Buck’s estate settled after 6 years,” [*Boston Globe*, penciled date of 11/27/79]
- Clipping: “A Memory of Miki Sawada” by Donald P. Berger, annotated “*Japan Times*, May—1980”
- Clipping: “New Pearl Buck will found, complicating estate fight,” *Boston Sunday Globe*, September 17, 1978
- Clipping: “America Is All They Know, But They’re Not Quite at Home,” *New York Times*, March 1, 1977, a study of Asian orphans with reference to the PSB Foundation
- Newspaper photograph of PSB
- Clipping: “Pearl Buck at 76: More Books to Write, More Children to Help,” *New York Times*, December 7, 1968
- Clipping: “Oiso Orphanage Founder Mrs. Miki Sawada Dies,” *Japan Times*, May 14, 1980
- Clipping: “Notes on People/ Long-Running Battle Over Pearl Buck’s Estate Ends,” *New York Times*, May 17, 1980
- Letter from Merloyd Lawrence of Seymour Lawrence Incorporated to Jane Rabb Cohen, April 5, 1979, containing a discussion of possible biography of PSB by Jane Rabb
- Letter from Mary Grace Smith, Executive Editor, Garland Publishing, Inc to Jane Rabb Cohen, December 14, 1979, concerning an inquiry about publishing an annotated bibliography of Buck’s work
- Carbon copy of Jane Rabb Cohen’s response to the previous letter, January 3, 1980
- Clipping: “Pearl Buck’s estate settled after 6 years” [unidentified source]
- Photocopy of Pearl Sydenstricker’s Student’s Record at Randolph-Macon Woman’s College [courses taken, no grades listed]
- Photocopies of catalogue descriptions of the courses PSB took at R-MWC

Folder labeled “Notable American Women”:

- Three copies of a draft entitled “Pearl S. Buck entry for *Notable American Women*, 1607-1975, Volume 4 by Dr. Jane R[abb] Cohen
- PSB Draft for *Notable American Women*, with penciled annotation, “Nora’s draft” [presumably a draft for PSB biographer Nora Stirling] with marginal corrections and suggestions
- Biographical Checklist on Pearl Buck with penciled note “Nora” on top of first page
- PSB Draft for *Notable American Women* with penciled annotation, “Ted Harris,” with marginal notes
- PSB Draft for *Notable American Women* with penciled annotation, “Sarah” [folder cover lists Sarah Rowe as recipient of draft]:
 - Marginal notes
 - Four additional pages of suggestions signed “Sarah Rowe”
- Draft with cover page, “Pearl S. Buck, *Notable American Women*, Volume 4, Jane R. Cohen, Summer, 1978
 - Ten-page article
 - Pearl S. Buck: Selected Bibliography
 - Sheet of biographical data
 - “Pearl S. Buck: Major Events and Turning Points”
 - “Pearl S. Buck: Honors and Awards”
 - Two additional sheets of biographical data
 - “Pearl S. Buck: Children”

Folder labeled “Randolph-Macon Materials”:

- *New York Times* advertisement announcing the 1948 Child Study Association Award for “The Big Wave”
- Photocopy of article from the New York, NY, *West Side News*, September 12, 1954, “Pearl Buck Will Teach Fiction at Columbia School”
- Photocopy of article from the *Charlotte News*, November 4, 1965, “Davidson Lady: She and Pearl Buck Friends for 55 Years,” an interview with Emma Edmunds White
- Photocopy of Pearl Sydenstricker’s story, “By the Hand of a Child,” from the 1912 *Helianthus* of R-MWC
- Photocopy of Pearl Sydenstricker’s story, “When ‘Lof’ Comes” from the 1914 *Helianthus* of R-MWC
- Photocopy of Pearl Sydenstricker’s senior picture from the 1914 *Helianthus*
- Photocopy of letter from Richard J. Walsh to Mildred Munday, December 9, 1942, detailing PSB’s war efforts [penciled note from JR “RMWC”]
- Photocopies of numerous newspaper articles on PSB [penciled note “R-MWC” on each one]
- Photocopy of PSB obituary from the *Tennessean*, March 7, 1973 [penciled note “RMWC”]
- Photocopy of PSB article, “On the Writing of Novels: Alumnae Address June, 1933” from the June, 1933 *Alumnae Bulletin*
- Photocopy of Pearl Sydenstricker’s story, “The Hour of Worship,” from the March, 1914 *Tattler* of R-MWC
- Photocopy of Pearl Sydenstricker’s article, “America’s Position in Music and Art,” from the May, 1911 *Tattler* of R-MWC

