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## **G. Thomas Tanselle Bibliography and Auction Catalogs collection 13221623**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
<b>Creator:</b>	Tanselle, G. Thomas (George Thomas), 1934-
<b>Title:</b>	G. Thomas Tanselle Bibliography and Auction Catalogs collection
<b>ID:</b>	13221623
<b>ID:</b>	MS#2002
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1960-2015
<b>Physical Description:</b>	162.5 linear feet 130 record cartons
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English , German .

### Preferred Citation

Identification of specific item; Date (if known); G. Thomas Tanselle Bibliography and Auction Catalogs Collection; Box and Folder; Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Columbia University Libraries.

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## Biographical / Historical

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G. Thomas Tanselle (born 1934) is an American textual critic, bibliographer, and book collector, especially known for his work on Herman Melville. He was Vice-President, John Simon Guggenheim Foundation, 1978-2006.

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## Summary

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A collection of bibliographical ephemera, consisting of announcements, leaflets, invitations, etc., from bibliographical societies, bibliophilic clubs, typographical organizations, and rare-book libraries, from about 1960 through 2015 (with a few earlier materials).

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## Arrangement

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Arranged in 10 series.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Statement

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### Revision Description

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### Restrictions on Access

This collection is located off-site. You will need to request this material at least three business days in advance to use the collection in the Rare Book and Manuscript Library reading room.

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## Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of G. Thamas Tanselle, 2015-10-06

## Processing Information

Collection listed by students for removal to ReCAP, 2017.

## Accruals

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Auction catalogs
- Newsletters
- Sotheby's (Firm)

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## Collection Inventory

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### Group A: Bibliographical Ephemera

#### Scope and Contents

Through 1983 17 boxes (in a single alphabet)

Title/Description	Instances
Publisher's Announcements --, 1960-1979	box 1

pre 1983 -- A1 (A-Ad), 1983	box 2
pre 1983 -- A2 (Ad-As), 1983	box 3
pre 1983 -- A3 (As-Co), 1983	box 4
pre 1983 -- A4 (B), 1983	box 5
(pre 1983) Bib Ephemera -- A4 (Co-Ho)	box 6
(pre 1983) Bib Ephemera -- A5	box 7
(pre 1983) Bib Ephemera -- A6 (Ho-Jo)	box 8
(pre-1983) (F-G) -- A8	box 9
Bib Ephemera alpha (pre-1983) -- A10 (H-L)	box 10
Bib Ephemera alpha (pre-1983) -- A11 (M-N)	box 11
pre 1983 (N-O) -- A12, 1983	box 12
(pre 1983) (P-R) -- A13	box 13
pre 1983 (R-S) -- A14, 1983	box 14
pre 1983 (R-S) -- A14a, 1983	box 15
(pre-1983) (S-T) -- A15	box 16
(pre-1983) (T-Z) -- A16	box 17

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## Group B Bibliographical Ephemera

### Scope and Contents

1984-2014 (47 boxes; each box one year unsorted)

Title/Description	Instances
B.1984	box 18
B.1985	box 19
Conference Publications -- B1986	box 20
B.1987	box 21
B.1987a	box 22
B.1988	box 23
B.1989	box 24
B.1989a	box 25
B.1990	box 26
B.1991	

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	box 27
B.1992	box 28
B.1992a	box 29
B.1993	box 30
B.1994	box 31
B.1995	box 32
B.1995a	box 33
B.1996	box 34
B.1996a	box 35
B.1997	box 36
B.1997a	box 37
B.1998	box 38
B.1998a	box 39
B.1999	box 40
B.1999a	box 41
B.2000	box 42
B.2000a	box 43
B.2001	box 44
B.2001a	box 45
B.2002	box 46
B.2002a	box 47
B.2003	box 48
B.2003a	box 49
B.2004	box 50
B.2004a	box 51
B.2005	box 52
B.2005a	box 53
B.2006	box 54
B.2006a	box 55
B.2007	box 56
B.2008	box 57
B.2008a	box 58

B.2009	box 59
B.2010	box 60
B.2011	box 61
B.2012	box 62
B.2013	box 63
B.2014	box 64

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### Group C: Newsletters: 8 boxes (alphabetical)

Title/Description	Instances
Unsorted Newsletters -- C	box 65
Unsorted Newsletters -- Ca	box 66
C1	box 67
C1a	box 68
Newsletters recent alphabet and first part of earlier alphabet--C2	box 69
Newsletters recent alphabet and first part of earlier alphabet --C2a	box 70
Newsletters -- C3	box 71
Newsletters -- C3a	box 72

