

Developing **Malleable Finding Aids** with Wikis

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Malleable, *adj*

- 1. a.** Esp. of metal: capable of being hammered or pressed out of shape without a tendency to return to the original shape or to fracture.
 - b.** [Probably after literal meaning of post-classical Latin *malleare*.] Of stone: capable of being dressed with a hammer. *Obs.*
- 2. *gen.*** Capable of being fashioned or adapted; adaptable, pliable.

From OED online, June 2008 revision.

Objectives

- *Additional* representations / transformations.
 - A particular version is eventually ill-suited
- *Leverage* “user” knowledge / contribution.
 - Based on the idea of gifts and giving
 - The Gift by Marcel Mauss
 - The Cathedral and the Bazaar by Eric Raymond
 - Developing or finding new meaning
- Use “off the shelf” wiki technology
 - Determine what elements resonate
 - Capture changes / evolution over time
- (Not worried about EAD per se.)

Theory of Structuration

- By Anthony Giddens, *Constitution of Society*
- Structuration is a *process* and *duality* of
 - Agency (user) within Structure (practice)
 - Recursive with changes
- *Agency* (man or machine) able to interpret
- *Structure* is practice
 - Malleability facilitates additional interpretation(s) or transformations and becomes overt practice

Implementation of a “Commons”

- Archives / Guides are non-rival goods
 - “A” guide doesn’t preclude “B” guide
 - Guides with specific purpose / theme (?)
- Use Off the Shelf Technology
 - MVS is using Atlassian’s Confluence Wiki
 - Not open source, but low cost (ditched MediaWiki)
 - Linking, tagging, adjacency, referring, provenance / change tracking, rearrangement, visualization
 - Particular interest in **non**-archival application
 - Wider development, broader reach, *integration*

What did I do ?

- Established a Finding Aid “space” in wiki
 - Developed Prototype layout
 - Added in elements of functionality / features
 - Will test which elements (if any) useful
- Example: T.C.H. Jacobs Literary Papers
 - Held by Pennsylvania State University
 - Original Guide won 2006 MARAC award
 - Collection not available in digital form

Finding Aids of the malleable type

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Below are the **8** labels used in **Finding Aids** listed alphabetically. Click on a label to see its associated content.



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Guide to the T.C.H. Jacobs Literary Papers, 1907-1974

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Brief Overview

T.C.H. (Thomas Curtis Hicks) Jacobs, was a [prolific English pulp fiction author](#) of Westerns, romances, true crime stories, and spy and detective fiction.

The T.C.H. Jacobs Literary Papers, dating from 1907 to 1974, document the writing life of a twentieth-century [pulp fiction](#) writer. The collection includes Jacobs' childhood writings, authorial [commonplace books](#), research clippings, typescripts, publications, an authorial record book, and correspondence.

Number of Folders



- Series I is Biography
- Series II is Correspondence
- Series III is Journals - Common Books
- Series IV is Journals - Record Books



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Jacobs, T. C. H. (Thomas Curtis Hicks) 1899-1976

Overview

Works:	49 works in 68 publications in 3 languages and 577 library holdings
Genres:	Mystery fiction
Classifications:	hv6245, 823.91



Publication Timeline



Key

- Publications about T. C. H. Jacobs
- Publications by T. C. H. Jacobs
- Publications by T. C. H. Jacobs, published posthumously.

Most widely held works about T. C. H. Jacobs

Alternative Names

- Pendower, Jacques, 1899-1976
- Dower, Penn, 1899-1976
- Jacobs, Thomas Curtis Hicks
- Jacobs, Thomas Curtis Hicks 1899-1976

Languages

- English (68)
- German (1)
- Dutch (1)

Biographical Note

T.C.H. (Thomas Curtis Hicks) Jacobs, was a [prolific English pulp fiction author](#) of Westerns, romances, true crime stories, and spy and detective fiction. He was born in, [Plymouth, Devonshire, England](#), on 30 December 1899, to Mary and Robert Jacobs, a printer and paper merchant, and educated in a local Plymouth grammar school. Jacobs wrote his first published work for the [Western Weekly News](#) at age sixteen.

