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**William Sharp collection of papers**

1883?-1909 [bulk 1890-1909]

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## Summary

**Creator:** Sharp, William, 1855-1905

**Title:** William Sharp collection of papers

**Date:** 1883?-1909 [bulk 1890-1909]

**Size:** 115 items

**Source:** This is a synthetic collection, created from materials acquired through gift and purchase from various sources.

**Abstract:** This is a synthetic collection consisting of manuscripts, typescripts, and correspondence.

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## Creator History

William Sharp was a Scottish poet, novelist, short story writer, biographer, essayist, and dramatist who also wrote under the pseudonym Fiona Macleod.

## Custodial History

The bulk of the collection was previously owned by W. T. H. Howe.

## Scope and Content Note

This is a synthetic collection consisting of manuscripts, typescripts, and correspondence. The manuscripts include essays, poems, and miscellaneous manuscript material. The typescripts include drafts of stories, essays, a contents list, and instructions for the printer. The bulk of the collection consists of correspondence by the author, dating from 1894 to 1905, to Harry Buxton Forman, Lady Gregory, John Lane, Thomas B. Mosher, Herbert Stuart Stone, T. Fisher Unwin, W. B. Yeats, and others. Also present are letters relating to the author, dating from 1892 to 1909, between various correspondents, including Lawrence Gilman, C. A. Janvier, Thomas B. Mosher, Arthur C. Stedman, Walt Whitman, Duffield & Company, and others. There are letters to Sharp from H. Buxton Forman and Thomas Bird Mosher, dating from [1883?] to 1901.

## **Key Terms**

### **Genre/Physical Characteristic**

Correspondence

### **Names**

Sharp, William, 1855-1905  
Forman, H. Buxton (Harry Buxton), 1842-1917  
Gilman, Lawrence, 1878-1939  
Gregory, Lady, 1852-1932  
Howe, W. T. H. (William Thomas Hildrup)  
Janvier, Catharine A. (Catharine Ann), 1841-1922  
Lane, John, 1854-1925  
Mosher, Thomas Bird, 1852-1923  
Stedman Arthur, 1853-  
Stone, Herbert Stuart, 1871-1915  
Unwin, T. Fisher (Thomas Fisher), 1848-1935  
Whitman, Walt, 1819-1892  
Yeats, W. B. (William Butler), 1865-1939  
Duffield & Company

## Container List

### Manuscripts and Typescripts

#### Manuscripts and Typescripts written by Sharp

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| Manuscript box | [By sundown shores; "new matter" etc. for the 1902 Mosher edition: Contents list, dedicatory introduction, instructions for the printer, The lynn of dreams, Sheumas, a memory]. With ms. corrections in the hand of Sharp's sister Mary (?) 1902 (17 p) (17 p)<br>Introduction signed "F.M."; With: Sharp's The Silence of Amor ["copy" for the 1902 Mosher edition]. B.                                      |
| Manuscript box | [Deirdre and the sons of Usna]. To Esther Mona. Ms. of the dedicatory foreword, in his sister's Mary (?) hand n.d. (7 p) (7 p)<br>Signed "F. M."; Enclosed in his: Letter, in his sister Mary's (?) hand, signed Fiona Macleod [pseud.] to [Thomas B.] Mosher. Glasgow, Wed., June 3, 1903. 3 p.                                                                                                               |
| Manuscript box | Enchanted valleys, The. Typescript draft. n.d. (12 p) (12 p)<br>B.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Manuscript box | Enchanted valleys, The. Later typescript n.d. (16 p) (16 p)<br>B.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Manuscript box | Falling water. (An impression). Cascade of the Cremera: Isola Farnese: near Rome. Holograph poem n.d. (1 p) (1 p)<br>H.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Manuscript box | Immortal hour, The. Typescript n.d. (61 p) (61 p)<br>B.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Manuscript box | Invocation. Typescript of the poem n.d. (1 p) (1 p)<br>Signed "Fiona Macleod"; B.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Manuscript box | King of Ys and Dahut the Red, The. Typescript and carbon; the carbon seems to have been used as printer's copy since it has names of typesetters. Both have ms. corrections and addition probably in W. Sharp's sister Mary's hand n.d. (13 p. each) (13 p. each)<br>B.                                                                                                                                        |
| Manuscript box | Silence of Amor, The. ["Copy" for the 1902 Mosher edition: sheets of the prose-poems from From the hills of dream, 1896, and typewritten additions, all with ms. corrections and additions in the hand of Sharp's sister Mary (?) 1902 ([27] p) ([27] p)<br>With typewritten page of directions; accompanied by letter in the same hand, signed "Fiona Macleod" to [Thomas B.] Mosher, July 31, 1902. 1 l.; B. |
| Manuscript box | Song in my heart. Typescript of the poem n.d. (1 p) (1 p)<br>B.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Manuscript box | "Sospiri di Roma." Dedic. Holograph written at Albergo della Sibylla, Tivoli (Sabina) pr. Roma n.d. (1 p) (1 p)<br>H.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

