Summary

Creator: Brooke, Rupert, 1887-1915

Title: Rupert Brooke collection of papers

Date: 1905]-[1937 [bulk 1912-1929]

Size: 741 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 from, to, and about the author, notebooks, diaries for 1907 through 1913, and a photographic portrait of the author.

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

Rupert Brooke was an English poet, playwright, and essayist.

Custodial History

Former owners include Frances Cornford, W. T. H. Howe, Sir Edward Howard Marsh, Margery Olivier,
James Strachey, and Lady Eileen Wellesley.

**Scope and Content Note**

This is a synthetic collection consisting of manuscripts and typescripts, correspondence, notebooks, diaries for 1907 through 1913, and a photographic portrait of the author. The manuscripts and typescripts include holographs of poems, and a typescript of a play. It contains works relating to the author in manuscript and typescript by Lascelles Abercrombie, Sir Winston Churchill, Sir Edward Howard Marsh, Edward Shanks, and Lytton Strachey, as well as an undated notebook of Frances Cornford and Sir Sydney Philip Perigal Waterlow's two-volume diary. Correspondence by the author dates from 1905 to 1915, to James Strachey, Lytton Strachey, Dudley Ward, Lady Eileen Wellesley, and others. It also contains letters relating to the author, from 1912 to 1937, between various correspondents including Lascelles Abercrombie, Andre; Gide, John Masefield, Sir Edward Howard Marsh, Virginia Woolf and others. There are also letters to Brooke from Francis MacDonald Cornord, Gwen Darwin, Dickson Dodds, Margery Olivier, James Elroy Flecker, James Strachey, and Lytton Strachey, dating from 1905 through 1915.

**Key Terms**

**Genre/Physical Characteristic**
- Correspondence
- Diaries
- Notebooks

**Names**
- Brooke, Rupert, 1887-1915
- Abercrombie, Lascelles, 1881-1938
- Churchill, Winston, 1874-1965
- Cornford, Frances Darwin, 1886-1960
- Darwin, Gwen
- Dodds, Dickson
- Flecker, James Elroy, 1884-1915
- Gide, Andre, 1869-1951
- Howe, W. T. H. (William Thomas Hildrup)
- Marsh, Edward Howard, Sir, 1872-1953
- Masefield, John, 1878-1967
- Olivier, Margaret (Cox), Lady
- Olivier, Margery
- Shanks, Edward, 1892-1953
- Strachey, James
- Ward, Dudley
- Waterlow, Sydney, 1878-1944
- Wellesley, Eileen, Lady
- Wolcott, Virginia, 1882-1941
Container List

Manuscripts and Typescripts

Dated Manuscripts

Manuscript box
Fafaia. Holograph poem 1913 Nov. (1 p) (1 p)
Signed with initials. With note in margin reading "bilge". Came with Sir Edward Howard Marsh's correspondence.

Dated Manuscripts relating to Brooke

Manuscript box
Gibson, Wilfrid Wilson. To Edward Marsh. Holograph poem 1915 June 10 (1 p) (1 p)
Signed with initials. With later typewritten draft, headed "(In memory of Rupert Brooke)," 1 p.

Manuscript box
Masefield, John. Skyros. Holograph poem. A letter, belonging into the run of letters to Sir Edward Howard Marsh, catalogued as a unit, written as a tribute to Rupert Brooke. 1915 Oct. 6 (1 p) (1 p)
Signed

Undated Manuscripts

Manuscript box
1914: [IV] The dead; [V. The soldier] The recruit. Two holograph poems from a sequence of five sonnets n.d. (2 p) (2 p)

Manuscript box
Dance, The. Holograph poem. Written in March, 1915 n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
Signed with initials. Came with Sir Edward Howard Marsh's correspondence.

Manuscript box
Heaven. Holograph poem n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
Signed. Came with Sir Edward Howard Marsh's correspondence

Manuscript box
Lines written on seeing two flies, etc. Holograph poem n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
Came with Sir Edward Howard Marsh's correspondence

Manuscript box

Sensible paralytic, The. Holograph poem n.d. (1 p) (1 p)

Manuscript box
[Sonnet]. "Oh, Death will find me, long before I tire." Holograph. On National Liberal Club notepaper n.d. (1 p) (1 p)

Manuscript box
Sonnet suggested by some of the Proceedings of the Society for Psychical Research. Holograph poem n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
Signed. Came with Sir Edward Howard Marsh's correspondence.

Manuscript box
"The way that lovers use is this." Holograph n.d. (1 p) (1 p)

Undated Manuscripts relating to Brooke

Manuscript box
Came with Sir Edward Howard Marsh's correspondence
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Manuscript box

Beerbohm, Max. Ballade tragique a double refrain. Manuscript copy in Rupert Brooke’s hand n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
Came with Brooke’s correspondence with Margery Olivier

Manuscript box (Brooke)

Signed. Published in The Times. Came with Sir Edward Howard Marsh’s correspondence.

