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George William Russell collection of papers

1891-1935

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Summary

Creator: Russell, George William, 1867-1935

Title: George William Russell collection of papers

Date: 1891-1935

Size: 318 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, financial documents, and portraits.

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Creator History

George William Russell was an Irish poet, essayist, playwright and novelist who wrote under the pseudonym AE.

Custodial History

Previous owners include Padraic Colum, Lady Gregory, W. T. H. Howe, John Quinn, and Owen D. Young.

Scope and Content Note

This is a synthetic collection consisting of manuscripts and typescripts, correspondence, financial documents, and portraits. The manuscripts and typescripts include poems, essays, reviews, and articles by the author, as well as typescripts of poems relating to the author, by James Stephens, and manuscript essays by Humbert Wolfe. The correspondence consists of letters from the author, many signed with his pseudonym, AE, dating from 1891 to 1935, to Padraic Colum, Anne Fremantle, Alfred Perceval Graves, Lady Isabella Augusta Persse Gregory, W. T. H. Howe, Thomas Joseph Kiernan, Edward Harry William Meyerstein, Thomas Moulton, James M. Pryse, James Stephens, William Butler Yeats, and others. Also included are letters relating to the author, dating from [1918] to [1921], between various correspondents, including Padraic Colum, Lady Gregory, W. T. H. Howe, Sir Shane Leslie, Diarmuid Russell, and others. There are letters to Russell from Padraic Colum, Paul Grehan, Lady Gregory, Thomas Moulton, Bernard Shaw, and others, dating from 1905 to 1932.

Key Terms

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Correspondence

Names

Russell, George William, 1867-1935
Colum, Padraic, 1881-1972
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Fremantle, Anne, 1909-2002
Graves, Alfred Perceval, 1846-1931
Grehan, Paul
Gregory, Lady, 1852-1932
Gregory, Lady, 1852-1932
Howe, W. T. H. (William Thomas Hildrup)
Howe, W. T. H. (William Thomas Hildrup)
Kiernan, T. J. (Thomas Joseph), 1897-
Leslie, Shane, 1885-1971
Meyerstein, Edward Harry William, 1889-1952
Moulton, Thomas
Pryse, James M. (James Morgan), 1859-
Quinn, John, 1870-1924
Russell, Diarmuid, -1973
Shaw, Bernard, 1856-1950
Stephens, James, 1882-1950
Wolfe, Humbert, 1885-1940
Yeats, W. B. (William Butler), 1865-1939
Young, Owen D., 1874-

Container List

Manuscripts and Typescripts

Manuscripts and Typescripts written by Russell

Manuscript box	Autograph material. Miscellaneous. One envelope addressed to W. T. H. Howe n.d. (1 item) (1 item) H.
Inserted in: Russell, George W. Homeward songs by the way. Dublin, 1894. Copy 2	Answer. Holograph poem n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
Manuscript box. In his: Collected poems, London, 1926, p. 97	Babylon. Holograph poem n.d. (1 p) (1 p) Signed "A. E."; Removed from his: The divine vision, London, 1903. Lady Gregory's copy
Manuscript box	Dark weeping. Holograph poem n.d. (3 p) (3 p) H.
Manuscript box	Earth breath, The. Typescript of poem with the author's ms. Corrections n.d. (1 p) (1 p) Signed "A. E."
Manuscript box	Evanescence. Typescript of poem with the author's ms. corrections. Deleted title: "The masque of time" n.d. (1 p) (1 p) Signed "A. E."; Accompanying letter to James [M. Pryse] Dec. 9, 1924. Published with title "Time" and with slight textual variations in his: Voices of the stones. London: Macmillan, 1925, p. 7-8. B.
Manuscript box	Foreword to book [Living India] by Savel Zimand. Holograph 1928 Aug. 10 (4 p) (4 p) H.
Manuscript box	Hour of destiny, The. Early holograph draft of poem n.d. (1 p) (1 p) Published as "Germinal". H.
Manuscript box	Impression of America, An. Holograph n.d. (8 p) (8 p) H.
Manuscript box	Literature and life: Standish O'Grady. Holograph 1928 May (6 p) (6 p) H.
Manuscript box	Literature and life: This American world [review of the book by Edgar Ansel Mowrer] Holograph 1928 Oct. (6 p) (6 p) Signed "Y. O."; H.
Manuscript box	Literature and life: Yellow journalism [review of John K. Winkler's "William Randolph Hearst"] Holograph 1928 Nov. (5 p) (5 p) Signed "Y. O."; H.
Cased	Mask of Apollo [and other stories], The. Holograph pages and clippings n.d. (43 p) (43 p) H.
Cased	Michael. Typescript (carbon) of poem with the author's ms. corrections n.d. (9 p) (9 p) Signed. With his: Michael. Dublin: For the author, 1919. Copy 2. John Quinn copy; W. T. H. Howe bookplate. Gift of John Fleming
Manuscript box	Nationality and imperialism. Holograph essay n.d. (10 p) (10 p) Signed "A. E."; Sent to Lady Gregory and published in her Ideals in Ireland, 1901