- Photocopy of Pearl Sydenstricker's story, "The Hour of Worship," from the March, 1914 *Tattler* of R-MWC
- Photocopy of Pearl Sydenstricker's poem, "A Chinese Nursery Rhyme," from the March, 1914 *Tattler* of R-MWC
- Photocopy of Pearl Sydenstricker's poem, "An Eastern Lullaby," from the April, 1914 *Tattler* of R-MWC
- Photocopy of Pearl Sydenstricker's poem, "Song of the Sun," from the May, 1914 *Tattler* of R-MWC
- Photocopy of Pearl Sydenstricker's story, "The Village by the Sea," from the March, 1911 *Tattler* of R-MWC
- Photocopy of PSB's "Letter to Randolph-Macon Students" from the June, 1932 *Alumnae Bulletin*, Randolph-Macon Woman's College
- Photocopy of selections from the April, 1953 *Alumnae Bulletin* of Randolph-Macon Woman's College reporting on a conference on "The Function of a Liberal Education in the Contemporary World," at which PSB spoke
- Photocopy of PSB article, "Notes on Welcome House," from the November, 1955 *Alumnae Bulletin*, Randolph-Macon Woman's College
- Photocopy of PSB's article, "Of Men and Women: The Phi Beta Kappa Address of April 16, 1959" from the June, 1959 *Alumnae Bulletin* of Randolph-Macon Woman's College
- Photocopy and transcription of "Message delivered [by PSB] to the New York Chapter of Alumnae at its Founders' Day meeting, 1935
- Photocopy of newspaper article, "Pearl Buck to Give R-M PBK Day Talk," the *News*, Lynchburg, VA, April 12, 1959
- Photocopy of cover page, review of *Imperial Woman*, and brief article on PSB from the *Saturday Review*, March 31, 1956 [penciled note, "R-MWC"]
- Photocopy of illustrated article, "'We Destroy the Heroes We Create,'" from the *Bulletin* [no place or date given] [penciled note, "R-MWC"]
- Photocopy of articles on R-MWC conference on "Liberal Education . . ." from the *News*, Lynchburg, VA, March 13, 1953
- Photocopies of five additional newspaper articles from the R-MWC archives

Folder labeled Buck Miscellany:

- Newspaper clipping, obituary for Lyle Kenyon Engel, literary agent
- Page from newspaper magazine, "Children of the Dust: A Photographer Seeks Out Hidden Amerasians"
- Photocopy of letter from Hsu Ho-Ping to Dr. James C. Thomson, January 28, 1991, containing a report on symposium on PSB in Zhenjiang, China in January, 1991
- Reviews of John Hersey's *The Call* from *Time* and *The New Republic*
- Syllabus for Humanities 112, "Classics of the Far East," Spring Term 1960-61
- Review and advertisement of *The China Memoir of Grace Service*
- Profile of David Henry Hwang, author of *M. Butterfly*, from *Time*, August 14, 1989
- Reading list of works related to Asia
- Numerous newspaper clippings advertising books on Asia, commenting on Amerasian children, interracial adoptions, and other topics

- Syllabus for Professor James Thomson's class, "American Observers and the Chinese Revolution, 1928-Present, semester I, 1986-87
- Newspaper clipping, "Museum Exhibition Depicts Life of an Extinct Jewish Community in China," *New York Times*, March 2, 1986
- Newspaper clipping, "Stamps: For the Author Who Portrayed Life in China," *New York Times*, June 19, 1983
- *Wonderful West Virginia*, June, 1983, an eight-page illustrated article on PSB and the PSB Birthplace Museum
- Photocopies of three letters from PSB to Hendrik Van Loon from the Cornell University Library:
 - March 7, 1933 [?]
 - Nov. 16, 1938 [?]
 - April 11, 1933
- Photocopy of letter from PSB to Mrs. A.F. Patience, March 5, 1954
- Copy of *Insight/Asia*, July 1980
- Invitations to "Pearl Buck Celebration Dinner" and "Ceremony Dedicating the Pearl Buck Stamp" in Hillsboro, West Virginia
- *The West Virginia Hillbilly*, issue of June 21, 1980, containing photographs of PSB manuscript with handwritten corrections
- Photocopy of one-page essay on what Charles Dickens meant to PSB [no author identified]
- *New York Times* obituary [1993] for Tad Danielewski
- Negatives of photographs of unidentified houses
- Brochures describing *Notable American Women*
- Handwritten notes on 3" by 5" cards
- Copy of *Insight/Asia*, March, 1982
- Letter and attachments from Patricia M. King, Director of the Arthur and Elizabeth Schlesinger Library, Radcliffe College, to Jane M. Rabb, September 4, 1985, accepting transcripts of oral histories, with documents governing access from John Hersey, James C. Thomson, Jr., Diana Thomson, and Anne Thomson Waller
- Copy of *Insight/Asia*, June, 1982
- Clipping from *West Virginia Clubwoman*, Winter, 1980, announcing slide presentation, "My Mother's House"
- Page headed "Pearl S. Buck Commemorative Postal Stamp Campaign"
- Copy of *Insight/Asia*, October, 1981