Manuscript box

Davies, William Henry. Rupert Brooke, died of sunstroke, April 23rd, 1915. Holograph poem n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
Came with Sir Edward Howard Marsh’s correspondence

(132 p)
Signed. With the Introduction in the hand of Rupert Brooke’s mother. Published (with introduction) in the 1918 edition of his Collected poems.

Manuscript box

Shanks, Edward. The dead poet [Rupert Brooke] Holograph poem n.d. (1 p)
(1 p)
Sent to Sir Edward Howard Marsh, who endorsed it in the poet’s name and pseudonym, Richard Buxton

Manuscript box

Strachey, Lytton. Has the Rajah read Henry James? Holograph memorandum. Relates to Rupert Brooke. n.d. (1 item) (1 item)

Diaries

With list of addresses at back


Notebooks

Notebook. Holograph. Contains verse fragments, draft of a sonnet, notes and sketches. Bound in black wrappers 1911 Jan. - 1911 Apr (1 v) (1 v)

Came with her correspondence to Rupert Brooke

Typescripts

Manuscript box. In his: 98 ALS, 73 postcards, 10 ANS, 25 telegrams, etc. to James Strachey [1905-1914]. Folder 35.
Enclosed in letter postmarked May (?) 1912

Ballade; with double refrain. Typescript of poem. "To J. B. S." at head of poem n.d. (1 p) (1 p)

Lithuania. Typescript (carbon) of play with the author’s ms. corrections n.d. (2 items) (2 items)
Signed. Published Chicago, 1915. Came with his correspondence with Margery Olivier
Typescripts related to Brooke

Manuscript box

Drinkwater, John. Rupert Brooke (who died on April 23rd, 1916 [sic])
Typewritten poem 1918 Apr. (1 p) (1 p)
Signed. Sent to Sir Edward Howard Marsh in tribute to Rupert Brooke

Manuscript box

Enclosed in his: ANS to Sir John Collings Squire [n.d.]

Correspondence

Outgoing

Manuscript box

Copy of letter in the hand of Helle Flecker to James Elroy Flecker 1912 Apr.
(1 item) (1 item)
Sent to Sir Edward Howard Marsh on Sept. 13, 1928

Manuscript box

Olivier, Margery. 33 ALS, 1 postcard to [1908] - 1913 (34 items) (34 items)
Letter of [Spring, 1909] (folder 8) encloses his: [Sonnet] "Oh, Death will find me, long before I

Planitz, Clothilde von der. ALS to. Fragment, paginated p. 2 n.d. (1 p) (1 p)

Manuscript box

Strachey, James. 98 ALS, 73 postcards, 10 ANS, 25 telegrams, 5 letters to
[1905] July 7 - [1914 July? (211 items in 42 folders) (211 items in 42 folders)
One AL signed "Ka" [Cox] by Brooke. With 10 miscellaneous pieces. In folder 35 his: Ballade;
with double refrain. Typescript of poem, undated. 1 p. Enclosed in letter postmarked May(?)
1912

Manuscript box

Strachey, Lytton. 7 ALS, 5 postcards, 1 telegram to 1909 Sept. 27 - [1911] Dec.
[19?] (13 items in 3 folders) (13 items in 3 folders)
One letter signed with a caricature. Came with Brooke's correspondence with James Strachey

Manuscript box

Ward, Dudley. 18 ALS, 4 ANS, 11 postcards, 4 telegrams to
1907 July - 1914
Nov (37 items in 8 folders) (37 items in 8 folders)
Includes his: ALS to Clothilde von der Planitz. [n.d.] 1 p. Folder 8

Manuscript box

Ward, Dudley. ANS to n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
With envelope, noted "Not to be opened."; with: Ward, Dudley. 3 ALS to Lady Eileen
Wellesley. April 24, April 27 and May 20, 1915. In letter of April 27

Manuscript box

Wellesley, Lady Eileen. 38 ALS to 1914 July] - [1915 Apr. 9 (38 items in 8 folders)
(38 items in 8 folders)
With five miscellaneous envelopes

Incoming

Manuscript box

Cornford, Frances (Darwin). 64 ALS, 21 postcards to Brooke 1908 May 13 -
1914 Dec. 24 (85 items in 14 folders) (85 items in 14 folders)

Manuscript box

Cornord, Francis MacDonald. 6 ALS to Brooke [1908] May 15 - [1913 (6 items in
1 folder) (6 items in 1 folder)

Manuscript box

Darwin, Gwen. ALS to Brooke n.d. (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
Accompanied by Cornford, Frances (Darwin). ALS to Brooke

Manuscript box

Dodds, Dickson. ALS to Brooke. Relates to The Soldier and sent to the
poet through Sir Edward Howard Marsh by Wilfrid Gibson 1915 Apr. 20 (1 p) (1 p)
With clipping containing corrected sonnet and speech by William Ralph Inge
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Correspondence (cont.)