#### Manuscripts and Typescripts relating to Sharp

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| Manuscript box | O'Grady, Standish. The Celtic theatre. Typescript (copy) of proposal. n.d. (1 p) (1 p)<br>Signatures in Lady Gregory's hand: Standish O'Grady, W. B. Yeats, Edward Martyn, George Moore, Fiona Macleod |
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### Correspondence

#### Outgoing Correspondence

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| Manuscript box | Chesson, [Nora Hopper]. TL to Mar. 11 (2 p) (2 p)<br>Signed "Fiona Macleod" |
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Correspondence (cont.)

Outgoing Correspondence (cont.)

Manuscript box	Forman, H[arry] Buxton. ALS to 1883? Jan. (3 p) (3 p) H.
Manuscript box	Forman, H. Buxton. ALS to 1883? Jan. (3 p) (3 p) Enclosing a printed slip from the catalogue of the Rossetti exhibition held in 1883 at the Burlington Fine Arts Club. H.
Manuscript box	Gregory, Lady [Isabella Augusta Persse]. ALS to 1897 Nov. 27 (1 p) (1 p)
Manuscript box	Hill, Mrs. ALS to n.d. (1 leaf) (1 leaf) B.
Manuscript box	[Kimball], [Hannibal Ingalls]. ALS to 1896 June 10 (2 leaves) (2 leaves) B.
Manuscript box	[Lane], [John]. ALS to. Relates to Meredith bibliography 1890 Feb. 22 (5 p) (5 p) H.
Manuscript box	Lane, John. Postal card to. Relates to Meredith bibliography 1890 July 20 (1 card) (1 card) H.
Manuscript box	Mosher, [Thomas B.]. Letters to 1901 May 31 (2 p) (2 p) Typed signature "Fiona Macleod"; B.
Manuscript box	Mosher, Thomas B. Postal card to. In his sister Mary's (?) hand 1901 June 19 (1 card) (1 card) Signed "F. M."; B.
Manuscript box	Mosher, Thomas B. Postal card to. In his sister Mary's hand 1901 July 5 (1 card) (1 card) Signed "F. M."; B.
Manuscript box	Mosher, [Thomas B.]. Letter to. In his sister Mary's (?) hand 1901 Aug. 5 (2 p) (2 p) Signed "Fiona Macleod"; B.
Manuscript box	Mosher, [Thomas B.]. Letter to 1901 July 8 (4 p) (4 p) Signed "Fiona Macleod"; B.
Manuscript box	Mosher, [Thomas B.]. Letter to 1901 July 9 (2 p) (2 p) Signed "Fiona Macleod"; B.
Manuscript box	Mosher, Thomas B. Postal card to. In his sister Mary's (?) hand 1901 July 12 (1 card) (1 card) Signed "F. M."; B.
Manuscript box	Mosher, [Thomas B.]. Letter to. In his sister Mary's (?) hand 1901 Aug. 20 (1 leaf) (1 leaf) Signed "Fiona Macleod"; B.
Manuscript box	Mosher, Thomas B. Postal card to. In his sister Mary's (?) hand 1901 Aug. 27 (1 card) (1 card) Signed "F. M."; B.
Manuscript box	Mosher, [Thomas B.]. Letter to. Part typescript, part ms. in his sister Mary's (?) hand [1901] Sept. 2 (3 p) (3 p) Signed "Fiona Macleod"; B.
Manuscript box	Mosher, Thomas B. Postal card to. In his sister Mary's (?) hand 1901 Sept. 5 (1 card) (1 card) Signed "F. M."; B.
Manuscript box	Mosher, [Thomas B.]. Letter to. In his sister Mary's (?) hand 1901 Sept. 13 (3 p) (3 p) Signed "Fiona Macleod"; With comment in Mosher's (?) hand on verso. B.

Correspondence (cont.)

Outgoing Correspondence (cont.)

