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.
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
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
Ashmore, Basil
Brosnan, Gerald
Colum, Padraic, 1881-1972
Gregory, Lady, 1852-1932
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)

Ashmore, Basil. 3 TLS, 4 postcards to 1956 June 27 - [1958] Aug. 6 (7 letters) (7 letters)

Brown, Spencer Curtis. TL (carbon) to. Relates to Arthur Sinclair 1912 Mar. 28 (2 p) (2 p)

Came with Lady Gregory's papers

Colum, Padraic. ALS to [1911] July 18 (2 p) (2 p)

Conrad, Mrs. Joseph. TNS to. Relates to Conrad's letters to John Quinn 1930 Sept. 16 (1 p) (1 p)

John D. Gordan bequest


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

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)

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]
Gregory, Lady. ALS to. Refers to Lady Gregory’s Story brought by Brigit 1924? (1 p) (1 p)

Gregory, Lady. TLS to 1927 Mar. 7? (1 p) (1 p)

Gregory, Lady. TL (copy) to 1928 Mar. 26 (1 p) (1 p)

Gregory, Lady. ALS to n.d. (1 p) (1 p)

Gregory, Lady. ALS to n.d. (1 p) (1 p)

Gregory, Lady. TLS (incomplete copy) to n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
On verso: passage from Lady Gregory’s Diary or [Memoirs]

Gregory, Lady. 3 TLS to. One dated 1922 Aug. 22 (3 letters) (3 letters)

Gregory, Lady. TLS to n.d. (1 p) (1 p)

Gregory, Lady. TLS to. Relates to the Lane pictures n.d. (1 letter) (1 letter)

Gregory, Lady. ANS to n.d. (1 p) (1 p)

Howe, [W. T. H.]. ALS to 1928? (3 p) (3 p)
H.

Howe, W. T. H. LS to 1936 Jan. 31 (1 letter) (1 letter)
Encloses a copy of the A. E. Memorial council appeal. H.

Howe, [W. T. H.]. ALS to n.d. (1 letter) (1 letter)
H.

Hutton, Doris. ALS to. Mentions Gordon Craig Aug. 25 (1 p) (1 p)
Outgoing Correspondence (cont.)

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: 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)

Manuscript box: Pincker and son, James B. LS, ALS, etc. to 1919 - 1932 (8 letters) (8 letters)

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)

Manuscript box: Yeats, William Butler. TLS to [1931] Jan. 31 (1 p) (1 p)

Manuscript box: Yeats, William Butler. TLS (carbon) to. Relates to the Lane pictures n.d. (1 p) (1 p)

Manuscript box: [Journal] Typewritten draft. Folder 16

In: Gregory, Lady. [Memoirs]

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)
| 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. TLS (carbon) to Robinson 1924 Dec. 16 (1 leaf) (1 leaf) Encloses Gregory's translation of Moliere's The would-be gentleman |
| Manuscript box | Gregory, Lady Isabella Augusta Persse. AL (draft) to Robinson [1925] Oct. 23 (1 p) (1 p) |
| Manuscript box | 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.] |
| Manuscript box | Gregory, Lady Isabella Augusta Persse. AN to Robinson 1928 Feb. 24 (1 p) (1 p) |
| Manuscript box | McCarthy, Lillah. Postcard to Robinson 1919 (1 card) (1 card) Came with Lady Gregory's papers |
| Manuscript box | McNeill, James. TLS to Robinson 1926 Sept. 14 (1 p) (1 p) |
### Correspondence (cont.)

**Manuscript box**

**O’Casey, Sean. TL to Robinson 1923 Feb. 27 (1 p) (1 p)**


**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)**


**Manuscript box (Robinson, L.)**

**Shiels, George. Letter, copied in Lady Gregory’s hand, to Robinson 1927 Dec. (1 p) (1 p)**


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**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.


### 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)**


Signed by William Butler Yeats and Lennox Robinson
Legal Documents (cont.)

Manuscript box


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)