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Guide to the

Curtis Brown Ltd records

1906-1960

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Summary

Creator: Curtis Brown Ltd.

Title: Curtis Brown Ltd records

Date: 1906-1960

Size: 133 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, and legal and financial documents.

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Creator History

Curtis Brown Ltd. is a literary agency based in London. It was founded in 1899 by Albert Curtis Brown.

Custodial History

The letters to W. B. Yeats came with Lady Gregory's papers. The letters to J. B. Pinker and Son were acquired from John D. Gordan's bequest.

Scope and Content Note

This is a synthetic collection consisting of correspondence, and legal and financial documents. The bulk of the collection is letters, dating from 1906 to 1949, to Sir Hall Caine, Marie Corelli, Susan Glaspell, Lady Isabella Augusta Persse Gregory, Clayton Meeker Hamilton, Sir Edward Howard Marsh, Sean O'Casey, Michael Roberts, Muriel Rukeyser, William Butler Yeats, and the literary agency James B. Pinker and Son, as well as letters to Curtis Brown Ltd. from Max Beerbohm, Lady Gregoy, Sean O'Casey, Mary Webb, and others, dating from 1904 to 1930.

Key Terms

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Correspondence

Names

Curtis Brown Ltd.

Beerbohm, Max, Sir, 1872-1956

Caine, Hall, Sir, 1853-1931

Corelli, Marie, 1855-1924

Glaspell, Susan, 1876-1948

Gordan, John D., 1907-1968

Gregory, Lady, 1852-1932

Hamilton, Clayton Meeker, 1881-1946

Marsh, Edward Howard, Sir, 1872-1953

O'Casey, Sean, 1880-1964

Roberts, Michael, 1902-1948

Rukeyser, Muriel, 1913-1980

Webb, Mary, 1881-1927

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

James B. Pinker and Son

Container List

Correspondence

Incoming Correspondence

- Manuscript box Beerbohm, Max. ALS to Curtis Brown 1919 Dec. 7 (3 p) (3 p)
- Manuscript box Gregory, Lady Isabella Augusta Persse. TLS (2 copies), ALS (draft) to Curtis Brown 1930 Feb. 25, 1930[?] Apr. 1 (3 items) (3 items)
- Manuscript box Hornung, Ernest William. ALS to Curtis Brown 1904 Apr. 15 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
Came with J. B. Pinker correspondence
- Manuscript box O'Casey, Sean. ALS to Nancy Pearn of Curtis Brown n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box (Yeats). In: Curtis Brown. TLS to William Butler Yeats, May 2, 1912. 1 p.
Sinclair, Arthur. TL (2 copies) to Curtis Brown 1912 Apr. 30 (1 p. each) (1 p. each)
With TN from Curtis Brown to Arthur Sinclair, May 2, 1912. 1 p.
- Manuscript box Webb, Mary. 15 ALS, 1 TL, 5 lettercards and 1 postcard to Curtis Brown 1918 June 5 - 1923 Jan. 2 (31 mounted leaves in 1 folder) (31 mounted leaves in 1 folder)
Webb, Mary. 7 ALS and 1 postcard to Curtis Brown. One letter dated Sept. 5 [n.y.]. One letter addressed to A. H. Dakens, a member of the firm [1920] July 2 - [1923] Mar. 18 (8 items) (8 items)
- Manuscript box Zangwill, Israel. TLS to Curtis Brown 1918 May 30 (1 p) (1 p)

Outgoing Correspondence

- Manuscript box (Caine, H.) Box 7 Caine, Sir Hall. 8 TLS, 2 TL (copies) 1910 Sept. 30 - 1925 Sept. 18 (10 items in 2 folders) (10 items in 2 folders)
- Manuscript box Corelli, Marie. Letter 1906 Oct. (3 p) (3 p)
Signed Hughes Massie. Enclosed in: Corelli, Marie. 198 ALS, 17 ANS, 2 TLS, 8 telegrams to A. P. Watt and son. With letter of Oct. 24, 1906. In folder 10
- Manuscript box Corelli, Marie. 2 TL to 1906 Nov. 2, 1906 Nov. 3 (3 p) (3 p)
Signed Hughes Massie. Encloses announcement of Nature backgrounds of poetry, edited by Andrew Lang. Typescript, 1 p.; Enclosed in: Corelli, Marie. 198 ALS, 17 ANS, 2 TLS, 8 telegrams to A. P. Watt and son. With letter of Oct. 24, 1906. In folder 10
- Manuscript box (Gaspell) Glaspell, Susan. 6 TLS, 1 telegram 1927 - [1946 (7 items in 2 folders) (7 items in 2 folders)
Signed Curtis Brown
- Manuscript box (Gaspell) In: Glaspell, Susan. 34 ALS, etc. to Norman Haghejm Matson [Oct.? 1926-1932] Folder 12
Glaspell, Susan. TLS 1930 Nov. 8 (1 p) (1 p)
Signed Curtis Brown
- Manuscript box (Gaspell) Glaspell, Susan. 7 TLS, 1 telegram 1939 May 10 - [1940] June 28 (8 items in 2 folders) (8 items in 2 folders)
Signed Alan C. Collins
- Manuscript box (Gaspell) Glaspell, Susan. 10 TLS, 2 telegrams 1939 June 9 - 1939 Aug. 10 (12 items in 2 folders) (12 items in 2 folders)
Signed Edith Haggard

Correspondence (cont.)

