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Lennox Robinson collection of papers

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Summary

Creator: Robinson, Lennox, 1886-1958

Title: Lennox Robinson collection of papers

Date: 1898-[1958 [bulk 1911-1930]

Size: 198 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 and typescripts, correspondence, legal documents, and portraits.

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Creator History

Lennox Robinson was an Irish playwright, essayist, biographer, short-story writer, and the producer and manager for the Abbey Theatre from 1909 to 1914.

Custodial History

Previous owners include Sara Allgood, Lady Gregory, W. T. H. Howe, and the American Play Company.

Scope and Content Note

This is a synthetic collection consisting of manuscripts and typescripts, correspondence, legal documents, and portraits. The manuscripts and typescripts include biographies, plays, a list of plays, and music and lyrics by Lady Isabella Augusta Persse Gregory transcribed by Robinson. The correspondence includes letters, dating from [1910] to [1958], from the author to Basil Ashmore, Padraic Colum, Lady Gregory, W. T. H. Howe, Sean O'Casey, William Butler Yeats, and others, as well as letters relating to the author, dating from 1898 to 1929, between various correspondents including Lady Gregory, Sean O'Casey, W. B. Yeats, and others. There are letters to Robinson from Sara Allgood, Gerald Brosnan, Lady Gregory, Lillah McCarthy, James McNeill, Sean O'Casey, Patrick O'Hare, George Shiels, and W. B. Yeats, dating from [1910?] to 1935.

Key Terms

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Correspondence

Names

Robinson, Lennox, 1886-1958
Allgood, Sara, 1883-1950
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Ashmore, Basil
Brosnan, Gerald
Colum, Padraic, 1881-1972
Gregory, Lady, 1852-1932
Gregory, Lady, 1852-1932
Howe, W. T. H. (William Thomas Hildrup)
Howe, W. T. H. (William Thomas Hildrup)
McCarthy, Lillah, 1875-1960
McNeill, James
O'Casey, Sean, 1880-1964
O'Hare, Patrick
Shiels, George, 1886-1949
Yeats, W. B. (William Butler), 1865-1939
American Play Company

Container List

Manuscripts and Typescripts

Manuscripts and Typescripts written by Robinson

- Oversize (+) [Lady Gregory] Typescript (carbon) of biography with the author's ms. corrections n.d. (144 p) (144 p)
- Manuscript box List of plays and cast. Holograph. n.d. (2 p) (2 p)
Removed from: Gregory. Journal, v. 29, p. 3024
- Oversize (+) Rolly-Poly; [a play in twelve scenes]. Typescript n.d. (94 p) (94 p)
Fastened in linen cover of the American Play Co., no. 399

Manuscripts and Typescripts relating to Robinson

- Manuscript box Gregory, Lady. [Song, for an unidentified play?] Music and ms. lyrics in Lennox Robinson's (?) hand n.d. (1 p) (1 p)

Correspondence

Outgoing Correspondence

- Manuscript box Allgood, Sara. 2 ALS, 7 TLS to. Several letters mention Lady Gregory 1926 Nov. 21 - 1943 July 24 (9 letters in 2 folders) (9 letters in 2 folders)
- Manuscript box Ashmore, Basil. 3 TLS, 4 postcards to 1956 June 27 - [1958] Aug. 6 (7 letters) (7 letters)
- Manuscript box Brown, Spencer Curtis. TL (carbon) to. Relates to Arthur Sinclair 1912 Mar. 28 (2 p) (2 p)
Came with Lady Gregory's papers
- Manuscript box (Colum) Colum, Padraic. ALS to [1911] July 18 (2 p) (2 p)
- Manuscript box Conrad, Mrs. Joseph. TNS to. Relates to Conrad's letters to John Quinn 1930 Sept. 16 (1 p) (1 p)
John D. Gordan bequest
- Manuscript box Gregory, Lady. ALS to. Mentions second American tour 1912? Dec. 25 (1 letter) (1 letter)
- Manuscript box Gregory, Lady. 36 ALS, 41 TLS, 3 telegrams to. Letters of [Dec. 6, 1920] and Nov. 10 [1925] relate to Sara Allgood; Oct. 22 [1925] to Sean O'Casey 1913 May 3] - 1931 Nov. 7 (80 letters in 74 folders) (80 letters in 74 folders)
On verso of TLS of Aug. 23, 1913: Gregory, Lady. Holograph schedule of Abbey plays; on verso of TLS of Oct. 22 [1925]: Gregory, Lady. AL (draft) to L. Robinson; Oct. 23 [1925] and folder includes her: AL (draft) to W. B. Yeats, Oct. 24 [1925], etc., 58 removed from Lady Gregory's Journal, recorded on the individual folders and in individual volumes of the Journal
- Manuscript box. In: Gregory, Lady [Memoirs]
Typewritten draft. Folders 9A, 21
(Gregory). In: Moliere, J. B. P. The would-be gentleman, tr. and adapted by Lady Gregory. Earlier typescript. Carbon. On verso of p. 9
Manuscript box Gregory, Lady. 2 circular letters sent to 1922 Jan. 4, 1922 Apr. 26 (2 letters) (2 letters)
- Gregory, Lady. TLS to 1922 Feb. 25 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box Gregory, Lady. ANS to [1924] Aug. 29 (1 p) (1 p)
On verso of page of: Gregory, Lady. ALS (draft) to Ignatius J. Rice [Aug. 1924]