Manuscript box	Mosher, Thomas B. Postal card to. In his sister Mary's (?) hand 1901 Sept. 16 (1 card) (1 card) Signed "F. M."; B.
Manuscript box	Mosher, [Thomas B.]. Incomplete (?) letter to. In his sister Mary's (?) hand 1901 Oct. 1 (2 leaves) (2 leaves) B.
Manuscript box	Mosher, [Thomas B.]. Letter to 1901 Oct. 23 (3 p) (3 p) Signed "Fiona Macleod"; B.
Manuscript box	Mosher, Thomas B. Postal card to. In his sister Mary's (?) hand 1901 Nov. 26 (1 card) (1 card) Signed "F. M."; B.
Manuscript box	Mosher, [Thomas B.]. Letter to 1901 Dec. 12 (2 leaves) (2 leaves) Signed "Fiona Macleod"; B.
Manuscript box	[Mosher], [Thomas B.]. Letter to. In his sister Mary's (?) hand 1901 Dec. 15? (1 leaf) (1 leaf) Signed "F. M."; B.
Manuscript box	Mosher, [Thomas B.]. Letter to. In his sister Mary's (?) hand 1901 Dec. 16 (2 leaves) (2 leaves) Signed "Fiona Macleod"; With Christmas card enclosed. B.
Manuscript box	Mosher, [Thomas B.]. Letter to. In his sister Mary's (?) hand 1901? Dec. (3 p) (3 p) Signed "Fiona Macleod"; B.
Manuscript box	Mosher, [Thomas B.]. Letter to. In his sister Mary's (?) hand 1902 Jan. 6 (3 p) (3 p) Signed "Fiona Macleod"; B.
Manuscript box	[Mosher], [Thomas B.]. Letter to 1902 June 19 (3 p) (3 p) Signed "Fiona Macleod"; B.
Manuscript box	Mosher, [Thomas B.]. Letter to 1902 July (2 p) (2 p) Signed "Fiona Macleod"; B.
Manuscript box	Mosher, [Thomas B.]. Letter to. In his sister Mary's (?) hand 1902 July 21 (2 p) (2 p) Signed "Fiona Macleod"; B.
Manuscript box	Mosher, [Thomas B.]. Letter to. In his sister Mary's (?) hand 1902 July 31 (1 leaf) (1 leaf) Signed "Fiona Macleod"; With his: The silence of Amor ["copy" of the 1902 Mosher edition]; B.
Manuscript box	Mosher, [Thomas B.]. Letter to. In his sister Mary's (?) hand [1902] Aug. 2 (1 leaf) (1 leaf) Signed "Fiona Macleod"; B.
Manuscript box	Mosher, Thomas B. Postal card to. In his sister Mary's (?) hand 1902 Aug. 6 (1 card) (1 card) Signed "F. M."; B.
Manuscript box	Mosher, [Thomas B.]. Letter to. In his sister Mary's (?) hand [1902] Sept. 3 (2 p) (2 p) B.
Manuscript box	Mosher, [Thomas B.]. Letter to [1902] Oct. 14 (1 leaf) (1 leaf) Signed "Fiona Macleod"; B.
Manuscript box	Mosher, [Thomas B.]. Letter to [1902] Nov. 11 (6 p) (6 p) Typewritten signature "Fiona Macleod"; B.

