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**John Middleton Murry collection of papers**

1911?-1962

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## Summary

**Creator:** Murry, John Middleton, 1889-1957

**Title:** John Middleton Murry collection of papers

**Date:** 1911?-1962

**Size:** 432 items

**Source:** This is a synthetic collection, created from materials acquired through gift and purchase from various sources. The letter to Eric Pinker was a bequest of John D. Gordan.

**Abstract:** This is a synthetic collection consisting of correspondence and one typescript.

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## Creator History

John Middleton Murry, the husband of Katherine Mansfield, was an English biographer, literary critic, essayist, novelist, playwright, and poet.

## Custodial History

Murry was the previous owner of Banford's typescript.

## Scope and Content Note

This is a synthetic collection consisting of a typescript and correspondence by and about the author. The undated typescript is by Frederick Victor Banford. The correspondence includes letters from the author, dating from [1911?] to 1952, to Anne Fremantle, Sir Edward Howard Marsh, Thomas Moul, George Orwell, A. W. Votier, Humbert Wolfe, Leonard Woolf, Virginia Woolf, and others, as well as letters relating to the author, dating from 1928 to 1962, between various correspondents including Edmund C. Blunden, T. S. Eliot, Laurence Housman, Aldous Huxley, Frank Alfred Lea, Eric Pinker, Max Plowman, Sir Richard Rees, Michael Sadleir, Frank Swinnerton, Henry Williamson, and others. There are letters to Murry from Arnold Bennett, Robert Bridges, Joyce Cary, Walter De la Mare, Georges Duhamel, T. S. Eliot, Havelock Ellis, M. Buxton Forman, W. W. Gibson, Edmund Gosse, Thomas Hardy, D. H. Lawrence, Edward Howard Marsh, George Orwell, Countess Mary Russell, Lytton Strachey, Hugh Walpole, Virginia Woolf, and others, dating from 1912 to 1956.

## Key Terms

### Genre/Physical Characteristic

Correspondence

### Names

Murry, John Middleton, 1889-1957  
Bennett, Arnold, 1867-1931  
Blunden, Edmund, 1896-1974  
Bridges, Robert, 1844-1930  
Cary, Joyce, 1888-1957  
De la Mare, Walter, 1873-1956  
Duhamel, Georges, 1884-1966  
Eliot, T. S. (Thomas Stearns), 1888-1965  
Ellis, Havelock, 1859-1939  
Forman, H. Buxton (Harry Buxton), 1842-1917  
Fremantle, Anne, 1909-2002  
Gibson, Wilfrid Wilson, 1878-1962  
Gordan, John D., 1907-1968  
Gosse, Edmund, 1849-1928  
Hardy, Thomas, 1840-1928  
Housman, Laurence, 1865-1959  
Huxley, Aldous, 1894-1963  
Lawrence, D. H. (David Herbert), 1885-1930  
Lea, F. A. (Frank Alfred), 1915-1977  
Marsh, Edward Howard, Sir, 1872-1953  
Moul, Thomas  
Orwell, George, 1903-1950  
Pinker, Eric  
Plowman, Max, 1883-1941  
Rees, Richard, 1900-  
Sadleir, Michael, 1888-1957  
Strachey, Lytton, 1880-1932  
Swinnerton, Frank, 1884-1982  
Von Arnim, Elizabeth, 1866-1941  
Votier, A. W  
Walpole, Hugh, 1884-1941  
Walpole, Hugh, Sir, 1884-1941  
Williamson, Henry, 1895-1977  
Wolfe, Humbert, 1885-1940

