

Typewriters owned and used by Ernest Hemingway and Jack Kerouac to headline University Archives' Feb. 26 online auction

Manual typewriters owned and used by Ernest Hemingway and Jack Kerouac, plus items relating to Tchaikovsky, Houdini and aviation, are a few expected top lots.

WESTPORT, CT, UNITED STATES, February 6, 2020 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Manual typewriters owned and used by [Ernest Hemingway](#) and [Jack Kerouac](#), plus items relating to [Tchaikovsky](#), Houdini and aviation, are just a few expected top lots in University Archives' next big online auction scheduled for Wednesday, February 26th, starting promptly at 10:30 am Eastern time. In total, 288 lots are scheduled to come up for bid.

The catalog has already been posted online and bidding is available via [LiveAuctioneers.com](#), [Invaluable.com](#) and [Auctionzip.com](#). Telephone and absentee bids will also be accepted. Folks can visit the website and browse the full color catalog now, at www.UniversityArchives.com.



Ernest Hemingway's 1950s-era Royal manual typewriter, used to write the memoir *A Moveable Feast*. Included is a letter of authenticity signed in 2019 by Hotchner (est. \$50,000-\$100,000).

The auction is packed with unique relics, photos, autographs, books and ephemera in a wide range of collecting categories. In the literary category alone, there are six lots pertaining to Hemingway and 19 lots pertaining to Kerouac (to include the typewriters), plus items related to F. Scott Fitzgerald, James Joyce, Margaret Mitchell, Langston Hughes, Jack London and others.

“

Our position as the industry leader in Signers and Revolutionary War categories was just solidified by our blockbuster Declaration Signers' auction held in January, which realized nearly \$900,000.”

John Reznikoff

Other categories include business, finance and invention (Andrew Carnegie, Jay Cooke, Jay Gould, J. Paul Getty, George Pullman, Henry Ford and others); music (Tchaikovsky, George Gershwin, Elvis Presley, Frank Sinatra and others); entertainment (Marilyn Monroe, Harry Houdini, classic Hollywood and more); and presidential items from Washington to Obama.

“An extremely rare letter signed by President Zachary Taylor, written during his brief five months in office, and a

Peter Force engraving of the Declaration of Independence, lead our Americana category,” said

John Reznikoff, president and owner of University Archives. "Our position as the industry leader in Signers and Revolutionary War categories was just solidified by our blockbuster Declaration Signers' auction held in January, which realized nearly \$900,000."

Bibliophiles will relish the six lots related to American novelist Ernest Hemingway. One, from the collection of 102-year-old A.E. Hotchner – Hemingway's biographer, close friend and confidante – is Hemingway's 1950s Royal typewriter (est. \$50,000-\$100,000), used to write the memoir *A Moveable Feast*. Included is a letter of authenticity signed in 2019 by Mr. Hotchner.

Jazz Age aficionados will also appreciate a gorgeous Gordon Bryant portrait of Hemingway's friend and fellow expat writer F. Scott Fitzgerald, boldly signed by the author of *The Great Gatsby* as "Faithfully Yours / F. Scott Fitzgerald" (est. \$8,000-\$9,000). The photo was part of a study of Fitzgerald by Bryant that was later published in the magazine *Shadowland*, in 1921.

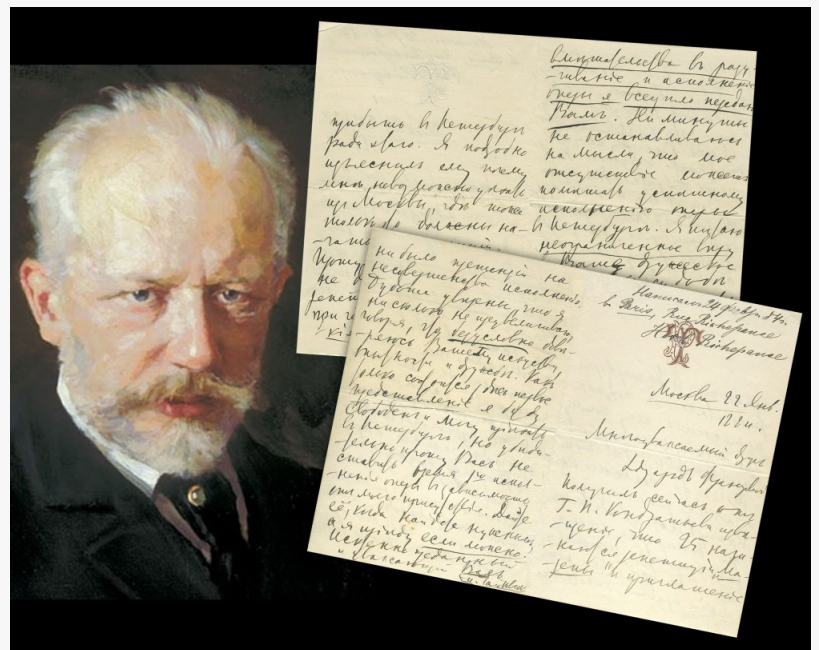
Part 1 of items from the Jack Kerouac estate includes 19 lots of unique and poignant personal items belonging to the author of *On the Road*. Lots include Kerouac's Smith-Corona typewriter (est. \$18,000-\$20,000), which he used to type his last published work, *Vanity of Duluo*, written in 1967 and published in 1968. Included is the original sales receipt, original ribbon and more.