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| Manuscript box | Mosher, [Thomas B.]. Letter to 1902 Nov. 12 (1 p) (1 p)<br>Typewritten signature "F. M."; B.                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Manuscript box | Mosher, [Thomas B.]. Letter to 1902 Nov. 12 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)<br>Typewritten signature "Fiona Macleod"; Enclosing leaves and flowers in separate envelope. B.                                                                                                             |
| Manuscript box | [Mosher], [Thomas B.]. Note on card to. In his sister Mary's (?) hand 1902 Dec. 19 (1 card) (1 card)<br>Signed "F. M."; B.                                                                                                                                                    |
| Manuscript box | [Mosher], [Thomas B.]. Letter to 1902? (1 p) (1 p)<br>Signed "F. M."; Encloses list of Fiona Macleod's books. B.                                                                                                                                                              |
| Manuscript box | Mosher, [Thomas B.]. Letter to. In his sister Mary's (?) hand [1903] Apr. 24 (7 p) (7 p)<br>Signed "Fiona Macleod"; B.                                                                                                                                                        |
| Manuscript box | Mosher, Thomas B. Postal card to. In his sister Mary's (?) hand 1903 May 14 (1 card) (1 card)<br>Signed "F. M."; B.                                                                                                                                                           |
| Manuscript box | Mosher, [Thomas B.]. Letter to 1903 May 26 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)<br>Signed "Fiona Macleod"; B.                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Manuscript box | Mosher, [Thomas B.]. Letter to. In his sister Mary's (?) hand 1903 June 3 (3 p) (3 p)<br>Signed "Fiona Macleod"; Encloses his: [Deirdre and the sons of Usna]. To Esther Mona. Ms. of the dedicatory foreword, in his sister Mary's (?) hand, signed F. M., undated. 7 p.; B. |
| Manuscript box | Mosher, [Thomas B.]. Letter to. In his sister Mary's (?) hand 1903 June 6 (3 p) (3 p)<br>Signed "Fiona Macleod"; B.                                                                                                                                                           |
| Manuscript box | Mosher, [Thomas B.]. Letter to 1903 June 23 (1 p) (1 p)<br>Signed "Fiona Macleod"; B.                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Manuscript box | Mosher, [Thomas B.]. Letter to. Incomplete? 1903 July 15? (1 p) (1 p)<br>B.                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Manuscript box | Mosher, [Thomas B.]. Letter to 1903 Aug. 3 (2 p) (2 p)<br>Signed "Fiona Macleod"; Encloses 2 p. of "Quotations about myself" by a Mr. George Eyre-Todd. B.                                                                                                                    |
| Manuscript box | Mosher, [Thomas B.]. Letter to. In his sister Mary's (?) hand 1903 Sept. 10 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)<br>Signed "Fiona Macleod"; B.                                                                                                                                                   |
| Manuscript box | Mosher, [Thomas B.]. Letter to. In his sister Mary's (?) hand 1903 Nov. 6 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)<br>Signed "Fiona Macleod"; B.                                                                                                                                                     |
| Manuscript box | Mosher, [Thomas B.]. Letter to. In his sister Mary's (?) hand [1903] Dec. 6 (3 p) (3 p)<br>Signed "Fiona Macleod"; Enclosing greeting card for 1903 and review of American editions of Deirdre and The house of Usna from Country life, Nov. 28, 1903. B.                     |
| Manuscript box | Mosher, [Thomas B.]. Letter to [1904] Mar. 30 (4 p) (4 p)<br>Typewritten signature "Fiona Macleod"; With: added slip with postscript. B.                                                                                                                                      |
| Manuscript box | Mosher, [Thomas B.]. Letter to. In his sister Mary's (?) hand [1904] Sept. 17 (3 p) (3 p)<br>Signed "Fiona Macleod"; B.                                                                                                                                                       |
| Manuscript box | [Mosher], [Thomas B.]. ALS to. On 2 correspondence cards 1904 Nov. 28 (2 cards) (2 cards)<br>B.                                                                                                                                                                               |

Correspondence (cont.)  
Outgoing Correspondence (cont.)

Manuscript box	Mosher, Thomas B. ALS to [1904] Dec. 2 (3 p) (3 p) B.
Manuscript box	[Mosher], [Thomas B.]. ALS to 1904 Dec. 7 (3 p) (3 p) B.
Manuscript box	Mosher, [Thomas B.]. Letter to. In his sister Mary's (?) hand 1904 Dec. 31 (1 leaf) (1 leaf) Signed "Fiona Macleod"; B.
Manuscript box	Mosher, [Thomas B.]. Letter to [1905] Feb. 11 (2 p) (2 p) Signed "Fiona Macleod"; B.
Manuscript box	Mosher, Thomas B. Postal card to. In his sister Mary's (?) hand 1905 Feb. 20 (1 card) (1 card) Signed "F. M."; B.
Manuscript box	Mosher, [Thomas B.]. ALS to 1905 Feb. 21 (3 p) (3 p) B.
Manuscript box	Mosher, [Thomas B.]. Letter to [1905?] Mar. 21 (1 p) (1 p) Signed "Fiona Macleod"; B.
Manuscript box	Mosher, [Thomas B.]. Letter to In his sister Mary's (?) hand [1905] Apr. 24 (2 leaves) (2 leaves) Signed "Fiona Macleod"; Laid in: 2 variant proofs of the dedication page, in Gaelic, intended for but not used in The isle of dreams. B.
Manuscript box	Mosher, [Thomas B.]. Letter to In his sister Mary's (?) hand [1905] May 16 (1 leaf) (1 leaf) Signed "Fiona Macleod"; B.
Manuscript box	Mosher, [Thomas B.]. Letter to In his sister Mary's (?) hand 1905 June 8 (1 p) (1 p) Signed "Fiona Macleod"; B.
Manuscript box	Mosher, [Thomas B.]. Letter to In his sister Mary's (?) hand [1905] Aug. 15 (7 p) (7 p) Signed "Fiona Macleod"; B.
Manuscript box	Mosher, [Thomas B.]. Letter to In his sister Mary's (?) hand [1905] Sept. 5 (2 p) (2 p) Signed "Fiona Macleod"; B.
Manuscript box	Mosher, [Thomas B.]. Letter to In his sister Mary's (?) hand 1905 Nov. 7 (1 p) (1 p) Signed "Fiona Macleod"; B.
Manuscript box	Stone, [Herbert Stuart]. ALS to 1894 Apr. 3 (5 leaves) (5 leaves) Enclosed is Sharp's "Rape of the Sabines," 11 p., excerpted from the Pagan review. B.
Manuscript box	[Stone], [Herbert S.]. ALS to 1894 May 23 (3 p) (3 p) B.
Manuscript box	Stone, Herbert Stuart. ALS to 1894 Dec. 31 (6 leaves) (6 leaves) B.
Manuscript box	Stone, [Herbert Stuart]. ALS to 1895 Apr. 6 (2 leaves) (2 leaves) B.
Manuscript box	Stone, Herbert Stuart. ALS to [1895] May 4 (2 leaves) (2 leaves) B.
Manuscript box	Stone, [Herbert Stuart]. Letter to 1895 Aug. (3 p) (3 p) Signed "Fiona Macleod"; B.
Manuscript box	[Stone], Herbert [Stuart]. ALS to 1895 Aug. 30 (4 leaves) (4 leaves) B.

