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Guide to the

Arthur Symons collection of papers

1888-1933

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Summary

Creator: Symons, Arthur, 1865-1945

Title: Arthur Symons collection of papers

Date: 1888-1933

Size: 159 items

Source: This is a synthetic collection, created from materials acquired through gift and purchase from various sources. Some materials are from a bequest by John D. Gordan.

Abstract: This is a synthetic collection consisting of manuscripts, typescripts, and correspondence.

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Creator History

Arthur Symons was a Welsh poet, playwright, art and literary critic, essayist, translator, and biographer.

Custodial History

Previous owners include Frank Fletcher, Lady Gregory, W. T. H. Howe, John Quinn, and W. Van R. Whitall.

Scope and Content Note

This is a synthetic collection consisting of manuscripts, typescripts, and correspondence by and about

the author. The manuscripts and typescripts consist of poems, essays, plays, and lists of works by the author, as well as translations of Arthur Rimbaud in Symons's hand, and a reader's report on Symons by Edward Garnett. The correspondence consists of letters by the author, dating from [1890] to 1933, to Mackenzie Bell, Lady Isabella Augusta Persse Gregory, Elkin Mathews, Clement King Shorter, Algernon Charles Swinburne, and others, as well as letters relating to the author, dating from [1908] to 1924, between various correspondents including Rhoda Symons, William Butler Yeats, the literary agency J. B. Pinker and Son, and others.

Key Terms

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Correspondence

Names

Symons, Arthur, 1865-1945
Bell, Mackenzie, 1856-1930
Fletcher, Frank, 1870-1954
Garnett, Edward, 1868-1937
Gregory, Lady, 1852-1932
Howe, W. T. H. (William Thomas Hildrup)
Mathews, Elkin, 1851-1921
Quinn, John, 1870-1924
Rimbaud, Arthur, 1854-1891
Shorter, Clement King, 1857-1926
Swinburne, Algernon Charles, 1837-1909
Symons, Rhoda, 1874?-1936
Whitall, William Van R.
Yeats, W. B. (William Butler), 1865-1939
James B. Pinker and Son

Container List

Manuscripts and Typescripts

Manuscripts and Typescripts written by Symons

- | | |
|---|--|
| Manuscript box | After love. Holograph poem 1890 July 13 (1 p) (1 p)
Signed |
| Manuscript box | "Books by Arthur Symons." Two lists, one through 1919, with "July 20" pencilled at head, other through 1920. Typescripts (one with ms. additions) 1919, 1920 (1 p.; 3 p) (1 p.; 3 p)
With: Symons, Arthur. LS, ALS, etc. to J. B. Pinker and son: letter of May 27, 1922. B. |
| Manuscript box | Christmas Eve. Holograph n.d. (6 p) (6 p)
Signed. With typescript with the author's ms. corrections. 4 p. |
| Manuscript box | [D'Annunzio] Typescript and proof with the author's ms. corrections n.d. (4 p) (4 p) |
| Manuscript box | [Essay, untitled] Typescript and proof. Typescript includes two fragmentary pages of A literary causery published in the Savoy, Dec. 1896 n.d. (13 p) (13 p) |
| Manuscript box | [From Toulouse-Lautrec to Rodin. Henri de Toulous-Lautrec] Four typewritten and holograph chapters the former with the author's ms. corrections n.d. (44 p) (44 p)
One signed. Chapter 3 corresponds to Chap. 18, Chap. 4-19, Chap. 5 in holograph and typescript, to Chap. 22 and Chap. 7 is not published in the London, J. Lane [1929] edition |
| Manuscript box | Gipsy song. (For Fenella). Holograph poem 1907 June 13 (1 p) (1 p)
Signed |
| Manuscript box | Harvesters, The. Holograph play 1905 Sept. 9 (116 p) (116 p)
Published in his: Tragedies, New York, London, 1916 |
| Oversize (+) | Notes on Giovanni Bellini. Holograph n.d. (16 p) (16 p)
Signed. With: Notes on Giovanni Bellini. Typescript. 16 p.; John Quinn bookplate laid in |
| Oversize (+) | Notes on Giovanni Bellini. Typescript n.d. (16 p) (16 p)
With: Notes on Giovanni Bellini. Holograph. 16 p.; John Quinn bookplate laid in |
| Manuscript box | Notes on The Hobby horse. Typescript with the author's ms. corrections. Mentions Selwyn Image and quotes a letter from him to the author n.d. (12 p) (12 p)
With author's pencilled note: "This and Ch. Yvette [Guilbert] only were printed a year ago in Vanity Fair and not in London." |
| Cased | Poems (21) Holograph. One undated 1888 May 4 - 1907 Dec. 2 (29 p) (29 p)
Also ms. table of contents (listing 23 poems). 2 p.; John Quinn's stamp; Frank Fletcher, W. Van R. Whitall bookplates; H. |
| Manuscript box | Wanderers, The. Holograph poem 1895 Sept. 29 (2 p) (2 p) |
| Manuscripts and Typescripts relating to Symons | |
| Manuscript box (Symons) | Garnett, Edward. Reader's report sent to T. Fisher Unwin about Arthur Symons n.d. (1 p) (1 p) |

