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Guide to the

John Butler Yeats collection of papers

1897-1921

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Summary

Creator: Yeats, John Butler, 1839-1922

Title: John Butler Yeats collection of papers

Date: 1897-1921

Size: 122 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 a manuscript, correspondence, portraits and portrait sketches, and pictorial works.

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Creator History

John Butler Yeats was an Irish portrait painter and the father of the poet William Butler Yeats and the painter Jack Butler Yeats.

Custodial History

Previous owners include Sarah Allgood, Madeleine Boyd, Lady Gregory, and W. T. H. Howe.

Scope and Content Note

This is a synthetic collection consisting of a manuscript, correspondence, portraits and portrait sketches, and pictorial works. The manuscript consists of an invitation to a dinner in New York on March 29, [1916]. The correspondence consists of letters from Yeats, dating from [1897] to 1921, to Padraic Colum, Lord Edward Dunsany, Lady Isabella Augusta Persse Gregory, Douglas Hyde, Gustav Kobbé, W. B. Yeats, and others, as well as a letter, dated 1914, from John Quinn to Maire O'Neill, relating to Yeats, and a letter from Lady Gregory to Yeats, dated [Jan. 18, 1906]. The portraits include sketches and pen-and-ink drawings of George Moore, John Quinn, George William Russell, and William Butler Yeats.

Key Terms

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Correspondence

Names

Yeats, John Butler, 1839-1922

Colum, Padraic, 1881-1972

Dunsany, Lord, 1878-1957

Gregory, Lady, 1852-1932

Hyde, Douglas, 1860-1949

Kobbe_, Gustav, 1857-1918

Moore, George, 1852-1933

O'Neill, Maire, 1887-1952

Quinn, John, 1870-1924

Russell, George William, 1867-1935

Yeats, W. B. (William Butler), 1865-1939

Container List

Manuscripts

- Manuscript box (Yeats, John B.) "To John Butler Yeats." Manuscript invitation to dinner on March 29 [1916] at Petitpas, 317 W. 29th St. [N.Y.C.] 1916 (1 p) (1 p)
Came with John Butler Yeats' correspondence with Padraic Colum

Correspondence

Outgoing Correspondence

- Manuscript box Blake, [--?]. ALS to 1914 July 18 (1 p) (1 p)
With original pen and ink portrait of George William Russell. Came with Sara Allgood's correspondence
- Manuscript box Colum, Padraic. 24 ALS to 1914 Sept. 16[?] - 1921 Nov. 14 (24 letters in 5 folders) (24 letters in 5 folders)
- Manuscript box Colum, Padraic. 3 ALS to n.d. (1 p.; 1 leaf; 1 p) (1 p.; 1 leaf; 1 p)
- Manuscript box Dunsany, Lord Edward. ALS to 1919 Dec. 22 (1 p) (1 p)
B.
- Manuscript box Ford, Mrs. [Simeon?]. ALS to 1913 June 24 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
- Manuscript box Ford, Mrs. [Simeon?]. ALS to 1918 Apr. 1 (1 p) (1 p)
With his original pen-and-ink sketch at the bottom of page
- Manuscript box Gregory, Lady Isabella Augusta Persse. 71 ALS, 2 TLS (1 fragment) to 1897 Dec. 9] - 1920 [Aug. 14 (73 letters in 15 folders) (73 letters in 15 folders)
- Manuscript box Hyde, Douglas. 2 ALS to 1898 Apr. 24, 1898 Apr. 28 (2 leaves each) (2 leaves each)
Enclosed in: Hyde, Douglas. 231 ALS, 27 postcards, 1 TLS to Lady Gregory. Letter of April 30, 1898
- Oversize (+)
Inserted in: Yeats, Jack B. The treasure of the garden [1902?]
Copy 1
- Manuscript box Kobbé, Gustav. ALS to 1914 Apr. 13 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box Yeats, William Butler. ALS to. Relates to Lady Gregory 1903 June 18 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
Came with Lady Gregory's papers
- Manuscript box Yeats, William Butler. TL (incomplete) to 1908 Dec. 11 (1 p) (1 p)
Came with Lady Gregory's papers
- (Yeats) Pasted on p. 53 of: Samhain. [no. 4] 1904 [Set 1]
Manuscript box Yeats, William Butler. ANS to n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
With self-portrait

Incoming Correspondence

- Manuscript box Gregory, Isabella Augusta Persse, Lady. ALS (draft?) to John Butler Yeats 1906 Jan. 18 (4 leaves) (4 leaves)

Related Correspondence

- Manuscript box Quinn, John. TLS to Maire O'Neill. Mentions John Butler Yeats and William Butler Yeats 1914 June 4 (5 p) (5 p)

Portraits and Pictorial Works

Portraits

Portraits and Pictorial Works (cont.)

Portraits (cont.)

- Manuscript box Russell, G. W. Original crayon portrait of John Butler Yeats. 25 x 18 cm.
n.d. (1 item) (1 item)
Signed "A. E."; H.
- Inserted in:
Moore, George.
Esther Waters.
[Popular ed.]
London, 1899 "George Moore giving his memorial lecture at the R. H. A." Original pencil
portrait sketch. 13 x 18 cm. n.d. (1 item) (1 item)
Signed
- Manuscript box Original pen-and-ink portrait of John Quinn n.d. (1 item) (1 item)
Signed. H.
- Cased [Portrait sketches] 30 original pencil sketches. One dated. 1903 Aug. (1 v) (1
v)
Presented to Madeleine Boyd
- Manuscript box. In [Russell, George William] Original pen and ink portrait 1914 July 18 (1 item) (1
his: ALS to [--?]
Blak. New York, item)
July 18, 1914 Signed
- Manuscript box [Yeats, William Butler] Original pencil portrait. 7 x 13 cm. n.d. (1 item) (1 item)
On verso of Oxford hall, Cambridge, Mass. printed rates and hours for meals, with Lady
Gregory's ms. corrections of schedule. Came with Lady Gregory's papers
- Oversize (+) [Yeats, William Butler] Original pencil portrait. 24 x 31 cm. n.d. (1 item) (1 item)
With typed valuation from Thomas Agnew and sons made for Major Richard G. Gregory,
grandson of Lady Gregory. Lady Gregory

Pictorial Works

- Manuscript box Original pen-and-ink sketches (3). 21 x 28 cm. One has note: "the prophet
of negation becomes the raven of prophecy." n.d. (3 items) (3 items)
Came with John B. Yeats' correspondence with Padraic Colum