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George Bernard Shaw letter of 1909 February 2 to the editor of The Times : manuscript copy

between circa 1909 and circa 1933

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Summary

Author: Shaw, Bernard, 1856-1950

Title: George Bernard Shaw letter of 1909 February 2 to the editor of The Times : manuscript copy

Date: between circa 1909 and circa 1933

Size: 1 item (2 pages) (23 x 18 cm + accompanying material)

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Abstract: Bernard Shaw, born George Bernard Shaw, was an Irish writer of novels, plays, poems, short stories, and literary criticism. The item is a manuscript copy of George Bernard Shaw's letter to the editor of The Times of London, dated February 2, 1909, published on February 5, 1909. Shaw responds to a letter published in The Times on January 29, 1909 by English writer H.W. Mallock. Mallock had criticized remarks on income inequality made by Keir Hardie, M.P. at a Labour Party conference in Portsmouth, England on January 27th, as reported by the press. Shaw defended Hardie and questioned Mallock's knowledge of socialism and political economy in general, initiating an exchange of letters in the newspapers. The manuscript, in an unknown hand, is accompanied by an undated typed transcript of the item (3 pages), and a small half-tone photographic portrait of Shaw

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Key Terms

Occupations

Authors

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Subjects

Authors, English -- 20th century -- Correspondence

Dramatists, Irish -- 20th century -- Correspondence

Letters to the editor -- England -- London

Socialism

Geographic Names

Great Britain -- Politics and government -- 1901-1910

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Letters (correspondence)

Letters to the editor

Manuscripts (documents)

Names

Mallock, W. H. (William Hurrell), 1849-1923 -- Correspondence.

Shaw, Bernard, 1856-1950 -- Correspondence.