Woolf, Leonard, 1880-1969  
Woolf, Virginia, 1882-1941

## Container List

### Correspondence

#### Outgoing Correspondence

- Manuscript box Fremantle, Anne. ALS to 1931 Apr. 26 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box Marsh, Edward Howard, Sir. 24 ALS to [1911?] Aug. 31 - 1952 Dec. 28 (24 letters in 5 folders) (24 letters in 5 folders)
- Manuscript box Moulton, Bessie. TLS to 1933 Mar. 12 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box Moulton, Bessie. ALS to n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box Moulton, Thomas. 20 ALS to 1912-1934 (26 p) (26 p)
- Manuscript box Orwell, George. 4 TL (carbons) to 1944 July 11 - 1944 Aug. 30 (4 letters) (4 letters)  
With: Orwell, George. 4 TLS, 1 TNS to John Middleton Murry. July 14, 1944-April 12, 1946
- Manuscript box Pinker, Eric. ANS to 1926 July 12 (1 p) (1 p)  
John D. Gordan bequest
- Manuscript box Pinker and son, James B. LS, ALS, etc. to. Relate to Katherine Mansfield 1939 - 1940 (20 letters) (20 letters)
- Manuscript box Votier, A. W. 46 ALS, 12 TLS, 10 postcards, 3 telegrams to 1931 Dec. 1 - 1937 Oct. 14 (71 letters in 15 folders) (71 letters in 15 folders)  
With: postcard to Mrs. Votier, July 25, 1933. Letter of Oct. 14, 1937 encloses his: [Letter. The Old rectory, Larling, Norwich: 1937?] broadside. 18 x 14 cm.; and his: Concerning The Adelphi. [The Old rectory, Larling, Norwich: 1937?] in folder 13
- Manuscript box Wolfe, Humbert. ALS to 1927 July 27 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
- Manuscript box Woolf, Leonard Sidney. TLS to 1913 July 16 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
- Manuscript box Woolf, Virginia. 5 ALS to 1919 Feb. 26 - 1919 Apr. 26 (1 p. each; 1 leaf) (1 p. each; 1 leaf)
- Manuscript box Woolf, Virginia. ALS to. Mentions Thomas Stearns Eliot 1919 May 2 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)  
Enclosed in: Woolf, Virginia. 465 ALS, 10 TLS, 20 postcards to Vanessa Stephen Bell. 1907?-1940. Letter of [May 4, 1919] Folder 37
- Manuscript box [--?]. 2 ALS to 1922 May 6, 1922 May 9 (1 leaf; 1 p) (1 leaf; 1 p)
- Manuscript box [--?]. ALS to. Relates to photograph of Katherine Mansfield 1931 Jan. 20 (1 p) (1 p)

#### Incoming Correspondence

- Manuscript box Bennett, Arnold. ALS to Murry 1920 Nov. 27 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box Bennett, Arnold. ALS to Murry 1922 May 15 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box Bennett, Arnold. ALS to Murry 1923 Jan. 13 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box Bennett, Arnold. ALS to Murry 1923 May 1 (3 p) (3 p)
- Manuscript box Bennett, Arnold. ALS to Murry 1923 May 29 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box Bennett, Arnold. ALS to Murry 1923 June 3 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box Bennett, Arnold. ALS to Murry 1923 June 9 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
- Manuscript box Bennett, Arnold. Correspondence card to Murry 1923 July 8 (1 card) (1 card)
- Manuscript box Bennett, Arnold. TLS to Murry 1923 Sept. 3 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box Bennett, Arnold. ALS to Murry 1923 Sept. 10 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)

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Incoming Correspondence (cont.)

