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.

Access: Restricted access.

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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

Came with John Butler Yeats' correspondence with Padraic Colum

Correspondence

Outgoing Correspondence

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

Colum, Padraic. 24 ALS to 1914 Sept. 16[?] - 1921 Nov. 14 (24 letters in 5 folders) (24 letters in 5 folders)

Colum, Padraic. 3 ALS to n.d. (1 p; 1 leaf; 1 p; 1 leaf; 1 p)

Dunsany, Lord Edward. ALS to 1919 Dec. 22 (1 p) (1 p)

Ford, Mrs. [Simeon?]. ALS to 1913 June 24 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)

Ford, Mrs. [Simeon?]. ALS to 1918 Apr. 1 (1 p) (1 p)
With his original pen-and-ink sketch at the bottom of page

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)

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

Kobbé, Gustav. ALS to 1914 Apr. 13 (1 p) (1 p)

Yeats, William Butler. ALS to. Relates to Lady Gregory 1903 June 18 (2 leaves)
(2 leaves)
Came with Lady Gregory's papers

Yeats, William Butler. TL (incomplete) to 1908 Dec. 11 (1 p) (1 p)
Came with Lady Gregory's papers

Yeats, William Butler. ANS to n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
With self-portrait

Incoming Correspondence

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

Related Correspondence


Portraits and Pictorial Works

Portraits
Portraits and Pictorial Works (cont.)

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

Original pen-and-ink portrait of John Quinn n.d. (1 item) (1 item)
Signed H.

Manuscript box

[Cased]
[Portrait sketches] 30 original pencil sketches. One dated. 1903 Aug. (1 v) (1)
Presented to Madeleine Boyd

Manuscript box. In his: ALS to [-?] Blak. New York, July 18, 1914

[Russell, George William] Original pen and ink portrait 1914 July 18 (1 item) (1 item)
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

Over-size (+)

[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

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