Correspondence (cont.)

Outgoing Correspondence (cont.)

Manuscript box	Gregory, Lady. ALS to. Refers to Lady Gregory's Story brought by Brigit 1924? (1 p) (1 p)
Manuscript box	Gregory, Lady. TLS to 1927 Mar. ?? (1 p) (1 p) On verso of p. 1 of: Gregory, Lady. TL (carbon) to Lord John Campbell Gordon, Aberdeen and Temair. March 9, 1927. Removed from: Gregory. Journal, v. 35, p. 4180
Manuscript box. In: Yeats, W. B. 76 ALS, 20 TLS, etc. to Lady Gregory. [Jan. 23, 1898]- Sept. 23 [1931]. In letter of April 20, 1928	Gregory, Lady. TL (copy) to 1928 Mar. 26 (1 p) (1 p)
In: Gregory, Lady. [Journal] Typescript. Book 33. Carbon. On verso of p. 29	Gregory, Lady. ALS to n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
In: Gregory, Lady. [Journal] Typescript. Book 2 (another version). Carbon (incomplete). On verso of p. 30	Gregory, Lady. ALS to n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
Manuscript box	Gregory, Lady. TL (incomplete copy) to n.d. (1 p) (1 p) On verso: passage from Lady Gregory's Diary or [Memoirs]
Manuscript box. In: Gregory, Lady. [Memoirs] Typewritten draft. Folders 9A, 11, 18	Gregory, Lady. 3 TLS to. One dated 1922 Aug. 22 (3 letters) (3 letters)
In: Gregory, Lady. [Journal] Typescript. Book 31. Carbon. On verso of p. 23	Gregory, Lady. TLS to n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
Cased	Gregory, Lady. TLS to. Relates to the Lane pictures n.d. (1 letter) (1 letter) On verso of p. [37] of: Gregory, Isabella Augusta Persse, Lady. Aristotle's bellows. Earlier typescript
In: Gregory, Lady. [Journal] Typescript. Book 32. Carbon. On verso of p. 29	Gregory, Lady. ANS to n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
Manuscript box	Howe, [W. T. H.]. ALS to 1928? (3 p) (3 p) H.
Manuscript box	Howe, W. T. H. LS to 1936 Jan. 31 (1 letter) (1 letter) Encloses a copy of the A. E. Memorial council appeal. H.
Manuscript box	Howe, [W. T. H.]. ALS to n.d. (1 letter) (1 letter) H.
Manuscript box	Hutton, Doris. ALS to. Mentions Gordon Craig Aug. 25 (1 p) (1 p)

Correspondence (cont.)

Outgoing Correspondence (cont.)

