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Guide to the

E. M. Forster collection of papers

1904-1969

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Summary

Creator: Forster, E. M. (Edward Morgan), 1879-1970

Title: E. M. Forster collection of papers

Date: 1904-1969

Size: 656 items

Source: This is a synthetic collection, created from materials acquired through gift and purchase from various sources. Donors include Wendell Stacy Johnson and the estate of Elizabeth (Dillingham) Hart Edge.

Abstract: This is a synthetic collection consisting of manuscripts and correspondence.

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Creator History

E. M. Forster was a British novelist, essayist, and critic.

Custodial History

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Scope and Content Note

This is a synthetic collection consisting of manuscripts and correspondence. The manuscripts include a holograph poem, an essay on Virginia Woolf, and drafts of essays. There are manuscripts by Joe Randolph Ackerley, William Plomer, and others relating to the author. The correspondence includes letters by the author, dating from [1904] to 1969, to Edward Arnold & Co., publishers; Arnold Bennett, Ford Madox Ford, Elizabeth Hart, Sir Edward Howard Marsh, Edward Sackville-West, the Society of Authors, Leonard Woolf, Virginia Woolf, and others. Also included are letters relating to the author, dating from 1904-1960, between various correspondents including Sir Edward Howard Marsh, Leonard Woolf, Virginia Woolf, and others. There are letters written to the author from Robin Mayor, Robert Malise Bowyer Nichols, and Virginia Woolf, dating from 1922 to 1942.

Key Terms

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Correspondence

Names

Forster, E. M. (Edward Morgan), 1879-1970

Ackerley, J. R. (Joe Randolph), 1896-1967

Bennett, Arnold, 1867-1931

Edge, Elizabeth (Dillingham) Hart

Ford, Ford Madox, 1873-1939

Hart, Elizabeth

Johnson, Wendell Stacy, 1927-

Marsh, Edward Howard, Sir, 1872-1953

Mayor, Robin

Nichols, Robert, 1893-1944

Plomer, William, 1903-1973

Sackville-West, Edward, 1901-1965

Woolf, Leonard, 1880-1969

Woolf, Virginia, 1882-1941

Edward Arnold (Publishers)

Society of Authors (Great Britain)

Container List

Manuscripts

Manuscripts written by Forster

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| Manuscript box | Anniversary ode on the death of the Duchess of Connaught, An. 1916-1917. Holograph poem. On Turf Club, Cairo, notepaper. n.d. (5 p) (5 p)
Sent to Virginia Woolf |
| Manuscript box | Answers to national service questionnaire 1939? (4 p) (4 p) |
| Manuscript box | India and the crisis. Holograph draft of article, with the author's extensive alterations, deletions and additions n.d. (6 p) (6 p) |
| Manuscript box | Introduction [to Goldsworthy Lowes Dickinson's Letters from John Chinaman]. Holograph draft n.d. (7 p) (7 p)
Accompanied by his: ALS to Sir Stanley Unwin. West Hailhurst, Abinger Hammer, Dorking [Eng.] Sept. 2, 1945. 1 l.; Published London, G. Allen & Unwin, 1946 |
| Cased | Rose show, The. Holograph draft of review of The press and poetry of modern Persia by Edward G. Browne 1914 July 8 (6 p) (6 p)
With instructions to printer pencilled on manuscript |
| Cased | Virginia Woolf. Holograph essay n.d. (19 p) (19 p)
Published in his Abinger Harvest |

Manuscripts relating to Forster

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| Manuscript box | Ackerley, Joe Randolph. E. M. Forster. Holograph and typescript memoir n.d. (38 p) (38 p) |
| Manuscript box
(Forster) | Davies, John (1565?-1618). "Faustinus, Sextus, Cinna, Ponticus."
Manuscript poem in E. M. Forster's hand n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
Sent to Virginia Woolf |
| Manuscript box | Plomer, William. E. M. Forster. Holograph n.d. (2 p) (2 p)
Signed with initials. With author's note authenticating that it was written "for the Aldeburgh Festival programme (?date)" |
| Manuscript box | Plomer, William. Forster, Edward Morgan (1879-). Holograph 1961 (6 p) (6 p)
Signed with initials. With author's note authenticating that it was written for the Encyclopedia Britannica, 1961 |

Correspondence

Outgoing Correspondence

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| Manuscript box | ANS to Ralph Abercrombie. On card 1949 Jan. 4 (1 item) (1 item) |
| Manuscript box | 69 ALS, 22 ANS, 19 TLS, 8 TNS to Edward Arnold & Co. publishers 1908
Sept. 10 - 1939 Apr. 24 (118 items in 14 folders) (118 items in 14 folders) |
| Manuscript box | 5 ALS to Arnold Bennett. 1928 Aug. 27 - 1928 Nov. 8 (5 items) (5 items)
With TL (carbon) reply, Sept. 1, 1928 |
| Manuscript box | ALS to Bramley (?) 1924 Oct. 2 (1 p) (1 p)
B. |
| Manuscript box. In
his: 43 ALS, 1
TLS, 4 postcards
to Virginia Woolf.
At top of p. 1 of
letter of July 19,
1926. Folder 4 | AN to Lady Sibyl Halsey Colefax 1926 July 19 (1 p) (1 p) |
| Manuscript box | ALS to Rupert Doone 1939? Dec. 13 (1 p) (1 p)
Came with the Group theatre archive |
| Manuscript box | ALS to Ford Madox Ford 1908 Dec. 13 (2 p) (2 p) |

Correspondence (cont.)
Outgoing Correspondence (cont.)