Red Notebook labeled "Buck—Libraries" on spine:

- Inside cover: letter from Jane Rabb to Wendy Conklin, June 20, 1978, with pencil note from THH [Ted Harris] giving permission for JR to use personal copies of PSB books in Danby, Vermont
- "Appalachian Diarist: Hillbilly Heaven," article from *Saturday Review* [?], November 18, 1981
- **Divider: Bibliography**
 - Secondary works on PSB
 - Bibliographies and Reference Books
 - Other Literary Works

- Other Related Books
- Photocopy of typescript of Biobibliographical Data on PSB for *Notable American Women*
- Pearl S. Buck Books and Original Publication Dates
- Separate pages headed “Pearl Buck Bibliography” by year, beginning with 1902
- References to writing about as well as by PSB (reviews, articles, etc.)
- **Divider: Libraries**
 - Unopened letter from Jane Rabb to Clarissa Rowland, reference librarian at R-MWC
 - Photocopies of Harvard College Library Interlibrary Loan requests for PSB books
 - Form letter requesting information about library holdings on PSB attached to list of libraries
 - List of Allentown [PA] holdings on PSB
 - Photocopies of letters from PSB to Ida M. Tarbell from Allegheny College library:
 - PSB to IMT, April 28, 1934, New York
 - PSB to IMT, June 12, 1942, Perkasié
 - PSB to IMT, August 22, 1943, Perkasié
 - PSB to IMT, July 27 [no year given], Perkasié
 - PSB to IMT, March 11, 1942, New York [East and West Association mailing]
 - American Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters correspondence with Jane Rabb
 - Photocopy of Dorothy Canfield Fisher’s “Thoughts on Pearl Buck” from American Academy
 - Berea College letter to Jane Rabb listing three letters from PSB to Francis Hutchins, Berea president
 - Correspondence with libraries at Colby College, Columbia University
 - Correspondence with William Owen about PSB’s writing workshop at the School of General Studies at Columbia University
 - Correspondence with libraries at Cornell University; Dartmouth College; Witter Bynner Foundation; Haverford College; and the Library of Congress Motion Picture, Broadcasting and Recorded Sound Division
 - Reviews of the film, “The Guide,” screenplay by PSB
 - Photocopies of PSB letters from the Newberry Library:
 - PSB to Mrs. [Stern?], December 30, 1936, New York
 - PSB to Eunice Tietjens, August 6 [no year given], New York
 - PSB to Eunice Tietjens, October 18, 1940, Perkasié
 - PSB to Mrs. Cloyd Head, October 25, 1940, Perkasié, on the condition of women
 - Correspondence with Newark Public Library, New York Public Library
 - Handwritten notes on New York Public Library material
 - Correspondence with Pack Memorial Public Library of Asheville, North Carolina; Humanities Library at Massachusetts Institute of Technology; and Lipscomb Library, Randolph-Macon Woman’s College