- (Gregory). In:
Moliere, J. B. P.
The would-be
gentleman, tr. and
adapted by Lady
Gregory. Earlier
typescript.
Carbon. On
versos of p. 5, 13
Manuscript box
Irish Advisory Committee of Carnegie United Kingdom Trust, Dublin. 2 TLS
to members 1924 Oct. 17, 1924 Dec. 3 (2 letters) (2 letters)
- Manuscript box.
In: Yeats, W. B.
ALS, 2 LS, 1 TLS
to Sean O'Casey.
March 6, 1924-
[1935?]
Manuscript box
Kane, Whitford. TLS to 1927 Feb. 11 (1 p) (1 p)
Came with Sara Allgood's correspondence
- Manuscript box
O'Casey, Sean. TL (copy) to. Copy by O'Casey 1928 May 9 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box
O'Casey, Sean. TL (carbon) to 1930 Oct. 22 (1 p) (1 p)
Removed from: Gregory. Journal, v. 43, p. 6212
- Manuscript box
Pinker and son, James B. LS, ALS, etc. to 1919 - 1932 (8 letters) (8 letters)
B.
- Manuscript box
Quinn, John. TL (carbon) to. Relates to John Millington Synge's The
Playboy of the Western world in America 1913 Feb. 3 (1 p) (1 p)
Came with Lady Gregory's papers
- Manuscript box
[Shiels?], George. TLS to n.d. (1 letter) (1 letter)
Came with Sara Allgood's correspondence
- Manuscript box
Yeats, William Butler. ALS to 1910 May 13? (1 letter) (1 letter)
Came with Lady Gregory's papers
- Manuscript box
Yeats, William Butler. TLS to 1912 Apr. 28 (1 p) (1 p)
Came with Lady Gregory's papers
- Manuscript box
Yeats, William Butler. ALS to [1928] Dec. 16 (1 letter) (1 letter)
Removed from: Gregory. Journal, v. 39, p. 5230
- Manuscript box
Yeats, William Butler. TLS to [1931] Jan. 31 (1 p) (1 p)
Removed from: Gregory. Journal, v. 44, p. 6382
- In: Gregory, Lady.
[Journal]
Typescript. Book
31. Carbon. On
verso of p. 1
Yeats, William Butler. TLS (carbon) to. Relates to the Lane pictures n.d. (1 p)
(1 p)

Incoming Correspondence

- Manuscript box.
In: Gregory, Lady.
[Memoirs]
Typewritten draft.
Folder 16
Manuscript box
Allgood, Sara. ALS to Robinson n.d. (1 letter) (1 letter)
- Manuscript box
Brosnan, Gerald. ALS to Robinson. Mentions Sean O'Casey 1935 July 29 (2
p) (2 p)
Came with Marie O'Neill's correspondence
- Manuscript box
Gregory, Lady Isabella Augusta Persse. ALS to Robinson [1910?] June 1 (2
leaves) (2 leaves)
- Manuscript box
Gregory, Lady Isabella Augusta Persse. TLS (carbon) to Robinson [1912?]
Nov. 10 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)

Correspondence (cont.)
 Incoming Correspondence (cont.)

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| Manuscript box | Gregory, Lady Isabella Augusta Persse. TLS (carbon) to Robinson. Refers to A. Patrick Wilson's resignation as managers of the Abbey Theatre [1915?] Jan. 27 (1 leaf) (1 leaf) |
| Manuscript box | Gregory, Lady Isabella Augusta Persse. AL (draft) to Robinson. Relates to her Hugh Lane's life and achievement 1923 May? (2 p) (2 p)
On verso of p. 1: Murray, John. TLS to Lady Gregory. May 14, 1923; On verso of p. 2: Carleton, Dorothy. ALS to Lady Gregory. May 5, 1923. Removed from: Gregory. Journal, vol. 23, p. 2124 |
| Manuscript box | Gregory, Lady Isabella Augusta Persse. ALS (copy) to Robinson [1924] Nov. 4 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
Removed from: Gregory. Journal, vol. 29, p. 2976 |
| Manuscript box | Gregory, Lady Isabella Augusta Persse. TLS (carbon) to Robinson 1924 Dec. 16 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
Encloses Gregory's translation of Moliere's The would-be gentleman |
| Manuscript box.
In: Robinson, Lennox. 36 ALS, 41 TLS, 3 telegrams to Lady Gregory. [May 3, 1913]-Nov. 7, 1931. On verso of TLS of Oct. 22 [1925] | Gregory, Lady Isabella Augusta Persse. AL (draft) to Robinson [1925] Oct. 23 (1 p) (1 p) |
| Manuscript box.
In: Robinson, Lennox. 36 ALS, 41 TLS, 3 telegrams to Lady Gregory. [May 3, 1913]-Nov. 7, 1931 | Gregory, Lady Isabella Augusta Persse. ALS (draft) to Robinson 1927 [ie. 1928?] Jan. 7 (1 p) (1 p)
With 2 ALS [Dec. 19, 1927] and [n.d.] |
| In: Gregory. [Journal]
Typescript. Book 33. Carbon. On verso of p. 16 | Gregory, Lady Isabella Augusta Persse. AN to Robinson 1928 Feb. 24 (1 p) (1 p) |
| Manuscript box | Gregory, Lady Isabella Augusta Persse. ALS (copy of fragment) to Robinson 1928 Mar. 28 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
Removed from: Gregory. Journal, vol. 37, p. 4482 |
| Manuscript box | Gregory, Lady Isabella Augusta Persse. ALS (copy) to Robinson 1930 Sept. 23 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
Removed from: Gregory. Journal, vol. 43, p. 6194 |
| Manuscript box | Gregory, Lady Isabella Augusta Persse. 2 ALS (copies) to Robinson 1930 Oct. 6, 1930 Oct. 14 (1 leaf each) (1 leaf each)
Removed from: Gregory. Journal, vol. 43, p. 6194 |
| Manuscript box
(Robinson, L.) | McCarthy, Lillah. Postcard to Robinson 1919 (1 card) (1 card)
Came with Lady Gregory's papers |
| In: Gregory, Lady. [Journal]
Typescript. Book 31. Carbon. On verso of p. 26 | McNeill, James. TLS to Robinson 1926 Sept. 14 (1 p) (1 p) |
| Manuscript box | O'Casey, Sean. TL to Robinson 1923 Feb. 27 (1 p) (1 p)
Signed S. O Cathasaigh. Removed from: Gregory. Journal, vol. 25, p. 2240 |