Manuscripts and Typescripts (cont.)

Manuscripts and Typescripts written by Russell (cont.)

- Manuscript box Pictures at Ballsbridge. The Hibernian Academy. Typescript (carbon) of two reviews n.d. (2 p) (2 p)
With a typescript (carbon) review of an art show by Frank Rutter, May 3 [n.y.]; Published in The Irish Statesman, Aug. 16, 1924 and Chicago Tribune Sunday Magazine, May 18, 1924. Came with Padraic Colum papers
- Manuscript box Poems. I. Blight. II. Germinal. Holograph n.d. (2 p) (2 p)
Signed "A. E."; H.
- Manuscript box Promise. Typescript of poem with the author's ms. corrections n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
Signed "A. E."; Accompanying letter to James [M. Pryse] Dec. 9, 1924. Published with a variation in his: Voices of the stones. London: Macmillan, 1925, p. 18-19. B.
- Manuscript box To Ulster in Ireland. Holograph draft of article n.d. (7 p) (7 p)
- Cased 27 poems. Holograph 1912? (43 p) (43 p)
Y.

Manuscripts and Typescripts relating to Russell

- Cased Stephens, James. [Poem] The mighty mother for A. E. Typescript 1935 (1 p) (1 p)
With marginal ANS to W. T. H. Howe, July [18] 1935; With his: ALS to W. T. H. Howe, Aug. 6, 1935
- Manuscript box Stephens, James. Poems: The mighty mother. [For A. E.] 7 holograph and typewritten drafts, numbered 1-7, with author's ms. corrections and additions. Two dated 1935 July (7 p) (7 p)
H.
- Manuscript box Wolfe, Humbert. The mysticism of A. E. Holograph n.d. (9 p) (9 p)
Signed. With ms. note: "Aryan path. 23-8-39"

Correspondence

Outgoing Correspondence

- Manuscript box Colum, Mary Maguire. ALS to 1917 Jan. 20 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box Colum, Padraic. 10 ALS, 5 TLS to 1916 Jan. 27 - [1930?] Apr. 19 (15 letters in 3 folders) (15 letters in 3 folders)
- Manuscript box Dunsany, Lord. AL to 1933 Oct. 14 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
With original crayon sketch at head of letter. B.
- Manuscript box Fremantle, Anne. 6 AL to 1926 Nov. 12 - 1935 May 21 (6 letters) (6 letters)
- Manuscript box Gill, Thomas Patrick. ALS to 1899 June 13 (1 p) (1 p)
Came with Lady Gregory's papers
- Manuscript box Graves, Alfred Perceval. ALS to 191-? (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box Graves, Alfred Perceval. TLS to 1925 Dec. 1 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box Graves, Alfred Perceval. TL to 1926 Feb. 24 (1 p) (1 p)
Signed "A. E."
- Manuscript box Graves, Alfred Perceval. ALS to n.d. (3 p) (3 p)
- Manuscript box Gregory, Lady. 118 ALS, 16 TLS, 1 postcard to. Correspondence contains numerous references to W. B. Yeats and other members of his family. Letters of [Aug. 1902] and [Nov. 25, 1902] relate to James Joyce. Letters beginning May 20, 1924 re Lane pictures 1897 Oct. 19 - [1931 Oct. 23 (135 letters in 138 folders) (135 letters in 138 folders)
Review [of Lady Gregory's Visions and beliefs...] in letter of Sept. 9, 1920; Gregory, Lady. AL for G. W. Russell to the Times literary supplement in his ALS of [March 21, 1921]; Review [of Gregory's Hugh Lane's life...] in ALS of March 2, 1921
- Manuscript box Howe, W. T. H. LS to. Refers to James Stephens 1926 Mar. 30 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
H.

