Summary

Creator: De la Mare, Walter, 1873-1956

Title: Walter De la Mare collection of papers

Date: 1897-1960

Size: 2,334 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, financial documents, and correspondence.

Access: Restricted access.

Conditions Governing Use: For permission to publish, contact the Curator, The Henry W. and Albert A. Berg Collection of English and American Literature.


Processing note: Processed by Staff; Machine-readable finding aid created by Lynn Lobash and Nina Schneider.

Creator History

Walter De la Mare was a British writer of poems, children's literature, fantasy, novels, short stories, essays, and plays.

Custodial History

Former owners of the bulk of the materials are W. T. H. Howe, and the literary agency J. B. Pinker and Son. Also included are materials from Frank V. Morley, May Sarton, W. Van R. Whitall, and from the John D. Gordan bequest.
Scope and Content Note
This is a synthetic collection consisting of manuscripts, typescripts, financial documents, and correspondence by and about the author. The manuscripts include holograph poems and an outline of the contribution to papers in honor of De la Mare by Sir Edward Howard Marsh. The bulk of the collection consists of correspondence, dating from 1900 to 1955 from the author to T. I. F. Armstrong, Lady Cynthia Asquith, Ford Madox Ford, Robert Graves, Sir Edward Howard Marsh, to Frank V. Morley, to the literary agency J. B. Pinker and Son, to Eric Norman Simons, and to others. There are also letters related to the author, dating from 1901 to 1960, to the literary agency J. B. Pinker and Son from various publishers and individuals, from Fredson Bowers to Leonard Clark, from miscellaneous correspondents to Leonard Clark, and other correspondence related to the author. Also present are letters to De la Mare from Terence Ian Fytton Armstrong, Archibald Bain, Alfred Knopf, Otto Kyllmann, Thomas Quayle, James Raye Wells, and others, dating from 1915 to 1951.

Key Terms

Genre/Physical Characteristic
Correspondence

Names
De la Mare, Walter, 1873-1956
Asquith, Cynthia, Lady, 1887-1960
Bain, Archibald
Bowers, Fredson
Clark, Leonard
Ford, Ford Madox, 1873-1939
Gawsworth, John, 1912-1970
Gordan, John D., 1907-1968
Graves, Robert, 1895-1985
Howe, W. T. H. (William Thomas Hildrup)
Knopf, Alfred A., 1892-1984
Kyllmann, Otto
Marsh, Edward Howard, Sir, 1872-1953
Morley, F. V. (Frank Vigor), 1899-1980
Quayle, Thomas, 1884-
Sarton, May, 1912-1995
Simons, Eric Norman
Wells, James Raye
Whitall, William Van R.
James B. Pinker and Son
**Container List**

**Manuscripts and Typescripts**

**Manuscripts**

- **Blindman, The.** Holograph poem 1897 (1 p)  (1 p)
  Signed "Walter Ramal"; Inscribed to Sir Edward Howard Marsh in 1948

- **Fish-Finn.** Holograph poem n.d. (1 p)  (1 p)
  Sent to Sir Edward Howard Marsh

- "I had a secret laughter" Holograph poem 1927 Sept. (1 item)  (1 item)
  H.

- **Imagination's pride, The.** Holograph poem n.d. (2 p)  (2 p)
  H.

- **Listeners, The.** Holograph n.d. (2 p)  (2 p)
  W. Van R. Whitall bookplate; H.

- "Lullaby", A. Holograph n.d. (2 p)  (2 p)
  With: ALS submitting the poems to the editor of the Anglo French review, dated Nov. 5, 1919.
  H.

- "Phantom voices" Holograph n.d. (1 p)  (1 p)
  With: ALS submitting the poems to the editor of the Anglo French review, dated Nov. 5, 1919.
  H.

- **[Poems]** Four holograph poems mentioning and sent to Sir Edward Howard Marsh. Two undated 1921 Oct., 1925 Mar. 23 (4 items)  (4 items)
  On verso of "O Eddie," letter belonging with his correspondence with Sir Edward Howard Marsh. Includes ms. copy in the hand of Sir Edward of "Here lies a meek bard."