- Manuscript box Bennett, Arnold. ALS to Murry 1923 Sept. 17 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box Bennett, Arnold. ALS to Murry 1924 Apr. 2 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
- Manuscript box Bennett, Arnold. TNS to Murry 1929 Sept. 26 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box Branford, Frederick Victor. 2 ALS to Murry 1930 Mar. 16, 1930 June 7 (2 p.; 1 p) (2 p.; 1 p)
- Manuscript box Branford, Frederick Victor. 14 ALS, TLS, 1 postcard to Murry 1934 Sept. 12 - 1938 Apr. 7 (16 letters in 5 folders) (16 letters in 5 folders)
- Manuscript box (Branford, F. V.) Branford, Margaret A. ALS to Murry. Relates to her husband, F. V. Branford 1930 July 20 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box (Branford, F. V.) Branford, Margaret A. TLS to Murry. Relates to her husband, F. V. Branford 1938 Apr. 7 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box Bridges, Robert. ALS to Murry [1918?] June 7 (3 p) (3 p)
- Manuscript box Bridges, Robert. ALS to Murry [1919] Aug. 20 (3 p) (3 p)
- Manuscript box Bridges, Robert. ALS to Murry [1919] Dec. 5 (2 p) (2 p)
- Manuscript box Bridges, Robert. ALS to Murry [1920] Jan. 22 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
- Manuscript box Bridges, Robert. ALS to Murry. Precedes May 26, 1920 1920 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
- Manuscript box Bridges, Robert. ALS to Murry [1920?] Apr. 29 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box Bridges, Robert. ALS to Murry [1920] May 26 (3 p) (3 p)
- Manuscript box Bridges, Robert. ALS to Murry 1920 May 28 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
- Manuscript box Bridges, Robert. ALS to Murry [1920] June 4 (3 p) (3 p)
- Manuscript box Bridges, Robert. ALS to Murry [1921] Jan. 6 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
- Manuscript box Bridges, Robert. Postcard to Murry. Date from postmark 1921 [Jan.] 11 (1 card) (1 card)
- Manuscript box Bridges, Robert. ALS to Murry [1921] Mar. 11 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
- Manuscript box Bridges, Robert. ALS to Murry [1921] July 3 (3 p) (3 p)
- Manuscript box Bridges, Robert. ALS to Murry 1925 Jan. 28 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box Bridges, Robert. ALS to Murry [1925] Feb. 27 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box Bridges, Robert. ALS to Murry 1925 Feb. 20 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box (Russell, M. A.) Butterworth, Elizabeth (Russell). 3 TLS to Murray 1955 July 2 - 1955 Sept. 15 (1 leaf; 1 p. each) (1 leaf; 1 p. each)  
Encloses typewritten copies of letters by her mother, Countess Mary Annette Beauchamp Russell, to Murry
- Manuscript box Cary, Joyce. TLS to Murry 1954 Jan. 8 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box Cary, Joyce. TLS to Murry 1956 Aug. 31 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box Cary, Joyce. ALS to Murry 1954 Jan. 12 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
- Manuscript box Cary, Joyce. ALS to Murry 1950 Oct. 9 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
- Manuscript box Cary, Joyce. ALS to Murry. Christmas card n.y. Dec. (1 card) (1 card)
- Manuscript box De la Mare, Walter. ALS to Murry 1940 June 17 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box Du Bos, Charles. TLS to Murry 1927 July 13 (2 p) (2 p)
- Manuscript box Du Bos, Charles. TLS to Murry 1929 Oct. 5 (3 p) (3 p)
- Manuscript box Du Bos, Charles. TLS to Murry 1930 Jan. 3 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box Duhamel, Georges. ALS to Murry 1917 Oct. 30 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box Duhamel, Georges. ALS to Murry 1918 June 28 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)

Correspondence (cont.)

Incoming Correspondence (cont.)