Manuscript box	ALS to John Freeman 1927 Nov. 13 (1 p) (1 p)
Manuscript box	ALS to John Freeman 1928 June 28 (1 p) (1 p)
Manuscript box	ALS to Florence Emily Dugdale Hardy 1936 June 10 (1 p) (1 p) Removed from his: Pharos and Pharillon. Richmond [Eng.]: By L. and V. Woolf at the Hogarth Press, 1923
Manuscript box	40 ALS, 16 ANS, 3 TLS, 1 TNS, 8 postcards to Elizabeth Hart 1960 Oct. 20 - 1969 Dec. 30 (68 items in 14 folders) (68 items in 14 folders) Gift of the Estate of Elizabeth (Dillingham) Hart Edge
Manuscript box	ALS to Professor Hitchcock 1962 Dec. 13 (1 p) (1 p) Gift of Wendell Stacy Johnson
Manuscript box	27 ALS and 7 postcards to Sir Edward Howard Marsh 1909 Nov. 11 - 1938 Mar. 29 (34 items in 7 folders) (34 items in 7 folders)
Manuscript box	ALS to Samuel Menashe 1960 Aug. 22 (1 item) (1 item)
Manuscript box	ALS to Philip O'Connor 1957 Jan. 10 (2 p) (2 p)
Manuscript box	ALS to Comtesse de Rosales 1924 Dec. 1 (3 p) (3 p) Accompanying material wanting. B.
Manuscript box	ALS to Marchesa de Rosales 1924 Dec. 13 (1 item) (1 item) B.
Manuscript box	19 ALS and 4 postcards to Edward Sackville-West 1926 July 20 - 1948 Aug. 12 (23 items in 5 folders) (23 items in 5 folders)
Manuscript box	141 ALS, 39 ANS, 19 TLS, 6 TNS, 2 TL, 2 telegrams, and 12 postcards to the Society of Authors 1920 Apr. 6 - 1966 Apr. 6 (221 items in 44 folders) (221 items in 44 folders)
Manuscript box	ALS to Sir Stanley Unwin 1945 Sept. 2 (1 item) (1 item) With his: Introduction [to Goldsworthy Lowes Dickinson's Letter from John Chinaman] Holograph draft
Manuscript box	9 ALS, 1 TLS, 1 postcard to [--?]. Mr. Wilson is a member of the firm Bumpus Wilson 1925 Jan. 28 - 1928 May 8 (11 items in 2 folders) (11 items in 2 folders)
Manuscript box	43 ALS, 1 TLS, 4 postcards to Virginia Woolf 1915 July 10 - 1941 Mar. 3 (48 items in 9 folders) (48 items in 9 folders) At top of p. 1 of letter of July 19, 1926, his: AN to Lady Sibyl (Halsey) Colefax. July 19, 1926. 1 p. Folder 4
Manuscript box	69 ALS, 3 TLS, and 11 postcards to Leonard Sidney Woolf 1904 Oct. 22] - 1942 Dec. 17 (83 items in 17 folders) (83 items in 17 folders) Letter of [March 1942] is written on p. 2 of: Mayor, Robin. ALS to Edward Morgan Forster. March 5, 1942. 1 l. Folder 16

Incoming Correspondence

Manuscript box	Mayor, Robin. ALS to Forster 1942 Mar. 5 (1 leaf) (1 leaf) With: Forster, E. M. 69 ALS, 3 TLS, 11 postcards to Leonard Sidney Woolf. 1904-1942. Folder 16
Manuscript box	Nichols, Robert Malise Bowyer. ALS to Forster 1924 Sept. 29 (1 p) (1 p)
Manuscript box	Woolf, Virginia. 3 ALS, 2 TLS to Forster 1922 Jan. 21 - 1930 Jan. 3 (5 items) (5 items)

Related Correspondence

Manuscript box	Marsh, Sir Edward Howard. ALS to Leonard Sidney Woolf. Relates to Virginia Woolf's The death of the moth; mentions E. M. Forster 1942 June 15 (1 item) (1 item)
Manuscript box (Woolf)	Martin, Kingsley. 3 ALS, 3 TLS to Leonard Sidney Woolf. Letters of Sept. 7 and 12, 1929, relate to J. M. Keynes; letter of Sept. 27, 1935 mentions E. M. Forster 1929 Sept. 7 - 1939 Sept. 17 (6 items) (6 items)

Correspondence (cont.)

Related Correspondence (cont.)

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| Manuscript box
(Woolf) | Meredith, Hugh Owen. 2 ALS to Virginia Woolf. Letter of Feb. 9, 1912, mentions Sir Winston Leonard Spencer Churchill and Edward Morgan Forster 1912 Feb. 9, 1912 Mar. 6 (2 items) (2 items) |
| Manuscript box
(Forster) | Poston, Elizabeth. TLS to the Society of Authors. Relates to E. M. Forster 1960 Dec. 17 (1 item) (1 item) |
| Manuscript box | Trevelyan, Robert Calverley. 3 ALS to Leonard Sidney Woolf. Mention E. M. Forster, Desmond MacCarthy, Bernard Shaw, and Lytton Strachey 1904 Apr. 8 - 1905 Dec (3 items) (3 items)
Enclosed in letter of Dec. 1905: MacCarthy, Desmond. The Irish plays. Clipping from The Speaker, Dec. 9, 1905, paginated 251-252. Relates to National theatre society, Ltd., Dublin |
| Manuscript box | Woolf, Virginia. ALS to Alice Clara Forster. Correspondent is mother of E. M. Forster Oct. 25 (1 item) (1 item) |