- **Ruth. V. V. MDCCCXV.** Manuscript poem in Nina Grigg's hand 1951 Dec. 22 (1 p)  (1 p)

- "There was an old lady of Lundy" Holograph poem 1927 Sept. (1 item)  (1 item)
  H.

**Related Manuscripts**

- **Marsh, Sir Edward Howard. Milton's Jehovah.** Holograph outline of Contribution to papers in honor of Walter De la Mare n.d. (3 p)  (3 p)
  With 2 ALS and 1 TLS from Walter Reginald Bett, Feb. 16, 1947-June 9, 1947, requesting this contribution

**Typescripts**

- [Beerbohm]. 80th birthday album. Typescripts of 39 contributions, not listed separately, to a collection of tributes to Max Beerbohm. Presented to Max Beerbohm on his 80th birthday, Aug. 24, 1952. Contributors include Walter De la Mare and others 1952 (1 item)  (1 item)
  With typed roster of the Maximilian Society. Aug. 24, 1952. 1 p. Folder 8

**Correspondence**

**Outgoing Correspondence**

- **Abercrombie, Catherine.** 2 ALS and 4 TLS to 1925 Apr. 20 - 1949 Jan. 29 (6 items)  (6 items)
Correspondence (cont.)
Outgoing Correspondence (cont.)

Manuscript box
Adams, Eldridge. ALS to 1929 May 7 (1 item) (1 item)

Manuscript box
Armstrong, T. I. F. 32 ALS, TLS, etc. to 1930 - 1953 (32 items) (32 items)

Manuscript box
Asquith, Lady Cynthia. 65 ALS, 3 ANS, 15 TLS to 1934 Mar. 27 - 1949 July 23 (83 items in 17 folders) (83 items in 17 folders)

Inserted in: Burke, Thomas. Pavements and pastures. [London and Norwich, 1912]
Burke, [Thomas]. ALS to n.d. (1 item) (1 item)

Manuscript box
Cockerell, Sir Sydney Carlyle. Letter (copy) to 1951 Dec. 22 (1 p) (1 p)

Manuscript box
Ervine, St. John Greer. 2 ALS to 1921 Mar. 19 (2 items) (2 items)

Manuscript box
Flecker, Helle. TL (copy) to. Relates to use of J. E. Flecker's poem Stillness in an anthology 1938 Aug. 24 (1 p) (1 p)
With his: TLS to A. P. Watt & son. Sept. 12, 1938

Manuscript box
Ford, Ford Madox. ALS to 1908 Nov. 9 (1 p) (1 p)

Manuscript box
Graves, Robert. TLS to 1922 July 17 (1 item) (1 item)
Came with De la Mare’s correspondence with J. B. Pinker and son

Howe, W. T. H. LS to 1923 Feb. 5 (1 p) (1 p)

Manuscript box
Howe, W. T. H. ALS to 1924 Aug. 23 (1 item) (1 item)

Manuscript box
Howe, W. T. H. LS to 1924 Sept. 4 (1 p) (1 p)

Inserted in his: Poems: 1901 to 1918. London [1920]
Howe, W. T. H. LS to 1924 Sept. 22 (1 p) (1 p)

Manuscript box
Hunt, Violet. 4 ALS to. Letters date from ca. 1910, after which date Violet Hunt is addressed as Ms. Hueffer. One dated 1912 July 3 (4 items) (4 items)

Manuscript box
Hunt, Violet. TLS to 1924 May 26 (1 p) (1 p)

Manuscript box
Hunt, Violet. TLS to 1930 Apr. 9 (1 p) (1 p)

Inserted in: De la Mare, Walter. Peacock pie. London, 1913. Copy 1
[Jones], [Henry F.]. ALS to 1918 May 26 (1 item) (1 item)

Manuscript box
Lea, Frank Alfred. TLS to 1952 Oct. 6 (1 p) (1 p)

Manuscript box
Lucas, [E. V.]. LS to 1924 Jan. 30 (1 p) (1 p)

Manuscript box
Marsh, Sir Edward Howard. 184 ALS to 1912 - 1952 (184 items in 34 folders) (184 items in 34 folders)
With one letter each from his wife Elfrida and daughter Colin De la Mare
McLeod, [--?]. ALS to. Relates to the Choristers' journal of the St. Paul's choir school 1939 [Dec. 25 (3 p) (3 p)
With envelope