Manuscripts and Typescripts (cont.)

Manuscripts and Typescripts relating to Symons (cont.)

- (Symons, A.) Rimbaud, Arthur. A season in Hell [Un saison en enfer] Holograph translation by Arthur Symons 1912 Apr., 1912 May (34 p) (34 p)
With: A season in Hell [Une saison en enfer] Typescript with the translator's ms. corrections
- (Symons, A.) Rimbaud, Arthur. A season in Hell [Un saison en enfer] Typescript with the translator's ms. corrections 1912 May (34 p) (34 p)
With: A season in Hell [Une saison en enfer] Holograph

Correspondence

Outgoing Correspondence

- Manuscript box Bagg, [--?]. Postcard to 1902 Dec. 24 (1 card) (1 card)
- Manuscript box Bell, MacKenzie. ALS to 1896 Sept. 23 (1 p) (1 p)
Carbon of MacKenzie Bell's reply, Sept. 24, 1896. 1 p.
- Manuscript box Cohen, D[--?] H[--?]. TLS to 1927 Oct. 24 (1 p) (1 p)
With holograph note on envelope
- Manuscript box Craigie, Pearl Mary Teresa Richards. ALS to n.d. (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
- Manuscript box Gregory, Lady. ALS to 1903 (3 p) (3 p)
- Manuscript box Lane, [John]. ALS to. Relates to George Meredith bibliography 1890 Aug.] or [1890 Sept. (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
H.
- Manuscript box Lane, [John]. ALS to. On correspondence card. Relates to George Meredith bibliography 1890? (1 card) (1 card)
H.
- Manuscript box Mathews, Elkin. ALS to 1893 Aug. 7 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box Mathews, Elkin. ALS to 1919 Nov. 17 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box Mathews, Elkin. Postcard to 1921 July 30 (1 card) (1 card)
- Manuscript box Mathews, Elkin. Postcard to June 26 (1 card) (1 card)
- Manuscript box Pinker, J. B., and son. LS, ALS, etc. to. Joseph Conrad mentioned in letters in 1921-1924, 1930 1907 - 1933 (118 letters) (118 letters)
B.
- Manuscript box Pinker, J. B., and son. TNS to 1928 July 20 (1 p) (1 p)
John D. Gordan bequest
- Cased Shorter, [Clement]. ALS to 1917 Oct. 9 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
Accompanied his: Plays, acting and music. Proof sheets. B.
- Cased Shorter (?), [Clement]. ALS to [1918] Jan. 13 (2 p) (2 p)
Accompanied his: Play, acting and music. Proof sheets. B.
- Manuscript box Strong, [Rowland?]. 3 ALS to. One dated July 29 [n.y.] 1902 Dec. 6, 1903 Jan. 14 (2 leaves; 1 leaf; 2 leaves) (2 leaves; 1 leaf; 2 leaves)
- Manuscript box Swinburne, Algernon Charles. ALS to 1905 Sept. 13 (3 p) (3 p)
- Manuscript box Thompson, [--?]. ALS to 1912 Aug. 16 (2 p) (2 p)
- Manuscript box [--?]. ALS to 1924 Nov. 26 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
- Manuscript box [--?]. LS to. Incomplete n.d. (2 leaves) (2 leaves)

Related Correspondence

- Manuscript box (Woolf) Nation, The. TN and TL to J. B. Pinker and son. Relate to Joseph Conrad and Arthur Symons 1924 Aug. 9, 1924 Aug. 15 (1 p. each) (1 p. each)
Signed by Leonard Woolf. John D. Gordan bequest

Correspondence (cont.)

Related Correspondence (cont.)

Manuscript box
(Symons, A.)

Symons, Rhoda. ALS to William Butler Yeats. Arthur Symons' wife writing
about his illness 1908 (1 p) (1 p)

Came with Lady Gregory's papers