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### Group D: Rare Book School

Title/Description	Instances
Rare Books -- D	box 73

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### Group E: Exhibition Catalogues: 13 boxes

Title/Description	Instances
Calendars -- E	box 74
Exhibit Cats -- E	box 75
Exhibit Cats -- E	box 76



Exhibit Cats -- E	box 77
Exhibit Cats -- E	box 78
Exhibit Cats -- E	box 79
Exhibit Cats -- Ea	box 80
Exhibit Cats -- E	box 81
Exhibit Cats -- Ea	box 82
Exhibit Cats -- E	box 83
Exhibit Cats -- Ea	box 84
Exhibit Cats -- E	box 85
Bib Ephemera -- E	box 86

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### Group F: Publishers' announcements, 1960-1979

Physical Description: 1 box

Title/Description	Instances
A: Bib Ephemera Published Announcements -- F2	box 87

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### Group G: Miscellaneous

#### Scope and Contents

8 boxes (annual reports, membership lists, library keepsakes, etc.)

Title/Description	Instances
G	box 88
Ga	box 89
Copyright office material Yearbook of the A Society and Bookplate	box 90
Copyright office material American society of bookplaters -- Ga	box 91
Annual Reports -- G	box 92
Misc. including annual reports--G	box 93
Misc. includes annual reports and library keepsakes -- G	box 94
Misc. includes annual reports and library keepsakes--Ga	box 95

Misc annual reports and membership lists -- G	box 96
Misc annual reports and membership lists -- Ga	box 97
Misc -- G	box 98
Bib Ephemera Misc. esp. annual reports--G	box 99

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## Group H: Periodicals-13 boxes

### Scope and Contents

Samples of many book-collecting, typographical, and library magazines. Some of those with somewhat more substantial runs are Albion, Auction, Black Art, Book Collecting And Library Monthly, Book Club Of California Keepsakes, Book Club Of California Quarterly Newsletter, Book Collector's Market, Book Collector's Packet, Book Mart, Devil's Artisan, Dime Novel Round-Up, Firsts, Guild Of Book-Workers' Journal, Journal Of The Ex Libris Society, Paperback Quarterly, Printing & Graphic Arts, Printing Art, Rare Books Newsletter, Reading & Collecting, Yellowback Quarterly

### Scope and Contents

[NOTE: Many of these are small-size journals with short runs, and I have sent them as a compact sampling of what was going in this area in the second half of the twentieth century, useful in its own right even though Columbia May already have some of them. But I have not sent my long runs of standard library journals or the journals of rare-book libraries, on the assumption that Columbia does already have them and would not want second sets of such space-consuming journals, even though mine are in the original wrappers. (Only two volumes from my run of *Penrose Annual* are here because they are among the volumes that Columbia lacks.)]

Title/Description	Instances
Book collecting and typographical periodicals -- H Per 1	box 100
Examples Book collecting and bibliographical periodicals -- H Per 2	box 101
Book Club of Cali -- H Per 3	box 102
Book Club of Cali -- H Per 3a	box 103
H Per 4	box 104
Book Club of California Keepsake Dime Novel Bookclub -- H Per 5	box 105
Paper Collector's Marketplace -- H Per 6	box 106
Paper Collector's Marketplace -- H Per 6a	box 107
Firsts -- H Per 7	box 108
Firsts -- H Per 7a	box 109
Firsts Auction and Misc. Printing Journals -- Per 8	box 110
Firsts Auction and Misc. Printing Journals -- Per 8a	box 111

19th Cent. Typographical journals -- H Per 9 box 112

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### Group I: Bibliography Of Papermaking, 1900-1963

Title/Description	Instances
Bibliography of Papermaking 1900-1964 -- I, 1900-1964	box 113
Bibliography of Papermaking 1900-1964 -- I, 1900-1964	box 114
Group J	
<i>Veröffentlichungen Der Gesellschaft Für Typenkunde Des Xv.Jahrhunderts</i> , by Ernst Voulliéme et al. (1-32), 1907-38	box 115

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### Group J: Auction Catalogs

#### Scope and Contents

(December 2011)

Title/Description	Instances
Sotheby's Auction Catalogs:	
1945-1968	box 116
1967-1979	box 117
1978	box 118
1975-1985	box 119
1982-1990	box 120
2001-2012	box 121
1999-2008	box 130
2001-2007	box 129
1992-1996	box 126
1996-1998	box 127
Christies:	
1977-1980	box 124
1983-1993	box 125
1993-2005	box 128
Others:	

Phillips Sales

box 122

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Krause; Anderson; Bonhams

box 123

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