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Guide to the

Jack Butler Yeats collection of papers

1899-1955

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Summary

Creator: Yeats, Jack B. (Jack Butler), 1871-1957

Title: Jack Butler Yeats collection of papers

Date: 1899-1955

Size: 130 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 correspondence, portraits, six sketchbooks dating from 1900 to 1908, and pictorial works.

Access: Restricted access.

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Creator History

Jack Butler Yeats was an Irish painter and illustrator. He was the younger brother of the poet, William Butler Yeats.

Custodial History

Previous owners include W. T. H. Howe, Ria Mooney, and Owen D. Young.

Scope and Content Note

This is a synthetic collection consisting of correspondence, portraits, six sketchbooks dating from 1900 to 1908, and pictorial works. The correspondence, dating from [1899] to [1955], consists of letters from Yeats to Padraic Colum, Lady Isabella Augusta Persse Gregory, Frederick Robert Higgins, W. T. H. Howe, Ria Mooney, and others, as well as a letter, dated 1930, from his wife Coltie Yeats to Lady Gregory. The portraits include sketches and watercolors of Lady Gregory, John Masefield, George Russell, and a self-portrait.

Key Terms

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Correspondence
Sketchbooks

Names

Yeats, Jack B. (Jack Butler), 1871-1957
Colum, Padraic, 1881-1972
Gregory, Lady, 1852-1932
Higgins, F. R. (Frederick Robert), 1896-1941
Howe, W. T. H. (William Thomas Hildrup)
Howe, W. T. H. (William Thomas Hildrup)
Masefield, John, 1878-1967
Mooney, Ria, 1903-1973
Mooney, Ria, 1903-1973
Russell, George William, 1867-1935
Yeats, Coltie
Young, Owen D., 1874-

Container List

Portraits and Pictorial Works

Portraits

- Cased Original pen-and-ink portrait sketches. Includes portrait of Lady Gregory and self-portrait by the artist. Drawn in margins of: A feis will be held at Killeeneen Craughwell on Sunday August 31st 1902 to perpetuate the memory of the Connacht poet n.d. (6 items) (6 items)
- Oversize (+) Original water color sketch of John Masefield n.d. (1 item) (1 item)
H.
- Cased Original pencil drawing of George Russell n.d. (1 item) (1 item)
H.

Pictorial Works

- Cased Sketch books. Loose-leaf 1900 - 1908 (6 v) (6 v)
H.
- Manuscript box Original water color and ink drawing n.d. (1 item) (1 item)
Signed. With doggerel and Christmas greetings in Yeats' hand. The doggerel is signed "J. M."; H.
- Manuscript box Original pen-and-ink and wash drawing: gypsy sailor against a star-filled sky with mast of ship at left, building at right. 13 x 19 cm. Drawing had been framed with ms. verse in unknown hand headed: VIII Yeats. My love Johnny n.d. (1 item) (1 item)
Signed. H.
- Oversize (+++) [Blind huntsman, The] Original crayon and water color drawing. 31 x 46 cm. n.d. (1 item) (1 item)
Signed. H.
- Oversize (+++) [Causeway bridge, The] Original water color drawing. 18 x 26 cm. n.d. (1 item) (1 item)
Signed. H.
- Cased Original pen and ink drawing n.d. (1 item) (1 item)
With manuscript note, "It's the flight of the wild gesses," says Tommy wid a grin. Page 13 of ms."; H.
- Oversize (+++) [One-armed tallyman, The] Original water color drawing. 36 x 26 cm. n.d. (1 item) (1 item)
Signed. H.
- Oversize (+++) [Remounted] Original water color drawing, 27 x 25 cm. n.d. (1 item) (1 item)
Signed. H.
- Oversize (+) 8 original drawings (unpublished) for Ernest Rhys' The great Cockney tragedy n.d. (8 items) (8 items)
H.
- On half-title of:
Synge, J. M. Aran
islands, Dublin,
1907. Large paper
edition, copy 3
Cased Original water color drawing of a man looking out to sea n.d. (1 item) (1 item)
Signed
- Cased 20 original drawings for The bosun and the bob-tailed comet n.d. (20 items) (20 items)
Y.

Correspondence

Outgoing Correspondence

Correspondence (cont.)

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- Manuscript box Colum, Padraic. 7 ALS to 1910 - 1918 (7 letters in 2 folders) (7 letters in 2 folders)
- Manuscript box Gorman, Eric. ALS to 1938 Sept. 19 (1 p) (1 p)
Came with Ria Mooney's correspondence
- Manuscript box Gregory, Lady [Isabella Augusta Persse]. 39 ALS to [1899] Mar. 14 - 1931 Apr. 13 (39 letters in 10 folders) (39 letters in 10 folders)
- (Yeats) Pasted on inside back cover of: Samhain. [no. 7] 1908 [Set 1]
Manuscript box Gregory, Lady [Isabella Augusta Persse]. ALS to 1909 Mar. 15 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
- Manuscript box Higgins, Frederick Robert. ALS to 1939 Jan. 4 (1 p) (1 p)
Came with Ria Mooney's correspondence
- Manuscript box Howe, [W. T. H.]. ANS to 1924 May 15 (1 p) (1 p)
H.
- Oversize (+)
Inserted in his:
The treasure of the garden.
London, 1902?
Copy 2
Manuscript box Howe, [W. T. H.]. ALS to 1925 Apr. 21 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box Howe, [W. T. H.]. ANS to 1930 Dec. 8 (1 p) (1 p)
H.
- Manuscript box [Mathews?], [Mr.]. ALS to 1910 Dec. 23 (1 p) (1 p)
With original pen-and-ink sketch. H.
- Manuscript box Monnier, Adrienne. ANS to 1929 Apr. 20 (1 p) (1 p)
With envelope; encloses printed receipt, filled out in Yeats' hand, to Monnier for 15 [pounds] "on behalf of Mr. James Joyce...for the picture 'Porter Boats.'"
- Manuscript box Mooney, Ria. 25 ALS to. Letter of Feb. 1, 1939 relates to W. B. Yeats; letter of May 15, 1947 mentions John Masefield 1939 Jan. 19 - [1955] Sept. 15 (25 letters) (25 letters)
With menu for "Dinner to Jack B. Yeats at Jammets, 7th October, 1953," signed by Yeats
- Related Correspondence
- Manuscript box (Yeats, Jack B.) Yeats, Coltie. ALS to Lady [Isabella Augusta Persse] Gregory. From Jack Yeats' wife 1930 Dec. 31 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)