Correspondence (cont.)

Incoming Correspondence (cont.)

- Manuscript box (Robinson, L.) O'Hare, Patrick J. TLS to Robinson [?]. Relates to Lady Gregory 1931 May 23 (1 p) (1 p)
Came with Lady Gregory's papers
- Manuscript box (Robinson, L.) Shiels, George. TLS to Robinson 1921 June 8 (1 p) (1 p)
Removed from: Gregory. Journal, vol. 14, p. 1128
- Manuscript box (Robinson, L.) Shiels, George. Letter, copied in Lady Gregory's hand, to Robinson 1927 Dec. (1 p) (1 p)
Removed from: Gregory. Journal, vol. 36, p. 4460
- Manuscript box. In: Robinson, Lennox. 36 ALS, 41 TLS, 3 telegrams to Lady Gregory. [May 3, 1913] - Nov. 7, 1931. On verso of TLS of Apr. 2 [1929?]
Yeats, William Butler. Letter, copied in Lady Gregory's hand, to Robinson 1929? Mar. (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box Yeats, William Butler. TL (carbon) to Robinson. Copy prepared by Lady Gregory [1929] Dec. 2 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
Removed from: Gregory. Journal, vol. 41, p. 5724
- Manuscript box Yeats, William Butler. TL (carbon) to Robinson 1931 Jan. 30 (1 p) (1 p)
Encloses letter about George Shiels's play, of which carbon accompanies this copy. Typescripts made by Lady Gregory. Removed from: Gregory. Journal, vol. 44, p. 6374

Related Correspondence

- Cased Gregory, Isabella Augusta Persse, Lady. TL (extracts) to William Butler Yeats 1898 - 1913 (34 p) (34 p)
Also includes TL (extracts) to Padraic Colum, Frank J. Fay, William G. Fay, and Lennox Robinson; and 1 TL (copy) from W. B. Yeats to Lady Gregory, 1908
- Cased O'Casey, Sean. 7 TL (carbons) to Whitney, Moore & Keller. Relates to his Juno and the paycock and The plough and the stars 1929 July 23 - 1929 Aug. 9 (7 letters) (7 letters)
With 34 additional carbons of related correspondence including letters from J. H. Perrin and Lennox Robinson

Legal Documents

- Manuscript box (Weldon) Agreements (19) between Brinsley MacNamara [pseud. of A. E. Weldon] and The National theatre society, Ltd., Dublin, for the performance of various plays by MacNamara 1923 - 1925 (19 items in 4 folders) (19 items in 4 folders)
Signed by Frederick Robert Higgins, J. H. Perrin, Lennox Robinson and others
- Manuscript box (O'Neill, Maire) Agreement between Maire O'Neill and The National theatre society, Ltd., Dublin, for her performance during an American tour. Typescript 1911 July 1 (2 p) (2 p)
Signed by William Butler Yeats and Lennox Robinson
- Manuscript box Gregory, Lady. [Abbey theatre] Proposed answer to players re [fund collected by Abbey players for proposed Dublin art gallery] Typescript (carbon) of reply regarding claims [1913] Dec. 10 (4 p) (4 p)
Signed by her for W. B. Yeats. With 8 TL (copies) of additional letters, including one by Lady Gregory, Bernard Shaw, W. B. Yeats to Lennox Robinson and one letter from legal council relating to this matter

Portraits

- Cased Allgood, Sara. Album of photographs. Contains 63 items, including Abbey theatre players, Lady Gregory, Lennox Robinson and Sir Roger Casement n.d. (1 v) (1 v)