- Manuscript box Duhamel, Georges. ALS to Murry 1918 Aug. 9 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
- Manuscript box Duhamel, Georges. ALS, TLS to Murry 1934 Oct. 5, 1948 June 14 (1 p. each) (1 p. each)
- Manuscript box (Mansfield) Duhamel, Georges. TLS to Murry. Relates to Katherine Mansfield's journal 1954 Dec. 7 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box Eliot, Thomas Stearns. 2 TLS to Murry 1931 Oct. 20, 1931 Nov. 6 (1 leaf; 1 p) (1 leaf; 1 p)
- Manuscript box Ellis, Havelock. ALS to Murry 1929 Oct. 3 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
- Manuscript box Ellis, Havelock. ALS to Murry 1929 Oct. 16 (5 p) (5 p)
- Manuscript box Ellis, Havelock. ALS to Murry 1935 July 31 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
- Manuscript box Ellis, Havelock. ALS to Murry 1935 Aug. 6 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
- Manuscript box Forman, Maurice Buxton. ALS to Murry 1929 Sept. 4 (3 p) (3 p)
- Manuscript box Forman, Maurice Buxton. ALS to Murry 1929 Oct. 22 (3 p) (3 p)
- Manuscript box Forman, Maurice Buxton. ALS to Murry 1930 Sept. 24 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
- Manuscript box Garnett, Edward. 3 ALS to Murry 1923 Jan. 20 - 1924 Jan. 31 (1 p. each) (1 p. each)
- Manuscript box Gibson, Wilfrid Wilson. ALS to Murry 1922 Oct. 12 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box Gibson, Wilfrid Wilson. ALS to Murry 1923 Jan. 12 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
- Manuscript box Gibson, Wilfrid Wilson. ALS to Murry 1934 Mar. 27 (2 p) (2 p)
- Manuscript box Gibson, Wilfrid Wilson. TLS to Murry n.d. (1 letter) (1 letter)
- Manuscript box Gosse, Edmund William. ALS to Murry 1912 Apr. 13 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box Gosse, Edmund William. ALS to Murry 1927 May 25 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box Gosse, Edmund William. ALS to Murry 1927 Dec. 23 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box Gosse, Edmund William. ALS to Murry 1928 Feb. 5 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box (Hardy, T.) Hardy, Florence Emily (Dugdale). ALS to Murry. Relates to George Moore [1924] Mar. 30 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
- Manuscript box Hardy, Thomas. ALS to Murry 1919 Mar. 2 (2 p) (2 p)
- Manuscript box Hardy, Thomas. Card to Murry 1919 Mar. 9 (1 card) (1 card)
- Manuscript box Hardy, Thomas. Card to Murry 1919 Mar. 23 (1 card) (1 card)
- Manuscript box Hardy, Thomas. ALS to Murry 1919 July 29 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box Hardy, Thomas. ALS to Murry 1919 Oct. 28 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box Hardy, Thomas. ALS to Murry 1919 Nov. 8 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
- Manuscript box Hardy, Thomas. ALS to Murry 1920 Jan. 9 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box Hardy, Thomas. ALS to Murry 1920 Feb. 23 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box Hardy, Thomas. TLS to Murry 1920 Apr. 7 (1 p) (1 p)  
Encloses his: The maid of Keinton-Mandeville. Typescript of poem, signed, undated. 2 p.
- Manuscript box Hardy, Thomas. ALS to Murry 1920 May 18 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box Hardy, Thomas. ALS to Murry 1920 Oct. 26 (3 p) (3 p)
- Manuscript box Hardy, Thomas. ALS to Murry 1920 Dec. 9 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box Hardy, Thomas. ALS to Murry 1923 Jan. 21, 1923 Feb. 15 (3 p) (3 p)
- Manuscript box Hardy, Thomas. ALS to Murry 1923 June 19 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box Hardy, Thomas. ALS to Murry. Relates to George Moore 1924 Mar. 28 (3 p) (3 p)
- Manuscript box Hardy, Thomas. ALS to Murry. Relates to George Moore 1924 Apr. 9 (1 p) (1 p)

Correspondence (cont.)

Incoming Correspondence (cont.)

- Manuscript box Hardy, Thomas. TLS to Murry 1920 Apr. 7 (1 p) (1 p)  
Encloses his: The maid of Keinton- Mandeville. Typescript of poem, signed, undated. 2 p.
- Manuscript box Hodgson, Ralph. ALS to Murry 1921 Jan. 17 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box (Murry) Johnson, George [?]. AL to Murry 1933 Sept. 13 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)  
Signed G. F. J.; Came with F. R. Lea's correspondence with Murry
- Manuscript box Lawrence, David Herbert. ALS to Murry 1913 Aug. 30 (3 leaves) (3 leaves)
- Manuscript box Lawrence, David Herbert. 68 ALS to Murry 1913? July 13] - 1929 May 20 (68 letters) (68 letters)
- Manuscript box Lewis, Wyndham. ALS to Murry 1927 Oct. 18 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box Marsh, Edward Howard, Sir. 5 ALS to Murry [1923] Jan. 14 - 1952 Dec. 29 (5 letters in 5 folders) (5 letters in 5 folders)
- Manuscript box Orwell, George. 4 TLS, 1 TNS to Murry 1944 July 14 - 1946 Apr. 12 (5 letters) (5 letters)  
With four TL (carbon) replies
- Manuscript box Orwell, George. ALS to Murry 1948 Feb. 20 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
- Manuscript box Orwell, George. ALS to Murry 1948 Mar. 5 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
- Manuscript box Orwell, George. ALS to Murry 1948 Apr. 28 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
- Manuscript box Roberts, Michael. ALS to Murry 1932 Jan. 3 (6 leaves) (6 leaves)
- Manuscript box Roberts, Michael. ALS to Murry 1932 Jan. 12 (3 leaves) (3 leaves)
- Manuscript box Roberts, Michael. TLS to Murry 1932? (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box Russell, Mary Annette Beauchamp Russell, Countess. 22 ALS, 2 postcards to Murry 1919 Aug. 4 - 1927 Sept. 17 (24 letters in 4 folders) (24 letters in 4 folders)
- Manuscript box Scott-Moncrieff, Charles Kenneth. ALS to Murry 1922 Oct. 24 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
- Manuscript box Scott-Moncrieff, Charles Kenneth. ALS to Murry 1922 Dec. 18 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
- Manuscript box Scott-Moncrieff, Charles Kenneth. ALS to Murry 1922 [ie. 1923?] Jan. 2 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
- Manuscript box Strachey, Lytton. 4 ALS to Murry 1919 Aug. 17 - 1922 June 9 (1 p. each) (1 p. each)
- Manuscript box Walpole, Hugh, Sir. ALS to Murry 1923 Feb. 10 (3 p) (3 p)
- Manuscript box Walpole, Hugh, Sir. ALS to Murry 1926 Apr. 22 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box Walpole, Hugh, Sir. ALS to Murry 1926 May 19 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box Wolfe, Humbert. TLS to Murry 1931 June 25 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
- Manuscript box Woolf, Virginia. ALS to Murry May 11 (1 p) (1 p)