Morley, Frank V. 12 ALS, 1 ANS, 34 TLS, 21 TNS to 1921 Sept. 4 - 1952 July 16
(68 items in 14 folders) (68 items in 14 folders)
Came with Frank V. Morley's papers

Murry, John Middleton. ALS to 1940 June 17 (1 p) (1 p)

Pinker, J. B. and Son. 455 ALS, 1109 TLS, 11 postcards and 54 miscellaneous pieces to [For detailed list of enclosures see individual folders] 1900 July 21 - 1940 Sept. 2 (1629 items in 329 folders) (1629 items in 329 folders)

Polden, D[--?] C[--?]. TLS to. Relates to T. I. F. Armstrong 1952 June 18 (1) (1)

Priestley, John Boynton. TL (carbon) to 1925 June 23 (1 p) (1 p)
Enclosed in his: 455 ALS, 1109 TLS, 11 postcards and 54 misc. pieces to J. B. Pinker and son. 1900-1940. Letter of June 22, 1925. Folder 133

Shorter, Clement King. TLS to 1923 Jan. 30 (1 p) (1 p)

Simons, [Eric Norman]. 20 TLS, 4 TNS to 1934 Oct. 9 - 1938 Apr. 11 (24 items in 5 folders) (24 items in 5 folders)

Smith, Logan Pearsall. AL (mutilated) to 1921 Mar. 19 (3 p) (3 p)

Thuns, Emma. 1 ALS and 10 TLS to 1952 Jan. 14 - 1955 Oct. 31 (12 items in 2 folders) (12 items in 2 folders)
With TLS by M[--?] Tait, Jan. 20, 1954, written as secretary to De la Mare. Came with May Sarton's papers

Watt, A.P., & Son. TLS to 1938 Sept. 12 (1 p) (1 p)
With Watt's TL (carbon) reply; accompanied by his: TL (copy) to Helle Flecker, Aug. 24, 1938. 1 p.; Flecker, Helle. ALS to A. P. Watt & son, Sept. 1, 1938. 2 p.; with Watt's TL (carbon) reply

Wilson, [--?]. TLS to 1926 Dec. 2 (1 p) (1 p)

Wolfe, Humbert. TLS to. Mentions John Masefield 1925 Sept. 30 (1 p) (1 p)

Enclosed in: De la Mare, Walter. 455 ALS, 1109 TLS, 11 postcards and 54 miscellaneous pieces to J.B. Pinker and Son. 1900-1940. Letter of July 15, 1924. Folder 117
Armstrong, Terence Ian Fytton. 2 TL (copies) to de la Mare [1930] Aug. 25, 1932 Aug. 19 (2 items) (2 items) With TL (carbon) reply, Aug. 22 [1932]

Armstrong, Terence Ian Fytton. TLS (carbon) and 2 ALS (draft) to de la Mare 1932 Aug. 19 - 1951 May 4 (3 items) (3 items) With two TL (copies) replies, Jan. 22, 1925 and Feb. 21, 1933

Beaumont, Cyril William. 3 ALS to de la Mare 1917 Sept. 17 - 1917 Oct. 6 (1 p. each) (1 p. each) Letter of Oct. 6, 1917 encloses manuscript memo of agreement, unsigned and undated. 1 p.

Bullett, Gerald William. TL (copy) to de la Mare 1924 Sept. 2 (1 p) (1 p)

Coblentz, Stanton Arthur. TL (copy) to de la Mare 1925 Mar. 14 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)

Drinkwater, John. TL (copy) to de la Mare 1927 Sept. 22 (1 p) (1 p) With TL (carbon) reply
Gibbs, Cecil Armstrong. TL (copy) to de la Mare 1923 Apr. 27 (1 p) (1 p)

Gray, Charles Wright. TL (copy) to de la Mare 1927 Mar. 26 (1 p) (1 p)

Gurney, Ivor Bertie. ALS to de la Mare n.d. (1 p) (1 p)

Gurney, Ivor Bertie. ALS to de la Mare n.d. (1 p) (1 p)

Hely-Hutchinson, Christian Victor. TL (copy) to de la Mare 1927 Jan. 15 (1 p)

(1 p)

Ingpen, Roger. TLS, TL (copy) to de la Mare 1922 Nov. 1, 1926 Oct. 5 (1 p. each)

(1 p. each)

John, Gwen. TL (copy) to de la Mare 1924 Sept. 2 (1 p) (1 p)

With TL (carbon) reply, Sept. 4, 1924. 1 p.