Correspondence (cont.)

Outgoing Correspondence (cont.)

- Manuscript box [Stone & Kimball]. ALS to 1894 July 3 (1 p) (1 p)  
B.
- Manuscript box Stone & Kimball, Messrs. ALS to 1895 Dec. 21 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)  
B.
- Manuscript box Streatfeild, [Richard Alexander]. ALS to 1897? (3 p) (3 p)  
H.
- Manuscript box Unwin, T. Fisher. 4 postcards and 1 ALS to. Letter is undated 1896 June 19 -  
1899 Apr. 18 (5 letters) (5 letters)
- Manuscript box White, [W. H.]. ALS to 1888? (1 p) (1 p)  
B.
- Inserted in: Sharp, E. A. Lyra Celtica. Edinburgh, 1896 Yeats, William Butler. Card to. In his sister Mary's hand 1898 July 6 (1 card) (1  
card)  
Signed "Fiona Macleod"

Incoming Correspondence

- Manuscript box Forman, Harry Buxton. Draft of ALS to [Sharp] 1883? Jan. (3 p) (3 p)  
H.
- Manuscript box Mosher, Thomas Bird. LS to Sharp 1901 Feb. 12 (2 p) (2 p)  
B.

Related Correspondence

- Manuscript box (Sharp, W.) Duffield & Company. Letter to Thomas B. Mosher. Relates to works by  
William Sharp 1907 Mar. 25 (1 p) (1 p)  
Signed "Duffield & co."; B.
- Manuscript box Gilman, Lawrence. ALS to Thomas B. Mosher 1906 Oct. 6 (3 p) (3 p)  
Encloses his article The art of Fiona Macleod from The North American Review of Oct. 5,  
1906. B.
- Manuscript box Janvier, C. A. ALS to [Thomas B.] Mosher. Relates to William Sharp [1906?]  
Sept. 13 (3 p) (3 p)  
B.
- Manuscript box Janvier, C. A. ALS to [Thomas B.] Mosher. 1909 Feb. 1 (3 p) (3 p)  
Encloses copy of portion of letter from W. Sharp, Aug. 15, 1892, 1 l., copy of a note by  
Elizabeth A. Sharp, 1 p., and of a poem by George Russell, 1 p.; B.
- Manuscript box Janvier, C. A. ALS to [Thomas B.] Mosher. Relates to William Sharp 1909  
Feb. 7 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)  
B.
- Manuscript box Janvier, C. A. ALS to [Thomas B.] Mosher. Relates to William Sharp 1909  
Feb. 13 (4 leaves) (4 leaves)  
B.
- Manuscript box Miscellaneous material: ALS on correspondence card, from Edith Rinder  
Wingate to [Thomas B. Mosher]; postal card to Mosher; typescript headed  
"By the same author"; 3 envelopes 1902 Nov. 6 - 1903 Oct. 30 ([6 items]) ([6 items])  
ALS signed "Edith Rinder Wingate"; postal card signed "M.B.S."; B.
- Manuscript box (Whitman, W.) Stedman, Arthur C. ALS to Walt Whitman. Relates to William Sharp 1892  
Jan. 21 (3 p) (3 p)  
H.