Related Correspondence

- Manuscript box Blunden, Edmund Charles. ALS to Frank Alfred Lea. Relates to John Middleton Murry 1957 July 8 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box Duhamel, Georges. TLS to Frank Alfred Lea. Relates to John Middleton Murry. In French 1957 July 10 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box Eliot, Thomas Stearns. 2 TLS to Frank Alfred Lea. Relate to John Middleton Murry 1957 June 7, 1957 June 11 (1 p. each) (1 p. each)
- Manuscript box Housman, Laurence. 8 ALS to Frank Alfred Lea. Letter of April 20, 1948 relates to John Middleton Murry 1947 Feb. 9 - 1948 Nov. 23 (8 letters in 2 folders) (8 letters in 2 folders)
- Manuscript box Huxley, Aldous. ALS to Myrick Land. Relates to disagreement between John Middleton Murry and D. H. Lawrence 1962 Mar. 1 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)

Correspondence (cont.)

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- Manuscript box Huxley, Aldous. ALS to Frank Alfred Lea. Relates to John Middleton Murry 1957 July 17 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box (Pinker, J. B., firm) Letters, ALS, telegrams, etc. from various publishers, etc. to the firm of James B. Pinker and son as literary agent for Katherine Mansfield. Includes letters relating to her Scrapbook edited by John Middleton Murry 1928 - 1940 (13 letters) (13 letters)
- Manuscript box Plowman, Max. 5 ALS, 4 TLS, 2 postcards to Frank Alfred Lea. Several letters mention John Middleton Murry 1938 Aug. 18 - 1940 Apr. 30 (11 letters in 2 folders) (11 letters in 2 folders)
- Manuscript box (Murry) Rees, Sir Richard. 10 ALS, 2 TLS, 5 postcards to A. W. Votier 1932 Dec. 6 - 1934 Aug. 28 (17 letters in 4 folders) (17 letters in 4 folders)  
Came with F. R. Lea's correspondence with John Middleton Murry
- Manuscript box Sadleir, Michael. 3 TLS to Frank Alfred Lea. Relate to John Middleton Murry 1957 June 20 - 1957 Oct. 18 (1 p. each) (1 p. each)
- Manuscript box Swinnerton, Frank. 2 ALS, 1 TLS to Frank Alfred Lea. Relate to John Middleton Murry 1957 June 8 - 1957 Aug. 25 (1 leaf; 1 p. each) (1 leaf; 1 p. each)
- Manuscript box Williamson, Henry. 1 ALS, 2 TLS to Frank Alfred Lea. Relate to John Middleton Murry 1957 July 12 - 1957 Nov. 27 (1 p. each; 1 leaf) (1 p. each; 1 leaf)

Typescripts

- Manuscript box Banford, Frederick Victor. Wonderchild. Typescript with the author's ms. corrections n.d. (3 p) (3 p)  
Sent to John Middleton Murry