Other Kerouac items will feature correspondence with close friend and poet Allen Ginsberg, with a photo of Beatniks annotated by Jack; a signed pencil drawing of Kerouac's nephew, "Lil Paul"; family photos together with snapshots of Kerouac's beloved cats; and articles of clothing. The balance of the estate will be sold over the course of several sales in winter and spring of 2020.

Of the 15-plus lots dedicated to inventors and investors, the lot of three 1830s patent documents for Colt's revolutionary "revolving cylinder" guns, signed and annotated by the elusive



Jack Kerouac's Smith-Corona typewriter, used to type his last published work, *Vanity of Duluo*, written in 1967 and published in 1968, with the original sales receipt (est. \$18,000-\$20,000).



Four-page letter signed by the Russian composer Pyotr Tchaikovsky, with significant content relating to his opera *Mazepa*, addressed to conductor Eduard Nápravník (est. \$12,000-\$15,000).

gunsmith himself, should garner special interest (est. \$40,000-\$50,000). Colt's Paterson Revolver No. 5 was a large pistol and a game-changer for Texas Rangers, who no longer had to reload after one shot.

The scarce Peter Force engraving of the Declaration of Independence, printed in 1848 with remarkable exact renditions of the Signers' hands, is one of the best representations of the original manuscript Declaration, and perhaps one of as few as 500 issued (est. \$15,000-\$18,000). Measuring 26 inches by 29 inches, the document is a copperplate engraving on thin rice paper.

A rare, four-page letter signed by the Russian composer Pyotr Tchaikovsky contains significant content relating to his opera Mazepa (est. \$12,000-\$15,000). In the letter, addressed to conductor Eduard Nápravník, Tchaikovsky discusses logistics for the opera named after Pushkin's poem about the 1709 Battle of Poltava. Mazepa premiered at the Bolshoi Theatre in Moscow in 1884.

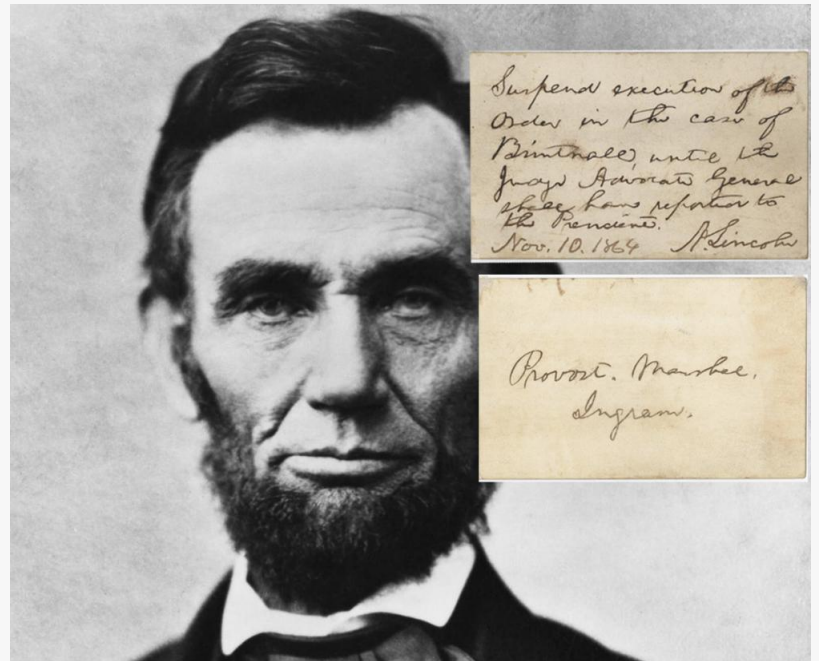
A same-day eyewitness account of the Wounded Knee massacre, penned in a letter by Winfield Scott Edgerly to his wife Grace, dated Dec. 29, 1890, in which he says "the 7th (Cavalry) needn't be ashamed of today's record," should reach \$10,000-\$12,000. Also, a Standard Oil certificate for 600 shares of capital stock, signed three times by John D. Rockefeller and once by Henry Morrison Flagler, dated Dec. 26, 1876, is expected to sell for \$2,000-\$2,400.

