

Section J b American Institutions

J b a - Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee

In the last few years, it is believed that Vanderbilt University in Nashville has become the premier perpetual accumulation of Wodehouse works and Wodehouse-related items. It was the brainchild of Anita Avery, a member of the American Wodehouse Society, and to date most of the holdings have been donated by Society members.

Its holdings are rapidly expanding, and can be investigated through the website <http://www.wodehouse.org/PGWCVU>

J b b - Columbia University

An important collection of correspondence between Wodehouse and his American editor, Paul Revere Reynolds, can be found in the Reynolds Papers, Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Columbia University, New York City. Go to www.library.columbia.edu and enter 'Paul Revere Reynolds' in the 'Search' space and look for the item entitled '*The Middle Man: The Adventures of a Literary Agent*'. This seems to have been published in book form in 1972 by Morrow, in New York.

More generally, accessing the library index and entering 'wodehouse' in the 'Search' space brings up 1,500 items of varying relevance and importance.

J b c - New York Library for the Performing Arts:

The New York Library for the Performing Arts has a simple to access catalogue, with about 250 items relating to Wodehouse listed in half a dozen categories (though 235 are 'titles', 10 'biography', 2 'portraits' and 7 'characters'). Many of the individual items have restricted access, or are physically to be found at a different location to the majority.

To start the process, go to <https://www.nypl.org/research/research-catalog>

If you merely enter 'Wodehouse' as the subject heading, you will receive a list of about 1,683 items.

If you take the intermediate step of selecting 'Subject heading explorer', and then entering 'Wodehouse' in the new box 'Enter a Subject Heading Term', the total number of headings will be reduced to just over 250, divided into sections as indicated above.

There is a wide range of material in the collections, including information about his theatrical works.

J b d - www.orbis.library.yale.edu/vwebv

There are several hundred items listed in the catalogue at the link given above, relating to the Beinecke Rare Book & Manuscript Library, if 'P G Wodehouse' is entered as the subject. The majority of the items listed are versions of his printed books, although there are examples of other material to be found.

J b e - www.utexas.edu

The University of Texas at Austin is well known for having an extensive collection of Wodehouse material, and a list of 230 items of varying types can be found by entering 'wodehouse' in the search box.

J b f - www.themorgan.org/search

The Morgan Library and Museum in New York has a particularly extensive collection of sheet music for Wodehouse's musical comedies. Enter 'wodehouse' in the search box, and it will list 123 musical items along with 14 'literary and historical manuscripts', which includes some 64 autograph and amended pages of what is said to be the ninth Blandings novel, entitled *Goodbye to Blandings*. (The ninth Blandings novel was *Galahad at Blandings*, so these pages may relate to that title.)