- Photocopies of 31 letters from PSB in Vassar College Collection:
 - PSB to Alma Lutz, August 16, 1938, New York
 - PSB to Alma Lutz, August 8, 1939, New York
 - PSB to Alma Lutz, November 1, 1939, Perkasio
 - PSB to Alma Lutz, November 29, 1939, Perkasio
 - PSB to Mrs. Davis, February 18, 1941, New York
 - PSB to Alma Lutz, March 2, 1940, Perkasio
 - PSB to Alma Lutz, March 22, 1940, Perkasio, on support for “Lucretia Mott amendment”
 - PSB to Alma Lutz, April 15, 1940, Perkasio
 - PSB to Alma Lutz, July 15, 1940, Perkasio
 - PSB to Alma Lutz, August 19, 1940, Perkasio
 - PSB to Alma Lutz, October 15, 1940, Perkasio
 - PSB to Mrs. S. R. Benedict [Ruth Benedict], October 24, 1940, Perkasio, on women’s rights
 - PSB to Alma Lutz, October 31, 1940, Perkasio
 - PSB to Alma Lutz, November 11, 1940, Berlin, New York [postcard]
 - PSB to Alma Lutz, December 14, 1940, Perkasio
 - PSB to Alma Lutz, February 14, 1941, Perkasio
 - PSB to Alma Lutz, February 18 [?], 1941, [no place]
 - PSB to Alma Lutz, February 20, 1941, Perkasio
 - PSB to Alma Lutz, April 29, 1941, Perkasio
 - PSB to Alma Lutz, July 14, 1941, Perkasio
 - PSB to Alma Lutz, March 20, 1942, Perkasio
 - PSB to Alma Lutz, July 17, 1942, Perkasio
 - PSB to Alma Lutz, April 2, 1943, Perkasio
 - PSB to Alma Lutz, July 1, 1950, Perkasio
 - PSB to Alma Lutz, June 17, 1955, Perkasio
 - PSB to Alma Lutz, March 10, 1956, Perkasio
 - PSB to Alma Lutz, June 7, 1960, Perkasio
 - PSB to Alma Lutz, January 20, 1961, Doylestown, PA [Welcome House thanks with handwritten note]
 - PSB to Alma Lutz, September 1, 1964, Perkasio
 - PSB to Alma Lutz, September 12, 1967, Jamaica, VT
- Correspondence with University of Virginia Library containing a list of letters and other items in Clifton Waller Barrett Library
- Copies of PSB letters in University of Virginia Collection
 - PSB to Mrs. Samuel T. Schroetter, May 5, 1959, Perkasio
 - PSB to Mrs. Maud Carter Clement, January 14, 1937, New York
 - PSB to “Gentlemen,” December 29, 1951 [no place listed], concerning opposition to permanent military conscription
 - PSB to Mrs. Maud Carter Clement, January 7, 1937, New York
 - PSB to Miss Law [?], Easter Sunday [no year], Ithaca, New York
 - PSB to Dr. Hamilton Holt, October 3, 1947, Perkasio
 - Rollins College official [letter unsigned] to PSB, September 23, 1947, Woodstock, CT

- Rollins College official [letter unsigned] to PSB, December 17, 1946 [no place listed]
- PSB to Mr. Hamilton Holt, December 13, 1946, Perkasio
- Rollins College official [letter unsigned] to PSB, December 1, 1946
- PSB to Mr. Charles H. Towne, August 31, 1942, Perkasio
- PSB to Mrs. Emerson, December 26, 1940, New York
- PSB to Mr. Wooley, December 2, 1940, New York
- PSB to Mr. Jenkins, November 23, 1940, New York
- PSB to Mr. Clifton Fadiman, March 20, 1939, New York
- PSB to Mr. Clifton Fadiman, August 25, 1938, New York
- PSB to Mr. Clifton Fadiman, August 10, 1938, New York
- PSB to Mr. A. N. Bowler, November 10, 1937, New York
- PSB to Mrs. Milbank Johnson, March 18, 1936, New York
- PSB to Mr. Harry P. Burton, May 15, 1933 [no place listed]
- PSB to Miss Lola L. Kovner, August 9, 1938, New York
- PSB to Mr. Bean [?], April 26, 1966, Perkasio
- PSB to Mrs. C. P. Franklin, October 15, 1943, New York
- PSB to Mr. James V. Barrett, October 16, 1933, Nanking, China
- Correspondence with Yale University Library
 - Copies of PSB letters in the Yale University Library
 - PSB to Dr. B. Malinowski, May 19, 1933, Ithaca, New York
 - PSB to Mrs. Williams, Wednesday [no year given, 1933 in brackets at top of page], Philadelphia
 - PSB to Mr. Pruden, November 23, 1942, New York
 - John Collier to PSB, April 26, 1945
 - John Collier to PSB, April 11, 1946, Washington, D.C.
 - PSB to Mr. John Collier, April 15, 1946
 - Telegram from Betty Winquest to PSB, April 17, 1946
 - Telegram from PSB to Betty Winquest, April 17, 1946
 - PSB to "The Editor Of the New York Times," reprinted in *The Crisis* as "Democracy and the Negro," 1941
 - Unsigned letter to PSB, December 10, 1941, a response to letter reprinted in *The Crisis*
 - PSB to Dr. Anson P. Stokes, December 16, 1941
 - Unsigned letter [from Dr. Anson P. Stokes] to PSB, October 6, 1942
 - PSB to Dr. Anson P. Stokes, October 9, 1942
 - Alfred M. Bingham [editor of *Common Sense*] to PSB, December 15, 1942
 - PSB to Alfred M. Bingham, December 23, 1942
 - ? Alfred M. Bingham, December 28, 1942
 - PSB to Alfred M. Bingham, January 8, 1943, Perkasio
 - Alfred M. Bingham to PSB, January 14, 1943
 - Alfred M. Bingham to PSB, July 8, 1943
 - PSB to Alfred M. Bingham, July 20, 1943, Perkasio
 - Alfred M. Bingham to PSB, July 29, 1943
 - PSB to Mr. Alfred M. Bingham, October 1, 1943
 - Sidney Hertzberg [editor of *Common Sense*] to PSB, October 7, 1943