Outgoing Correspondence (cont.)

- Manuscript box (Glaspell) Glaspell, Susan. 3 TLS 1939 July 17 - 1939 Aug. 14 (3 items) (3 items)
Signed Monica McCall
- Manuscript box (Glaspell) Glaspell, Susan. TLS 1940 Sept. 3 (1 p) (1 p)
Signed Nellie Sukerman
- Manuscript box (Glaspell) Glaspell, Susan. 5 TLS 1945 Sept. 6 - 1945 Nov. 1 (5 items) (5 items)
Signed Juliet O'Hea
- Manuscript box (Glaspell) Glaspell, Susan. TLS 1948 May 25 (1 p) (1 p)
Signed Phoebe Walker
- Manuscript box (Gregory) Gregory, Lady [Isabella Augusta Persse]. TLS 1912 Dec. 6 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box (Gregory) Gregory, Lady [Isabella Augusta Persse]. TLS 1914 Apr. 17 (1 p) (1 p)
Signed E. M. Williams. Encloses: Agreement between Lady Gregory and M. Georges-Bazile for French translation and publication of her *Our Irish theatre*. Typescript (carbon). 1 p.
- Manuscript box (Gregory) Gregory, Lady [Isabella Augusta Persse]. TLS 1916 Dec. 12 (1 p) (1 p)
Signed E. M. Williams. In same folder with: Curtis Brown [Spencer?] 2 TLS to Lady Gregory. Aug. 9, 1911 and May 6, 1915
- Manuscript box (Gregory) Gregory, Lady. 2 TL 1919 Oct. 3, 1919 Nov. 21 (2 items) (2 items)
Signed P. Patching
- Manuscript box (Gregory) Gregory, Lady. TLS 1922 Aug. 16 (1 p) (1 p)
- In: Gregory, Lady. [Journal]
Typescript. Book 34. Carbon. On verso of p. 27
- Manuscript box (Gregory) Gregory, Lady. 6 TLS 1930 Jan. 17 - 1930 Apr. 28 (6 items) (6 items)
Enclosed in letter of April 28, 1930: Agreement, dated April 22, 1930 between Lady Gregory and Elkin Mathews & Marrot, Ltd., London, for a limited edition of her *My first play*. Typescript, signed M. Marrot. 2 p.
- Manuscript box (Gregory) Gregory, Lady. TLS 1930 Nov. 28 (1 p) (1 p)
Signed R. Killick
- Manuscript box (Grahame) Hamilton, Clayton Meeker. Letter. Relates to Kenneth Grahame 1944 Oct. 5 (1 p) (1 p)
Signed Naomi Burton
- Manuscript box (Marsh) Marsh, Sir Edward Howard. TL. Relates to Arundel Del Re 1937 Jan. 6 (1 p) (1 p)
Signed Naomi Burton
- O'Casey, Sean. TNS 1927 Oct. 4 (1 p) (1 p)
On verso of Act IV, p. 11 of: O'Casey, Sean. *The silver tassie*. Early typescript (carbon) drafts. Envelope 1
- Manuscript box (Conrad) Pinker, J. B., and Son. 8 TLS, 7 TNS. Relate to Joseph Conrad and others 1907 Jan. 4 - 1928 Dec. 27 (15 items) (15 items)
John D. Gordan bequest
- Manuscript box (Lawrence, D. H.) Roberts, Michael. TL. Relates to D. H. Lawrence's inclusion in *The Faber book of modern verse*, 1936 1935 July 19 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box (Rukeyser) Rukeyser, Muriel. 5 TL 1946 Oct. 16 - 1949 Aug. 15 (5 items) (5 items)
1 letter signed by Grace M. Byrne; 1 signed by Alan C. Collins; 3 by Naomi Burton

Correspondence (cont.)

Outgoing Correspondence (cont.)

- Manuscript box (Yeats) Yeats, William Butler. TL 1912 May 4 (2 p) (2 p)
Signed by Nora M. Williams. Came with Lady Gregory's papers
- Manuscript box (Yeats) Yeats, William Butler. TLS 1912 May 2 (1 p) (1 p)
Encloses: Sinclair, Arthur. TL (2 copies) to Curtis Brown, April 30, 1912. 1 p.; with TN from Curtis Brown to Arthur Sinclair, May 2, 1912. 1 p.; Came with Lady Gregory's papers

Financial and Legal Documents

Financial Documents

- Manuscript box (Kallman) Royalty statements (2) sent to Chester Kallman. Includes individual statements from Boosey & Hawkes, London, and Societe des Auteurs & Compositeurs Dramatiques, Paris, relating to W. H. Auden's and Chester Kallman's libretto *The Rake's progress* 1954 Apr. 9, 1955 May 27 (2 items) (2 items)
- Manuscript box (Kallman) Royalty statement sent to Chester Kallman. Relates to *An Elizabethan song book*, edited by W. H. Auden and Chester Kallman 1960 Sept. 9 (1 p) (1 p)

Legal Documents

- Manuscript box (Gaspell) Agreement (copy) between Curtis Brown, Ltd., as agent for Susan Gaspell, and *Ellery Queen's* mystery magazine to reprint her *A jury of her peers*. Mutilated 1946 May 7 (1 p) (1 p)
Signed Mildred Falk and Edith Haggard