Kenkyusha Ltd., Tokyo. TL (copy) to de la Mare 1933 June 20 (1 p) (1 p)

From the files of J.B. Pinker and Son; John D. Gordan bequest
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<td>June 21 - 1932 Dec. 15 (7 items) (7 items)</td>
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<td><strong>Kyllmann, Otto.</strong> 3 TLS, 25 TL (copies) to de la Mare 1921 Aug. 3 - 1932 Oct. 21</td>
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<td><strong>Partington, Wilfred George.</strong> 2 TL (copies) to de la Mare 1925 July 13, 1925</td>
<td>Aug. 11 (1 p. each) (1 p. each)</td>
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<td><strong>Quayle, Thomas.</strong> 4 TL (copies) to de la Mare 1924 Sept. 16 - 1926 June 9 (4 items) (4 items)</td>
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Sayers, Dorothy Leigh. TL (copy) to de la Mare 1928 Feb. 10 (1 p) (1 p)

Scott, Marion. ALS to de la Mare. Relates to Ivor Bertie Gurney 1922 Oct. 3
(1 leaf) (1 leaf)
Came with Sir Edward Howard Marsh’s correspondence

Squire, Sir John Collings. TL (copy) to de la Mare 1925 Sept. 30 (1 p) (1 p)

Stuart, Morna. ALS to de la Mare [1923] Feb. 15 (1 p) (1 p)

Thompson, Edward John. 2 TL (copies) to de la Mare 1926 Sept. 28, 1927 Mar.
23 (1 p. each) (1 p. each)
With TL (copy) reply

Warren, Elinor Remick. TL (copy) to de la Mare 1924 Oct. 5 (1 p) (1 p)
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<td>Wells, James Raye</td>
<td>1 TL (copy), 2 cablegrams (copies) to de la Mare</td>
<td>Aug. 27 - Sept. 4, 1929</td>
<td>3 items (3 items)</td>
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<td>Wheelock, John Hall</td>
<td>TL (copy) to de la Mare</td>
<td>Nov. 10, 1932</td>
<td>1 p (1 p)</td>
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<td>Williams, Charles</td>
<td>TL (copy) to de la Mare</td>
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<td>May 10 - May 14, 1955</td>
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<td>De la Mare, Colin</td>
<td>4 TLS and 1 TNS to J. B. Pinker and son</td>
<td>Apr. 25 - Oct. 20, 1927</td>
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De la Mare, Constance Elfrida (Ingpen). 7 ALS, 3 ANS, 1 TNS to J. B. Pinker and son. Written for her husband, Walter De la Mare. [1924] Sept. 30 - [1927] July 27 (11 items in 2 folders) (11 items in 2 folders)

De la Mare, Richard. 3 ALS and 2 TLS to Sir Edward Howard Marsh 1928 July 27 - 1933 Mar. 23 (5 items) (5 items)

De la Mare, Richard. ALS and TLS to J. B. Pinker and son. Relate to his father, Walter De la Mare 1927 July 21, 1940 May 24 (2 items) (2 items)

Dickinson, Patric. 7 ALS, 2 TNS to Leonard Clark. Letters of July 26 and 31, 1956 relate to Walter De la Mare 1946 Nov. 26 - 1956 July 31 (9 items in 2 folders) (9 items in 2 folders)

Harris, Kathleen L. 15 TNS to J. B. Pinker and son. Written as secretary to Walter De la Mare 1926 Nov. 4 - 1927 May 16 (15 items in 3 folders) (15 items in 3 folders)

Enclosed in Jan. 19, 1927: Hely-Hutchinson, Christian Victor. TL (copy) to W. De la Mare, 01/15/1927; March 10, 1927: Williams, Charles. TL to W. De la Mare, 03/09/1927; April 11, 1927: Gray, Charles Wright. TL to W. De la Mare, 03/26/1927. 1 p.