Sidney Hertzberg to PSB, December 9, 1943
PSB to Sidney Hertzberg, December 15, 1943
Sidney Hertzberg to PSB, December 30, 1943
Sidney Hertzberg to PSB, January 6, 1944
PSB to Sidney Hertzberg, January 10, 1944
Katrina McCormick [publisher of *Common Sense*] to PSB, April 20, 1944
PSB to Katrina McCormick, April 28, 1944
Sidney Hertzberg to PSB, May 4, 1944
Sidney Hertzberg to PSB, May 12, 1944
Sidney Hertzberg to PSB, July 5, 1944
PSB to Sidney Hertzberg, July 21, 1944, Perkasio
PSB to Sidney Hertzberg, September 8, 1944, New York
PSB to Wilbur Cross [editor of *The Yale Review*], October 8, 1936, New York
York
PSB to Helen McAfee, October 21, 1940
PSB to Helen McAfee, October 27, 1940
[Helen McAfee?] to PSB, October 29, 1940
PSB to Helen McAfee, December 17, 1940, Perkasio
PSB to Helen McAfee, May 16, 1941, Perkasio
PSB to "Mr. Lewis" [Sinclair?], November 16, 1938, New York
PSB to Dr. Phelps [William Lyon], April 14 [1939 in brackets at top of letter], New York
PSB to Dr. Phelps, March 19, 1933, Ithaca, NY
PSB to Dr. Phelps, April 12, 1933, Ithaca, NY
PSB to Dr. Phelps, August 16, 1934, New York
PSB to Dr. William Lyon Phelps, November 22, 1934, New York
PSB to Dr. Phelps, [no date, no place]
PSB to Dr. Phelps, November 27, 1934, New York
PSB to Dr. Phelps, Tuesday [no date], New York
PSB to Dr. Phelps, Friday [no date], New York
PSB to Dr. Phelps, Monday [no date], New York
PSB to Mrs. Phelps, Monday [no date], New York
PSB to Dr. Phelps, November 13, 1933, Nanking, China
PSB to Mr. Phelps, November 27, 1934, New York
PSB to Dr. Phelps, Tuesday [no date], New York [typescript of letter listed above]
PSB to Dr. Phelps, November 13, 1933, Nanking, China [typescript of letter listed above]
[Ezra Pound?] to PSB, January 31 [1940? On top of letter]
PSB to Ezra Pound, February 23, 1940, Perkasio
Ezra Pound to PSB, March 12 [1940]
Ezra Pound to PSB, Marcy 20, 1940
PSB to Arthur Davison Ficke, October 3, 1937, New York
PSB to Ezra Pound, April 5, 1940, Perkasio
PSB to Mr. Bernhard Knollenberg [Yale University Librarian], September 25, 1942, Perkasio

- PSB to Mr. Knollenberg, October 1, 1942
- PSB to Mr. Knollenberg, April 1, 1943, Perkasio
- PSB to Mr. Morris, February 18, 1941, New York
- PSB to Mr. Morris, December 2, 1940, New York
- PSB to Mr. Fichte[?], November 16, 1938, New York
- Correspondence with the State Historical Society of Wisconsin
- Copies of PSB letters from the State Historical Society of Wisconsin
 - PSB to Miss Bascom, November 29, 1951 [no place listed]
 - PSB to Dr. Edward A. Ross, April 30, 1945, Perkasio
 - PSB to Erik Barnouw, March 26, 1945, Perkasio
 - PSB to Erik Barnouw, May 14, 1945, Perkasio
 - David Lloyd [PSB's literary agent] to Erik Barnouw, May 16, 1945, New York
 - Erik Barnouw to David Lloyd, November 4, 1945, Larchmont, NY
 - Erik Barnouw to PSB (Mrs. Walsh), March 21, 1945, New York
 - Erik Barnouw to PSB (Mrs. Walsh), March 29, 1945, New York
- Correspondence with Duke University's William R. Perkins Library
- Copy of Richard J. Walsh's application for marriage license, June 11, 1935
- Copy of marriage certificate for Richard J. Walsh and Pearl Comfort Buck, June 11, 1935
- Copy of divorce decree for Pearl Comfort Buck and John L. Buck, June 11, 1935
- Copy of death certificate of Pearl S. (Buck) Walsh, March 6, 1973
- Correspondence with the National Portrait Gallery, Washington, D.C.
- List of "Pearl S. Buck Books and Original Publication Dates"
- Six-page sketch of PSB's life and work
- Additional notes by Jane Rabb on PSB