Correspondence (cont.)
Outgoing Correspondence (cont.)

Manuscript box	Howe, [W. T. H.]. ALS to 1929 Jan. 9 (2 p) (2 p) With original crayon sketch; H.
Manuscript box	Howe, W. T. H. LS to 1929 Feb. 19 (3 p) (3 p) H.
Manuscript box	Howe, [W. T. H.]. ALS to 1930 Jan. 3 (1 p) (1 p) H.
Manuscript box	Howe, [W. T. H.]. ALS to 1930 Oct. 2 (1 p) (1 p) H.
Manuscript box	Howe, [W. T. H.]. ALS to 1932 Jan. 1 (1 leaf) (1 leaf) H.
Manuscript box	Howe, [W. T. H.]. ALS to 1932 Feb. 18 (4 p) (4 p) H.
Manuscript box	Howe, [W. T. H.]. ALS to 1932 Feb. 18 (3 p) (3 p) H.
Manuscript box	Howe, [W. T. H.]. ALS to 1933 June 5 (2 p) (2 p) H.
Manuscript box	Howe, [W. T. H.]. ALS to 1934 June 20 (1 leaf) (1 leaf) With original crayon sketch. H.
Manuscript box	Kiernan, Thomas Joseph. 7 ALS, 13 TLS to 1923 July 26 - 1930 May 16 (20 letters in 4 folders) (20 letters in 4 folders)
Manuscript box	[MacKenna], Stephen. ALS to 1931 Jan. 2 (1 leaf) (1 leaf) H.
Manuscript box	Meyerstein, Edward Harry William. 26 ALS to 1920 Feb. 7 - 1932 Feb/ 17 (26 letters in 5 folders) (26 letters in 5 folders)
In: Moulton, Thomas. Mimeographed letter to George William Russell. Jonathan Cape, publisher, London [1923]	Moulton, Thomas. AN to. Written on margin 1923 (1 letter) (1 letter) Signed "A. E."
Manuscript box	Moulton, Thomas. TLS to 1925 Nov. 10 (1 p) (1 p)
Manuscript box	Moulton, Thomas. ALS to 1926 Nov. 25 (1 p) (1 p)
Manuscript box	Moulton, Thomas. ALS to 1930 July 3 (1 p) (1 p)
Manuscript box	O'Grady, Mrs. Standish. TL to 1929 Jan. 29 (1 leaf) (1 leaf) Signed "A. E."
Manuscript box	O'Leary, [John?]. ALS to 1891 Jan. 12 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
Manuscript box	Oppenheim, James. AL to. Mentions Bernard Shaw 1925 Aug. 5 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
Manuscript box	Pilkington, Mrs. ALS to. Relates to Edward Harry William Meyerstein and mentioned in George William Russell's correspondence with him. Mentions James Stephens 191-? (3 p) (3 p)
Manuscript box	[Pryse], James [M.]. ALS to 1919 July 24 (1 leaf) (1 leaf) B.
Manuscript box	[Pryse], James [M.]. AL to 1923 Oct. 16 (2 leaves) (2 leaves) Signed "A. E."; B.
Manuscript box	[Pryse], James [M.]. AL to 1923 Nov. 29 (1 leaf) (1 leaf) Signed "A. E."; B.

Correspondence (cont.)

Outgoing Correspondence (cont.)

