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**Dates:** 1892-1937

**Extent:** 1 box (6 cm)

**Biographical History:**

Sir Horatio Gilbert George Parker, 1<sup>st</sup> Baronet PC, known as Gilbert Parker, was a Canadian novelist, journalist and British politician. He was born at Camden East, Addington, Ontario in 1862 and was trained as a teacher. He worked as a teacher at the Ontario Institute for the Deaf and Dumb in Belleville, Ontario and later as a lecturer at Trinity College before leaving for Australia to become a journalist in 1886. He published his first novel in 1892 and soon gathered a reputation for his romantic fiction, many of which were set in Canada. He was knighted in 1902 for his contribution to Canadian literature. He was elected to the British House of Commons as an MP in 1900, which he held until 1918. Gilbert Parker died in London 6 September 1932 and is buried in Belleville.

**Scope and Content:**

Contains letters and notes written by Gilbert Parker to various recipients between 1892 and 1926. Collection also includes promotional pamphlet for Parker's novel *The World for Sale* and a press photograph.

**Notes:**

Shorthand notations are used throughout the finding aid and are to be translated as follows:

- **ALS** – Autograph letter signed (signed by the author of the letter, handwritten)
- **ANS** – Autograph note signed (shorter note, card, postcard, etc.)
- **TLS** – Typed letter signed (typed letter signed by hand)
- **TNS** – Typed note signed (shorter typed note or card signed by the author)

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BOX: FOLDER	TITLE	CONTENTS	DATE(S)
Box 1 Folder 1	Letter from Gilbert Parker, ALS	On Harpenden Herts letterhead. Parker requests an interview and provides his permanent address.	28 June 1892
1:2	Postcard to Miss H. Hockheinman, ANS	Autograph of Gilbert Parker	12 March 1901
1:3	Letter from Gilbert Parker to Laurence [M???], ALS	On Carlton House Terrace letterhead. Parker states he does not know who the new editor of the <i>Pall Mall Magazine</i> is, but suggests that Laurence should contact the <i>Windsor Magazine</i> or <i>The Outlook</i>	26 October 1905
1:4	Note from Gilbert Parker, ANS	With quotation from Bulwer Lytton	8 October 1907
1:5	Letter from Gilbert Parker to [Mr] Perkins, ALS	On Grand Canyon letterhead. Parker states he did not receive the last letter and requests that the recipient write him in Washington	5 May 1917
1:6	Letter from Gilbert Parker to Horace Wade, ALS	On Castle Hot Springs Hotel letterhead Parker thanks Wade for his letter and encourages him in his writing.	23 December 1922
1:7	Letter from Gilbert Parker to Horace Wade, ALS	On Castle Hot Springs Hotel letterhead Parker reminiscences on an interview he did with Wade in Hollywood and praises his growth in confidence.	10 January 1923
1:8	Letter from Gilbert Parker to Miss Deane, ALS	On Willcox's letterhead Parker acknowledges her letter and intends on sending her an autograph. He mentions he is in bed after an auto accident.	3 December 1924

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1:9	Note from Gilbert Parker, ANS	On the Stenton, Philadelphia letterhead Parker states he should have written yesterday and provides his New York address	[n.d]
1:10	Notes from Gilbert Parker to Miss Perris, 2 TNS	On 24 Portman Square letterhead Parker discusses membership for the Sulgrace Institution	17 May 1924 22 September 1924
1:11	Note from Gilbert Parker to Charles Scott, 1 TNS	On 2 Whitehall Court letterhead Parker says he is sending an autographed copy of <i>The Power and the Glory</i> .	6 April 1926
1:12	Note from Gilbert Parker, ANS	On 7 Park Place letterhead Autograph of Gilbert Parker	n.d
1:13	Promotional leaflet for <i>The World For Sale</i> by Gilbert Parker	Includes press opinion and list of Parker's novels	[1916]
1:14	Photograph of Gilbert Parker	Press photograph from the reference department of N.E.A	27 March 1937