Red notebook labeled "Buck—Letters" on spine:

- **Miscellaneous papers in flap inside front cover**
 - Jane Rabb Cohen itinerary for interviews
 - Material from National Endowment for the Humanities
 - Notes on manuscript material at "West Virginia Wesleyan College, Buckhannon, West Virginia"
- **Divider labeled "Acknowledgments"** containing a handwritten list of individuals with identification
- **Divider labeled "Individuals"** containing a handwritten list of individuals with identifying details, addresses, relationship with PSB
- **Divider labeled "A"**
 - Correspondence with Herbert Alexander
 - Correspondence with Mrs. Ethel Anderson
- **Divider labeled "B"**
 - Correspondence with Erik Barnouw
 - Letter to Mrs. Sydney Brown (daughter of Claude and Margaret Thomson)
 - Letter to Mrs. David (Lois) Burpee
 - Letter to and handwritten notes on conversation with Art Buchwald, May 12, 1980

- Correspondence with James Kraft of New School for Social Research about Bynner archives at Harvard; handwritten notes on this collection
- **Divider labeled “C”**
 - Correspondence with Jeannette B. Cheek
 - Correspondence with Mrs. Lloyd R. Craighill (Marian), PSB’s friend in China
 - Letter to Dolphus Crowe
 - List of questions for Betty Churchill, Richard John Walsh’s daughter
 - Notes on interview with Elizabeth (Betty) Walsh Churchill, May 24, 1978
 - Notes on telephone interview with Wendy Conklin, PSB’s Vermont secretary, June 9, 1978
 - Correspondence with Wendy Conklin
 - Notes on telephone interview with Wendy Conklin, July 11, 1978
 - Notes on interview with Wendy Conklin, July 18, 1978
 - Letter to Mr. Chen Chi, PSB friend
- **Divider labeled “D”**
 - Letters to Tad Danielewski, film producer with PSB, with handwritten notes on responses to questions
 - Correspondence with Paul Doyle, author of book on PSB
- **Divider labeled “E”**
 - Letter to Lyle Kenyon Engel, literary agent
 - New York Times clipping on Engel, August 28, 1979
 - Folder of materials on Engel
 - Handwritten notes on conversation with Engel
- **Divider labeled “F”**
 - Correspondence with John K. Fairbank, scholar on China
 - Correspondence with William P. Fenn, friend of Lossing Buck
 - Correspondence with John H. Finley, Harvard professor, son of PSB benefactors
 - Letter to Margaret Fischer
- **Divider labeled “G”** containing correspondence with L. Carrington Goodrich, friend of PSB and Lossing Buck in China
- **Divider labeled “H”**
 - Handwritten notes headed 15th July, Hyannis
 - Notes on interview with Theodore Harris, July 15, 1978, Hyannis
 - Letters to Mrs. Dorothy Hammerstein
 - Correspondence with John Hersey
 - List of questions for John Hersey
 - Article from *The New Republic*, May 2, 1983, “Henry Luce’s China Dream” by John Hersey
 - Undated article from *New York Times Book Review*, “Hersey’s China Story” by Herbert Mitgang
 - Correspondence with Robert W. Hill, Editor-in Chief of the Association Press, Follett Publishing Company
 - Correspondence with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hocking, son and daughter-in-law of PSB’s friend William Ernest Hocking
 - Notes on telephone interview with Richard Hocking, May 20, 1978
 - Notes on letters between PSB and William Ernest Hocking