Jacobs served in the British Army Infantry from 1917 to 1921. In 1918, he was wounded in action and taken prisoner of war. He escaped and was demobilized in 1921 as a second lieutenant. After the war, Jacobs joined the English civil service as a revenue investigating officer. In 1925, he married Muriel Newbury.

In 1928, Jacobs sold his first novel, an "economic necessity," he later recalled, as a serial published by A. J. Rhodes. During his 23 years with the Inland Revenue, Jacobs wrote at night. From 1950 to 1976, he wrote full time. He began by writing many short stories for boys' magazines, but as the popularity of short stories for boys' magazines and fiction declined around 1950, he branched into non-fiction writing with a trilogy on the study of murder.

In 1953, Jacobs became a founding member of the [Crime Writers' Association](#); in 1960-1961 he served as its chairman. His other memberships included The Society of Civil Service Authors, the Press Club, Radio and Television Guild, Society of Authors, and the Bexley Rotary Club. In 1939, Jacobs attained the distinction of being the first English civil servant to have [a film made](#) from one of his novels, [Traitor Spy](#).

For much of his life, Jacobs apparently made his home in [Bexley, Kent, England](#).

He died in London in 1976; his obituary was listed under the pseudonym because...



Series III. Research

Research, 1950-1970.

This series contains resources kept by T.C.H. Jacobs to support his writing. This series was created from loose items among his papers. It includes pages from medical journals, crime-related information from the Crime Writers' Association, course materials about writing for television, and clippings from British magazines and newspapers documenting highly publicized crime and spy scandals of the 1950s and 1960s. Reflecting Jacobs' interests, these resources provide glimpses into the sources of Jacobs' inspiration and knowledge in developing his stories.

The series is arranged chronologically.



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1	3	Espionage / mafia / crime / punishment, 1951-1970 (bulk 1963-1968) and undated
1	4	Capital punishment / insanity / juvenile delinquency / Symonds case, 1953-1973 (bulk 1963-1964)
1	5	Murder / spies, 1954-1976 (bulk 1954) and undated
1	6	New Scotland Yard / understanding criminology / capital punishment, 1955-1967 (bulk 1956)
1	7	The secrets case and Master Detective, 1961-1963 (bulk 1961)
1	8	Espionage / Wynne's return / Penkovsky papers, 1961-1965 (bulk 1964-1965)
1	9	Crime and espionage, 1961-1968 (bulk 1964)
1	10	The Medico-Legal Journal, 1962
1	11	The Hanratty case, 1962
1	12	The Hanratty case, 1962
1	13	Lord Dennings's Report on the Profumo Affair, 1963

The series is arranged chronologically.

Now sorted by Folder Title.



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1	9	Crime and espionage, 1961-1968 (bulk 1964)
1	21	Crime Writers' Association, 1968
3	2	Espionage / Criminology, 1966-1967
1	3	Espionage / mafia / crime / punishment, 1951-1970 (bulk 1963-1968) and undated
1	8	Espionage / Wynne's return / Penkovsky papers, 1961-1965 (bulk 1964-1965)
3	1	Great Train Robbery, 1963
1	13	Lord Dennings's Report on the Profumo Affair, 1963
1	18	Master Detective and True Detective, 1963-1964
1	20	Moors murders / Blake case / mystery trawler, 1966
1	19	Moors murders, 1965-1966
1	5	Murder / spies, 1954-1976 (bulk 1954) and undated
1	6	New Scotland Yard / understanding criminology / capital punishment, 1955-1967 (bulk 1956)
1	17	Spy carton (Criminology), 1963-1964
1	16	Spy materials (Philby), 1963-1964
1	22	Television Writing School Limited, undated
1	15	The Great Train Robbery, 1963-1964

3	4	Traitor Spy-related trade magazines, 1939
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Biography	1	1	Biographical Materials	1950	1961	
Correspondence	1	2	Correspondence	1954	1974	(bulk 1954-1958)
Research	1	3	Espionage / mafia / crime / punishment	1951	1970	(bulk 1963-1968) and undated
Research	1	4	Capital punishment / insanity / juvenile delinquency / Symonds case	1953	1973	(bulk 1963-1964)
Research	1	5	Murder / spies	1954	1976	(bulk 1954) and undated
Research	1	6	New Scotland Yard / understanding criminology / capital punishment	1955	1967	(bulk 1956)
Research	1	7	The secrets case and Master Detective	1961	1963	(bulk 1961)
Research	1	8	Espionage / Wynne's return / Penkovsky papers	1961	1965	(bulk 1964-1965)

3	4	Traitor Spy-related trade magazines, 1939
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Now sorted by Folder Begin Date, removed from folder title.

