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.

Access: Restricted access.

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

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.
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 Moult, 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 Gregan, Lady Gregory, Thomas Moult, 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
Gregan, Paul
Gregory, Lady, 1852-1932
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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
Moult, 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**

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**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**
- Signed "A. E."; H.

**Manuscript box**
- **Promise. Typescript of poem with the author's ms. corrections** n.d. (1 p) (1 p)

**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)

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**
  - 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)
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)
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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)
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Manuscript box  Howe, [W. T. H.]. ALS to 1932 Feb. 18 (4 p) (4 p)
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Manuscript box  Howe, [W. T. H.]. ALS to 1932 Feb. 18 (3 p) (3 p)
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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)
Manuscript box  Moult, Thomas. TLS to 1925 Nov. 10 (1 p) (1 p)
Manuscript box  Moult, Thomas. ALS to 1926 Nov. 25 (1 p) (1 p)
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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)
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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 | Yeats, William Butler. TL (copy) to 1913 May 3 (1 letter) (1 letter) |

### Correspondence (cont.)

| 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

| Manuscript box | Colum, Padraic. ALS to Russell 1930 Mar. 31 (1 p) (1 p) |
| Manuscript box | Gregan, Paul. ALS to Russell. Relates to Patrick MacBride, husband (?) of Maud Gonne MacBride 1905 Mar. 28 (2 p) (2 p) |
| Manuscript box | 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) |
| Manuscript box | H[erbert?], K[--?]. T[--?]. AL to A. E. [George William Russell] 1930 Mar. 30 (1 leaf) (1 leaf) |
| Manuscript box | Moul, Thomas. Mimeographed letter to Russell 1923 (1 p) (1 p) |
| Manuscript box | Shaw, Bernard. Postcard to Russell 1932 Sept. 23 (1 card) (1 card) |

### Related Correspondence

| Manuscript box | Colum, Padraic. LS to Rachel Annand Taylor. n.d. (2 leaves) (2 leaves) |
| Manuscript box | Moul, Thomas. Mimeographed letter to Russell 1923 (1 p) (1 p) |
| Manuscript box | Shaw, Bernard. Postcard to Russell 1932 Sept. 23 (1 card) (1 card) |
| Manuscript box | Gregory, Lady. AL (draft) for George William Russell to The Times literary supplement 1921 ca. Mar. 21 (1 p) (1 p) |
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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)

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

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

Yeats, Jack B. Original pencil drawing of George Russell n.d. (1 item) (1 item)
H.

Yeats, John Butler. [Russell, George William] Original pen and ink portrait 1914 July 18 (1 item) (1 item)
Signed

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

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

Original crayon portrait of John Butler Yeats. 25 x 18 cm. n.d. (1 item) (1 item)
Signed "A. E."; H.