Manuscript box	[Pryse], James [M.]. AL to 1924 Mar. 2 (2 leaves) (2 leaves) Signed A. E.; B.
Manuscript box	[Pryse], James [M.]. AL to 1924 Aug. 11 (3 p) (3 p) Signed "A. E."; B.
Manuscript box	[Pryse], James [M.]. AL to 1924 Dec. 9 (1 leaf) (1 leaf) Signed "A. E."; Enclosed typescripts of Evanescence and Promise. B.
Manuscript box	Pyrse, James M. Letter to 1925 Feb. 12 (1 leaf) (1 leaf) Signed "A. E."; B.
Manuscript box	Pyrse, James M. Letter to 1925 Mar. 10 (1 p) (1 p) Signed "A. E."; B.
Manuscript box	[Pryse], James [M.]. AL to 1925 Apr. 21 (2 leaves) (2 leaves) Signed "A. E."; B.
Manuscript box	[Pryse], James [M.]. AL to 1925 June 3 (2 p) (2 p) Signed "A. E."; B.
Manuscript box	[Pryse], James [M.]. AL to 1925 Sept. 4 (3 p) (3 p) Signed "A. E."; B.
Manuscript box	Pyrse, James M. Letter to 1928 Jan. 27 (1 p) (1 p) Signed "A. E."; B.
Manuscript box	[Pryse], James [M.]. AL to 1930 Nov. 1 (1 leaf) (1 leaf) Signed "A. E."; B.
Manuscript box	[Pryse], James [M.]. AL to 1930 Nov. 24 (2 p) (2 p) Signed "A. E."; B.
Manuscript box	Rice, Dominick Spring. LS to 1924 May 20 (1 p) (1 p) Y.
Manuscript box	Sitwell, Edith. AL to 1935 Jan. 10 (2 leaves) (2 leaves) Signed "A. E."
Manuscript box	[Stephens], James. ALS to 1933 June 21 (3 p) (3 p) H.
Manuscript box	[Stephens], James. ALS to 191-? (1 leaf) (1 leaf) H.
Manuscript box	Stephens, Mrs. [James]. ALS to 191-? (1 p) (1 p) H.
Manuscript box	Stephens, Mrs. [James]. ALS to. On back of an envelope n.d. (1 item) (1 item) Followed by another ANS to Mrs. Stephens, signed "I. B."; H.
Manuscript box	Stephens, Mrs. [James]. ALS to n.d. (1 p) (1 p) H.
Manuscript box	Stephens, Mrs. [James]. ALS to n.d. (1 p) (1 p) H.
Manuscript box	Stephens, Mrs. [James]. ALS to n.d. (1 p) (1 p) H.
Manuscript box	Stephens, Mrs. [James]. ALS to n.d. (1 p) (1 p) H.
Manuscript box	Unwin, T. Fisher. 2 ALS to n.d. (1 p.; 2 p) (1 p.; 2 p) With reader's report by P. H. Warner
Manuscript box	Wyatt, Paul. 9 ALS to 1917 June 16 (9 letters in 2 folders) (9 letters in 2 folders)
Manuscript box	Yeats, William Butler. ALS to 1898? June (3 p) (3 p) Came with Lady Gregory's papers

Correspondence (cont.)

Outgoing Correspondence (cont.)

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| Manuscript box | Yeats, William Butler. ALS to 1898 Sept. 10 (3 p) (3 p)
Came with Lady Gregory's papers |
| Manuscript box | Yeats, William Butler. TL (copy) to 1900 July 13 (2 p) (2 p)
Came with Lady Gregory's papers |
| Manuscript box | Yeats, William Butler. ALS to. Mentions Lady Gregory's Ideals in Ireland, 1901 1901? (1 leaf) (1 leaf) |
| Manuscript box | Yeats, William Butler. ALS to 1911 Sept. (3 p) (3 p)
Came with Lady Gregory's papers |
| Manuscript box.
In: Gregory, Lady
[Memoirs]
Typewritten draft.
Folder 25 | Yeats, William Butler. TL (copy) to 1913 May 3 (1 letter) (1 letter) |
| Manuscript box | Yeats, William Butler. 3 ALS to. Letters dated roughly between 1900 and 1906, the time he lived at Coulson Ave. n.d. (3 letters) (3 letters)
Came with Lady Gregory's papers |
| Manuscript box | Yeats, William Butler. ALS to 1904? ca. Jan (1 p) (1 p)
Came with Lady Gregory's papers |
| Manuscript box | Yeats, William Butler. ALS to n.d. (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
Came with Lady Gregory's papers |