List by Series, Box, and Folder

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Writings - Juvenilia	1	27	The Children's Book of Stories and The Wreck off the Martin's Point . . .	1907	1910	and undated
Writings - Published Works	2	25	Dartmoor Hermits and others	1928	1929	
Writings - Typescripts	2	13	Dixon Hawke	1929		and undated
Writings - Published Works	2	24	Blue Fire Blackmail and others	1930	1964	1930, 1958-1964, and undated
Journals - Commonplace Books	3	3	Commonplace book	1930	1964	and undated
Writings - Published Works	2	23	The Aftermath of Scandal and others	1931	1964	1931, 1938-1940, 1955-1964
Writings - Typescripts	2	8	Travelogue of California	1937		



Obituaries



New section

AB Bookman's Weekly, January 10, 1977.

Nothing found in the New York Times.

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Credits

 The [original guide](#) for the T.C.H. Jacobs Literary Papers is hosted at the Pennsylvania State University, Special Collections Library, Rare Book and Manuscripts.

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Additional Related Materials / Information / Bibliography

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A list of additional [primary source materials that are related to T.C.H. Jacobs](#) or the genre are available.

Secondary Information related to T.C.H. Jacobs

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Bibliography of Works by T.C.H. Jacobs

Adjacent "child" page of related information.

A [bibliography of works by T.C.H. Jacobs](#) inclusive of works written under various pseudonyms is available.

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Novels

(series: Chief Inspector Barnard; Det. Supt. John Bellamy; Temple Fortune; Whip McCord; Jim Malone; Mike Seton)

[The Terror of Torlands](#). London, Stanley Paul & Co., 1930.

[The Bronkhorst Case](#). London, Stanley Paul & Co., 1931; as [Documents of Murder](#), New York, The Macaulay Company, 1933.

Scorpion's Trail (Barnard). London, Stanley Paul & Co., 1932; New York, The Macaulay Company, 1934.

The Kestrel House Mystery (Barnard). London, Stanley Paul & Co., 1932; New York, The Macaulay Company, 1933.

Sinister Quest (Barnard). London, Stanley Paul & Co., 1934; New York, The Macaulay Company, 1936; as *Die 7 Morde des Mr. X* by Lex Pender, Amsterdam, Mertens & Stappaerts, 1954.

The 13th Chime (Barnard). London, Stanley Paul & Co., 1935; New York, The Macaulay Company, 1936.

Silent Terror (Barnard). London, Stanley Paul & Co., 1936; New York, The Macaulay Company, 1937.

Appointment with the Hangman. London, Stanley Paul & Co., 1936; New York, The Macaulay Company, 1936.

The Laughing Men (Barnard). London, Hodder & Stoughton, 1937.

Identity Unknown (Barnard). London, Stanley Paul & Co., 1938.

Traitor Spy (Barnard). London, Stanley Paul & Co., 1939.

Brother Spy (Barnard). London, Stanley Paul & Co., 1940.

The Broken Knife (Barnard). London, Stanley Paul & Co., 1941.

The Grensen Murder Case (Bellamy). London, Stanley Paul & Co., 1943.

Reward for Treason (Barnard). London, Stanley Paul & Co., 1944.

The Black Box (Barnard). London, Stanley Paul & Co., 1946.

The Curse of Khatra (Bellamy). London, Stanley Paul & Co., 1947.

With What Motive? (Bellamy). London, Stanley Paul & Co., 1948.

Dangerous Fortune (Fortune). London, Stanley Paul & Co., 1949.

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Steve Holland, freelance author and editor, has some additional words (and bibliography) about TCH Jacobs in his [March 25, 2009 blog entry](#).

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Anonymous says:

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That's a nice bibliography, very helpful if you're trying to find all of his publications.

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