Howells, Herbert. 3 ALS to Leonard Clark. Relate to W. De la Mare, Ivor Gurney and F. W. Harvey 1957 Nov. 14 - 1958 Apr. 16 (3 items) (3 items)

Jameson, Storm. TNS to J. B. Pinker and son. Mentions W. De la Mare and Joseph Conrad 1926 Feb. 15 (1 p) (1 p)

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Jones, Olive C. 5 TNS to J. B. Pinker and son. Written as secretary to Walter De la Mare 1928 Dec. 4 - 1934 Oct. 26 (5 items) (5 items)

Knopf, Alfred A. 2 TLS to J. B. Pinker and son. Relate to W. De la Mare 1916 Oct. 24, 1926 Mar. 8 (2 items) (2 items)

Enclosed in March 8, 1926: Knopf, Alfred A. TL (carbon) to W. De la Mare. [New York] March 8, 1926. 1 leaf.

Letters, ALS, TLS, etc. from miscellaneous correspondents, not listed separately, to Leonard Clark. Relate to Walter De la Mare 1954 - 1960 (17 items) (17 items)

Letters, ALS, telegrams, etc. from various publishers, etc. to the firm of Jem B. Pinker and son as literary agent for Walter De la Mare. One letter undated 1901 - 1940 (46 items in 3 folders) (46 items in 3 folders)

Morley, Christopher. ALS to Constable and company. Relates to Walter De la Mare 1916 Nov. 22 (2 p) (2 p)

B: Came with the J. B. Pinker, firm, correspondence

Newsome, Helen F. 1 ANS, 2 TLS, 2 TNS to J. B. Pinker and son. Written as secretary to W. De la Mare 1926 Mar. 3 - 1926 July 11 (5 items) (5 items)

Pinker, J. B., firm. 17 TLS to James B. Pinker and son, London. Relate to Joseph Conrad, Arnold Bennett, Walter De la Mare, John Galsworthy, Compton Mackenzie and others 1928 Mar. 16 - 1933 July 27 (17 items in 2 folders) (17 items in 2 folders)

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Priestly, John Boynton. TNS to Leonard Clark. Relates to Walter De la Mare 1960 Jan. 4 (1 p) (1 p)
Rowley, Marguerite L. 2 TNS to J. B. Pinker and son. Written as secretary to W. De la Mare 1924 Oct. 22, 1925 Mar. 31 (2 items) (2 items) Enclosed in Oct. 22, 1924: Warren, Elinor Remick. TN (copy) to W. De la Mare, Oct. 5, 1924, 1 p.; In March 31, 1925: Coblentz, Stanton Arthur. TL (copy) to W. De la Mare, March 14, 1925. 1 l.

Sadleir, Michael. TLS to Leonard Clark. Relates to Walter De la Mare 1955 Jan. 27 (1 p) (1 p)

Sayers, B[-?] P[-?] C[-?]. TLS to [-?] Sagar [of J. B. Pinker and son]. Written as secretary to Walter De la Mare 1939 July 26 (1 p) (1 p)

Shorter, Clement King. TL (copy) to Otto Kyllmann 1924 June 17 (1 p) (1 p)

Thompson, Florence (De la Mare). ALS to Sir Edward Howard Marsh. Walter De la Mare's daughter thanks Sir E. H. Marsh for wedding present Sept. 30 (1 p) (1 p) Wedding invitation laid in

Thompson, Florence (De la Mare). ALS and 2 ANS to J. B. Pinker and son. Written for her father, Walter De la Mare. 1920 Nov. 1 - 1923 Mar. 19 (3 items) (3 items)

Wagenknecht, Edward. 1 ANS and 5 TLS to Leonard Clark. Relate to Walter De la Mare 1956 Sept. 15 - 1957 Jan. 25 (6 items) (6 items)

English review, The. Check made out to Walter De la Mare by Ford Madox Ford 1909 Feb. 18 (1 item) (1 item) Endorsed by Walter De la Mare