Manuscript box
Flecker, James Elroy. Postcard to Rupert Brooke. 1908 Nov. 11 (1 item) (1 item)
Came with Sir Edward Howard Marsh's correspondence

Manuscript box (Brooke, R.)
Olivier, Margery. 25 ALS (1 incomplete), 2 postcards to Brooke 1908 July 16 -
1914 July 25 (27 items in 6 folders) (27 items in 6 folders)
Accompanied by: Cambridge University. Fabian Society. Financial statement for the year
1908-1909. Broadside, measuring 12 x 23 cm. Signed M. Olivier, Hon. Treasurer

Manuscript box
Strachey, James. 158 ALS, 5 postcards, 3 ANS, 4 telegrams, 7 letters to
Brooke. One AL is incomplete 1905 July 4 - [1914] [after June 5 (177 items in 35
folders) (177 items in 35 folders)
In folder 5 his: ANS to Lytton Strachey. [n.d.]. 1 p.; In folder 20 his: L’indecise. Pen-and-ink
self-caricature[?] on postcard, undated. 1 p. Letters removed from albums in which they were
kept by James Strachey

Manuscript box
Strachey, Lytton. 2 ALS to Brooke 1910 Mar. 31, 1910 Apr. 1 (2 items) (2 items)
Came with Brooke's correspondence with James Strachey

Related Correspondence

Manuscript box (Woolf)
Arnold-Foster, Katherine (Cox). 3 ALS to Virginia Woolf. Mention Rupert
Brooke 1912 Jan. 26 - 1913 Feb. 13 (3 items) (3 items)

Manuscript box (Brooke)
Brooke, Mary Ruth (Cotterill). 2 ALS to Lady Eileen Wellesley. Relates to
Rupert Brooke 1929 July 31, 1929 Aug. 8 (2 items) (2 items)
With envelope

Manuscript box (Brooke)
Cooper, Sir Alfred Duff. ALS to Sir Edward Howard Marsh 1915 Apr. 26 (1 p)
(1 p)
Contains his [Tribute to the memory of Rupert Brooke]. Holograph poem, on verso

Manuscript box
Gibson, Wilfrid Wilson. ALS to Elkin Mathews. Relates to Rupert Brooke
1915 Aug. 8 (1 p) (1 p)

Manuscript box (Marsh)
Gide, Andre. ALS to Sir Edward Howard Marsh. Relates to French
translation of Rupert Brooke's last sonnets. 1915 July 15 (1 p) (1 p)
Together with another letter, preceding it and addressed to an unknown correspondent,
inquiring about Brooke's literary executor. 1 p.

Manuscript box
Housman, Laurence. ALS to Lascelles Abercrombie. Relates to Rupert
Brooke 1930 May 25 (1 p) (1 p)

Manuscript box
Hulme, Thomas Ernest. 3 ALS, 1 TLS, 2 postcards to Sir Edward Howard
Marsh. Three letters relate to Sir Jacob Epstein, and one letter relates to
Rupert Brooke 1912 - [ca. 1914-17 (6 items) (6 items)

Manuscript box (Brooke)
Inge, William Ralph. ALS to Sir Edward Howard Marsh. Relates to the
death of Rupert Brooke [1915] Apr. 28 (1 item) (1 item)

Manuscript box
Marsh, Sir Edward Howard. ALS to Maud Hume. Relates to Rupert Brooke
1916 Dec. 8 (1 item) (1 item)
Removed from: Georgian poetry, 1911-1912. Another copy, inscribed by Rupert Brooke

Manuscript box
Masefield, John. ALS to Violet (Asquith) Bonham-Carter. Relates to the
death of Rupert Brooke. Arthur Asquith, Lady Bonham-Carter's brother,
was with Rupert Brooke when he died 1915 Apr. 27 (1 item) (1 item)
Came with Sir Edward Howard Marsh's correspondence

Manuscript box
Masefield, John. ALS to Mary Ruth Cotterill Brooke. Relates to Rupert
Brooke 1915 July 26 (1 p) (1 p)

Manuscript box
Masefield, John. 52 ALS to Sir Edward Howard Marsh. Letters of April 27,
1915; Sept. 11 and Oct. 14, 1915 relate to Rupert Brooke 1912 - [1937 (52
items in 12 folders) (52 items in 12 folders)
With 6 ALS from Constance Masefield
Sidgwick & Jackson, ltd. TLS to Sir Edward Howard Marsh. Relates to Rupert Brooke royalties. Enclosures wanting 1933 July 1 (1 p) (1 p)

Thomas, Havard. ALS to Sir Edward Howard Marsh. Relates to Rupert Brooke memorial in Rugby chapel 1918 July 29 (2 p) (2 p)

Ward, Dudley. 3 ALS to Lady Eileen Wellesley. Relates to Rupert Brooke 1915 Apr. 24 - 1915 May 20 (3 items) (3 items)

Whelen, Frederick. TLS to Mrs. Alan Parsons. Relates to Rupert Brooke 1915 Dec. 6 (1 p) (1 p)
Came with Sir Edward Howard Marsh's correspondence

Photograph of Rupert Brooke as Comus n.d. (1 item) (1 item)

Group photograph showing Rupert Brooke as Portia in Hillbrow school production of The Merchant of Venice n.d. (1 item) (1 item)