Incoming Correspondence

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| Manuscript box | Colum, Padraic. ALS to Russell 1930 Mar. 31 (1 p) (1 p) |
| Manuscript box
(Russell) | Gegan, Paul. ALS to Russell. Relates to Patrick MacBride, husband (?) of Maud Gonne MacBride 1905 Mar. 28 (2 p) (2 p) |
| Manuscript box.
Removed from
Gregory. Journal,
vol. 21, p. 1992 | Gregory, Lady. ALS (copy) to Russell 1923 Jan. 1 (1 leaf) (1 leaf) |
| Manuscript box | Gregory, Lady. ALS to Russell. Relates to the Lane pictures 1926 July 24 (2 p) (2 p)
With typescript of same. Also, her: [Lane pictures] Typewritten memorandum. 4 p.; On verso of p. 1 of typescript: Kiernan, T.J. ALS (fragment) to Lady Gregory. [1926] 1 p.; On verso of p. 2 of typescript: Abbey theatre. Returns for week July 17, 1926 |
| Manuscript box | Gregory, Lady. ALS to Russell 1930 Mar. 17 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
H. |
| Manuscript box
(Russell, G. W.) | H[erbert?], K[--?] T[--?]. AL to A. E. [George William Russell] 1930 Mar. 30 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
Signed with initials. H. |
| Manuscript box | Moult, Thomas. Mimeographed letter to Russell 1923 (1 p) (1 p)
Signed. Includes: Russell, G. W. AN, signed "A. E." to Thomas Moult [1923] On margin |
| Manuscript box | Shaw, Bernard. Postcard to Russell 1932 Sept. 23 (1 card) (1 card) |

Related Correspondence

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| Manuscript box | Colum, Padraic. LS to Rachel Annand Taylor. n.d. (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
Signed by five other poets including Seumas O'Sullivan and G. W. Russell |
| Manuscript box.
In: Russell, G. W.
118 ALS, 16 TLS,
1 postcard to Lady
Gregory. With his
ALS of [March 21,
1921] | Gregory, Lady. AL (draft) for George William Russell to The Times literary supplement 1921 ca. Mar. 21 (1 p) (1 p) |

Correspondence (cont.)
Related Correspondence (cont.)

- Manuscript box Leslie, Sir Shane, bart. Postcard to Padraic Colum. Mentions George William Russell 1918 Oct. (1 card) (1 card)
- Manuscript box (Russell, G. W.) Russell, Diarmund. 2 ALS to W. T. H. Howe. Relates to G. W. Russell Jan. 10; Nov. 29 (2 letters) (2 letters)
H.; Removed from: Russell, George W. Collected poems. London, 1926. 2nd ed.

Financial Documents

- Manuscript box (Russell) Checks (2) by Lady Gregory and made out by her to George William Russell 1897 Oct. 1, 1898 Dec. 29 (2 items) (2 items)
Endorsed by Russell

Portraits

Portraits of Russell

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(Russell, G. W.) MacDonald, Pirie. Portrait photograph of George William Russell. 25 x 16 cm., mounted to 39 x 24 cm. n.d. (1 item) (1 item)
Inscribed by Russell Padraic Colum on cardboard mount
- Cased Yeats, Jack B. Original pencil drawing of George Russell n.d. (1 item) (1 item)
H.
- Manuscript box. In his: ALS to [--?] Blake, July 18, 1914 Yeats, John Butler. [Russell, George William] Original pen and ink portrait 1914 July 18 (1 item) (1 item)
Signed

Portraits drawn by Russell

- Manuscript box Pen-and-ink self portrait sketch. Includes pencil sketches of W. B. Yeats, John O'Leary, Edward Martyn, and G. K. Chesterton. 14 x 19 cm. n.d. (1 item) (1 item)
Signed with initials. With unidentified pen-and-ink illustration on verso
- Manuscript box Original crayon portrait of James Stephens. 35 x 25 cm. 1920 Sept. 13 (1 item) (1 item)
Signed by the artist with his initials. Presented by the artist to W. T. H. Howe
- Manuscript box Original crayon portrait of John Butler Yeats. 25 x 18 cm. n.d. (1 item) (1 item)
Signed "A. E."; H.