A single-page letter written and boldly signed by astronaut Neil Armstrong on official NASA letterhead, in which he mentions his participation in the X-15 program, in fine condition, has an estimate of \$7,000-\$8,000; while an archive of 34 letters, notes and postcards, mostly written by aviation pioneer Charles Lindbergh and his wife Anne between 1951-1980, to their Connecticut neighbor John Oldrin, sharing their thoughts on life and loss, is estimated to hit \$4,000-\$5,000.

A scarce postcard letter handwritten in Gujarati and signed by Indian leader Mohandes Gandhi, dated June 1, 1926, addressed to Jamana Ben and signed "Bapu's blessings", in which Gandhi



Group of three 1830s patent documents for Samuel Colt's revolutionary "revolving cylinder" guns, signed and annotated by the elusive gunsmith himself (est. \$40,000-\$50,000).



Order to suspend execution written by Abraham Lincoln as President on Nov. 10, 1864, a superb card (3 1/4 inches by 2 inches) with over 24 words written in Lincoln's hand (est. \$5,000-\$6,000).

says “the life span of human beings is preordained”, is expected to realize \$7,000-\$8,000. Also, a sought-after glossy photo of Pope John Paul II, signed by the pontiff as “Joannes Paulus II” and depicting him in a benevolent pose, 8 inches by 11 ½ inches, should finish at \$2,000-\$2,400.

A 24-page letter written and signed three times by John H. Brooks, the steward of Adm. Farragut (of “damn the torpedoes” fame), dated Aug. 5, 1864 and written aboard the U.S.S. Hartford, in which Brooks talks about the “Battle of Mobile Bay”, has an estimate of \$6,000-\$7,000. Also, a typed letter signed by the recently promoted four-star General George S. Patton, Jr. (1885-1945), discussing Third Army movement in Germany in 1945, should change hands for \$3,500-\$4,500.

An order to suspend execution written by Abraham Lincoln as President on Nov. 10, 1864, a superb card (3 ¼ inches by 2 inches) with over 24 words written in Lincoln’s hand, and signed and dated by Lincoln, carries an estimate of \$5,000-\$6,000. Also, an oversize document signed by Napoleon Bonaparte (as “Nap” bottom center), dated May 16, 1813, in which he appoints a Norman politician as Baron of the Empire, with a Great Seal, should command \$4,000-\$5,000.

A two-page letter written and boldly signed by Harry Houdini (as “Houdini”), dated Feb. 22, 1924, addressed to Mrs. Remigius Weiss of Pittsburgh, a peer of Houdini’s, in which he solicits books on witchcraft and kindred spirits, is estimated at \$3,500-\$4,500. Also, a check signed and fully endorsed by Marilyn Monroe, sent from the Hollywood, California address of her love nest with Joe DiMaggio, has an estimate of \$2,600-\$2,800.

University Archives has become world-renowned as a go-to source for rare items of this kind. It is actively seeking quality material for future auctions, presenting a rare opportunity for sellers. Anyone who has a single item or a collection that may be a fit for a future University Archives auction may call Mr. Reznikoff at 203-454-0111, or email him at john@universityarchives.com.

University Archives was founded in 1979, as a division of University Stamp Company, by Mr. Reznikoff, who started collecting stamps and coins in 1968, while in the third grade. Industry-wide, Reznikoff is considered the leading authenticity expert for manuscripts and documents. He consults with law enforcement, dealers, auction houses and both major authentication companies.

For more information about University Archives and the Wednesday, February 26th online-only auction, please visit www.universityarchives.com. For phone bidding, please call 203-454-0111.

#

John Reznikoff
University Archives
+1 203-454-0111
[email us here](#)

This press release can be viewed online at: <http://www.einpresswire.com>

Disclaimer: If you have any questions regarding information in this press release please contact the company listed in the press release. Please do not contact EIN Presswire. We will be unable to assist you with your inquiry. EIN Presswire disclaims any content contained in these releases. © 1995-2020 IPD Group, Inc. All Right Reserved.