- Typescripts of two poems—by PSB?--, one dated Nov. 5, 1962
- Correspondence with Michael H. Hunt, Yale University history professor
- **Divider labeled “I”**
- **Divider labeled “J”**
 - Letter to Penny Janeway, daughter of author Elizabeth Janeway
 - Letter from Michael Janeway, son of Elizabeth Janeway
 - Correspondence with Elizabeth Janeway
 - Notes on conversation with Eliot Janeway, January 1, 1982
 - Notes on conversation with Elmer Johnson and wife of Danby, Vermont, April 16, 1978
 - Correspondence with Walter Jacob, at one time Director of the Vineland School
 - Letter to “Mr. Jedlicka,” friend of James Thomson
- **Divider labeled “K”**
- **Divider labeled “L”**
 - Correspondence with Harry Levin, professor of English at Harvard University
 - Correspondence with Dr. and Mrs. Harold Loucks
 - Letter to Mrs. Joseph Lippincott, PSB’s adopted daughter
 - Three letters to Mrs. Mary Loun
- **Divider labeled “M”**
 - Correspondence with Mrs. William Mayer, daughter of missionaries to China
 - Letter to Margaret Mead, anthropologist
 - Letter to James Michener, author
 - Correspondence with Harriet Mills, professor and daughter of missionaries to China, “editorial trainee” with the John Day Company
 - Correspondence with Lina Mainiero, senior editor at Frederick Ungar Publishing Co.
- **Divider labeled “Mc”** containing a portion of letter to Frank McShane, chairman Writing Division, School of the Arts, Columbia University
- **Divider labeled “N”**
- **Divider labeled “O”**
 - Letter to Dorothy Olding, PSB’s agent at Harold Ober Associates
 - Letter of permission to photocopy PSB letter from William A. Owens
 - Letter to Patricia Powell, Harold Ober Associates
- **Divider labeled “P”**
 - Memo to “SJ” with questions about PSB will, stapled to handwritten notes
 - Letter to Frederick Pope, Jr., attorney in Brattleboro, Vermont
 - Correspondence with Patricia Powell, Harold Ober Associates
 - Letter to Ida Pruitt, writer with background in China; handwritten notes by Jane Rabb on conversation with Ida Pruitt on back of letter
- **Divider labeled “Q”**
- **Divider labeled “R”**
 - Letter to Gael Raphael, attorney in Boston
 - Notes on information given by “Gael Reyfield”
 - Notes on PSB’s children
 - Index card asking questions of “SJ,” [similar to memo under “P”]

- Letter from Frederick Pope, attorney, saying that he is enclosing transcript of testimony on probate of PSB's will
- Correspondence with Edgar Rosenberg, English professor at Cornell University
- Extensive correspondence with Sarah Rowe, for a time an employee and companion of PSB at Green Hills Farm
- Notes on telephone interview with Sarah Rowe
- Letter labeled "Copy, approx. Aug. 30, 1956" from PSB to Sarah Rowe
- Letter to Simone Reagor, Radcliffe College
- **Divider labeled "S"**
 - Notes on telephone conversation with Mrs. Warren Shaddinger about PSB children
 - Letters to Mrs. Shaddinger
 - Letter to Mr. Paul Fargis, the John Day Company
 - Correspondence with Helen Foster Snow, author and friend of PSB
 - Five-page commentary on PSB by Helen Foster Snow
 - Letter to Charles M. Solomon, attorney in Philadelphia
 - Letter to Jane Rabb from Andrea Rosen, Thomas Y. Crowell Company
 - Correspondence with Nora Stirling, PSB biographer
 - Notes on interview with Nora Stirling, May 13, 1978
 - List of questions for Nora Stirling
 - List of answers to these questions, telephone interview May 21, 1978
 - Correspondence with Michael Straight, member of family that sold *Asia Magazine* to PSB and Richard Walsh
- **Divider labeled "T"**
 - Correspondence with Michael L. Temin
 - Letters to Mrs. Henriette Teush, PSB's adopted daughter
 - List of questions for interview with James C. Thomson, Jr., November 26, 1977
 - Letter to James C. Thomson, Jr.
- **Divider labeled "U"**
- **Divider labeled "V"**
- **Divider labeled "W"**
 - Correspondence with Nancy T[homson] Waller, neighbor of Bucks in China
 - Letters to Edgar Walsh
 - List of questions for Edgar Walsh, Henriette Teush
 - Letters to Janice Walsh
 - Letter to "Mrs. Warren" about locating Buck books
 - Correspondence with Mrs. Locke White (Emma Edmunds), PSB's long-time friend
 - Correspondence with Mrs. George E. Wight, acquaintance of PSB in China in 1927
- **Divider labeled "XYZ"**
 - Correspondence with Grace Yaukey, PSB's sister
 - List of books by Cornelia Spencer, pseudonym for Grace Yaukey
 - Brochure on Friends House, the retirement community where Grace Yaukey lived
 - Correspondence with Lucille Zinn, PSB bibliographer

- Clipping on Jane Rabb's work with PSB manuscripts at West Virginia Wesleyan College
- Clipping on Pearl S. Buck Memorial Award by the West Virginia Educational Association
- Clippings from the *West Virginia Hillbilly* on PSB-related matters
- Letter to Philip Zimet requesting interview with Dorothy Hammerstein
- Information on PSB's family in China, compiled by Lucille Zinn
- Photocopy of letter from PSB to Margaret [Thomson], August 26, 1931
- Photocopy of letter from PSB to Margaret, August 22, 1932
- Photocopy of letter from PSB to Margaret, October 21, 1932, Ithaca
- Photocopy of letter from PSB to Margaret, October 29, 1932, Ithaca
- Photocopy of letter from PSB to Margaret, Nov. 8 [1932?]
- Photocopy of letter from PSB to Margaret, no date, New York
- Photocopy of letter from PSB to Margaret, July 1, 1935, Perkasio
- Photocopy of letter from PSB to Margaret, January 8, 1936, New York

BOX 2

Folder:

- Pearl S. Buck—Jane M. Rabb Collection, Interviews which includes a list of those interviewed by category

Audiotapes:

- Mr. and Mrs. Erik Barnouw, Columbia University professor and wife, May 21, 1980
- Pearl S. Buck and Tsuta O. Walsh [undated]
- Lois Burpee (Mrs. David), neighbor and Welcome House supporter, May 27, 1980
- Mrs. Lloyd Craighill (Marian Gardner), China friend of PSB, May 24, 1980
- Lyle Kenyon Engel, literary agent, notes on telephone interview July 22, 1980
- Margaret Fischer, May 27, 1980, 2 tapes
- Florence Galla, Green Hills Farm, May 27, 1980
- Dorothy Hammerstein (Mrs. Oscar), supporter of Welcome House, June 9, 1978
- John Hersey, author, September 18, 1987?
- John Hersey, author, September 18, 1983
- Robert Hill, editor-in-chief of the Association Press, Follett Publishing Company, June 18, 1980, 2 tapes
- Richard and Kay Hocking, son and daughter-in-law of PSB's friend William Ernest Hocking
- Dr. Walter Jacob, former director, the Vineland Institution, May 25, 1980, 2 tapes
- Mary Loun, Doylestown, PA, May 27, 1980
- Dorothy Olding and Patricia Powell, literary agents, Harold Ober Associates, July 28, 1981
- Pearl S. Buck Birthplace Foundation panel, June 25, 1978
- Patricia Powell, literary agent, Harold Ober Associates, October 2, 1980
- Noble Prettyman, Carol Buck's attendant, Vineland Training School, May 25, 1980
- Sarah Rowe, PSB companion in late 1950's, early 1960's, May 26, 1978, 2 tapes
- John Shade, Executive Director, the Pearl S. Buck Foundation, May 26, [1980?], 3 tapes

- Helen Foster Snow (Mrs. Edgar), author, writer on China, friend of PSB, June 18, 1980, 2 tapes
- Charles M. Solomon, attorney, Pearl S. Buck Foundation, May 26, 1978
- Charles M. Solomon, attorney, May 26, 1978, and Sarah Rowe, PSB companion, May 26, 1978
- Jim (James C., Jr.) Thomson, November 26, 1977, 3 tapes
- Diana and Jim (James C., Jr.) Thomson, daughter-in-law and son of Claude and Margaret Thomson, April 23, 1978, 2 tapes
- Nancy Thomson Waller, daughter of missionary friends of PSB, Claude and Margaret Thomson, June 2, 1980, 2 tapes
- Janice Walsh, PSB's adopted daughter, May 26, 1980, 2 tapes
- Edgar Walsh and Henriette Teush, PSB's adopted children, Jane Rabb's recollections of conversation, June 11, 1980
- Emma Edmunds White (Mrs. Locke White), Randolph-Macon Woman's College classmate and friend of PSB, May 24, 1980
- Grace S. Yaukey, PSB's sister, May 22, 1980
- Grace Yaukey and Jesse Yaukey, PSB's sister and brother-in-law, May 22, 1980
- Lucille Zinn, PSB bibliographer and supporter of PSB Birthplace Foundation, May 8, 1980
- Lucille Zinn and Polly Reynolds, PSB Birthplace Foundation, May 10, 1980
- ?Sheila and Robert Hartman [Hertman?], May 26, 1978

Pink Notecards:

- Bibliographic references
- Notes behind dividers labeled 1928-38, 1938-1945, 1945-1960, 1960-1973
- Notes behind dividers labeled by categories:
 - Appearance/Photos
 - Youth
 - Marriage to J. Lossing Buck
 - *The Good Earth*
 - Walsh
 - Nobel Prize
 - Awards
 - War Activities
 - China
 - America
 - Writing
 - Post-War
 - Theatre/Radio/Films
 - Foundation
 - Vermont
 - ????? [sic]
 - Motivation
 - Death
 - Achievement [no cards follow]