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Sir Compton Mackenzie collection of papers

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Summary

Creator: Mackenzie, Compton, 1883-1972

Title: Sir Compton Mackenzie collection of papers

Date: 1906-1952

Size: 1,233 items

Source: This is a synthetic collection, created from materials acquired through gift and purchase from various sources. Some of the materials are from the John D. Gordan bequest.

Abstract: This is a synthetic collection consisting of typescripts, correspondence, legal and financial documents, and a portrait photograph of the author.

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Creator History

Sir Compton Mackenzie was a Scottish novelist, playwright, literary and music critic, and essayist.

Custodial History

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Scope and Content Note

This is a synthetic collection consisting of typescripts, correspondence, legal and financial documents, and a portrait photograph of the author. The typescripts consist of plays and drafts of plays, and articles. The correspondence consists of letters from the author, dating from 1906 to 1952, to Sir Edward Howard Marsh, Edward Sackville-West, Martin Secker, Humbert Wolfe, and others, as well as letters relating to the author, dating from 1919 to 1938, between various correspondents including David Gruenbaum, Philip Nutt, Humbert Wolfe, and James B. Pinker and Son.

Key Terms

Names

Mackenzie, Compton, 1883-1972

Gordan, John D., 1907-1968

Gruenbaum, David

Marsh, Edward Howard, Sir, 1872-1953

Nutt, Philip

Sackville-West, Edward, 1901-1965

Secker, Martin, 1882-1978

Wolfe, Humbert, 1885-1940

James B. Pinker and Son

Container List

Typescripts

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| Manuscript box
(Beerbohm) | 80th birthday album. Typescripts of 39 contributions, not listed separately, to a collection of tributes to Max Beerbohm. Contributors include Compton Mackenzie and others. 1952 (83 items in 8 folders) (83 items in 8 folders)
Includes carbon for each contribution; with typed roster of the Maximilian Society. Aug. 24, 1952. 1 p. Folder 8 |
| Cased | April fools. Typescript with the author's ms. corrections. Page 198 wanting n.d. (799 p) (799 p) |
| Cased | April fools. Later typescript with the author's ms. corrections n.d. (423 p) (423 p)
In case with this is his: April fools. London: Cassel, 1930. Page proof, with the author's ms. corrections; Dedication to P. G. Wodehouse, typescript, 1 p., inserted. Published, London: Cassel, 1930 |
| Manuscript box | Nash's Pall Mall magazine. Many happy returns! Holograph and typescript contributions by various authors to the 25th anniversary issue of Nash's. Contributions solicited by and addressed to the editor of Nash's, Richard Nealand. 1934? (57 folders) (57 folders)
Some contributions accompanied by correspondence; Detailed list of contents in folder 1. Published in Nash's, v. 93, no. 494 (July 1934), p. 58-59, 142-147 |
| Cased | Santa Claus in summer. Typescript with the author's ms. corrections n.d. (231 p) (231 p)
With duplicates of pages 83 and 88 |
| Cased | Santa Claus in summer. Later typescript with the author's ms. corrections. Paginated [1]-49, 68-230 n.d. (212 p) (212 p)
With design for title page, stamped July 24, 1924 and proofs of A. H. Watson's illustrations inserted; In case with his: Santa Claus in summer. London: Constable, 1924. Page proof with the author's ms. corrections. July 29-Aug. 1, 1924. Published, London: Constable, 1924 |

Correspondence

Outgoing Correspondence

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| Manuscript box | Boyle, David. ALS to 1915 Dec. 22 (2 p) (2 p) |
| Manuscript box | English review(?). TLS to the editor of the n.d. (1 p) (1 p) |
| Manuscript box | [Ford?], [Ford Madox]. ALS to n.d. (1 leaf) (1 leaf) |
| Manuscript box
(Beerbohm) | Jepson, Tania. 2 TNS to. Relates to Max Beerbohm's 80th birthday album 1952 May 30, 1952 June 24 (1 p. each) (1 p. each) |
| Manuscript box | Jones, [--?]. ALS to 1920 Aug. 1 (1 leaf) (1 leaf) |
| Manuscript box | Marsh, Sir Edward Howard. 6 ALS, 1 TLS, 1 postcard to 1912 July 21 - 1916 Aug. 16 (8 letters in 2 folders) (8 letters in 2 folders)
With portrait photograph of Compton Mackenzie, July 31, 1915 |
| Manuscript box | Pinker and son, James B. LS, ALS, etc. to 1906 - 1935 (720 letters) (720 letters)
Includes 8 letters to Pinker from Eric Brett Young who was acting as secretary to Mackenzie in 1920. B. |
| Manuscript box | Sackville-West, Edward. 3 ALS, 2 TLS, 1 postcard to 1947 Sept. 8 - 1948 Oct. 21 (6 letters) (6 letters) |
| Manuscript box | Secker, Martin. 267 ALS, 40 TLS, 9 postcards, 1 telegram to 1911 Mar. 29] - [1928?] Dec. 26 (317 letters in 64 folders) (317 letters in 64 folders) |
| Manuscript box | Wolfe, Humbert. ALS, TNS, TL (carbon) copy to 1937 Jan. 13 - 1937 Feb. 3 (1 p.; 1 p.; 1 l) (1 p.; 1 p.; 1 l)
With TL (carbon) reply |

Related Correspondence

Correspondence (cont.)
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| Manuscript box
(Conrad) | Gruenbaum, David. ALS, 6 TLS to J. B. Pinker and son. Relate to Joseph Conrad, Arnold Bennett, Compton Mackenzie and others 1919 June 5 - 1924 June 22 (7 letters) (7 letters)
John D. Gordan bequest |
| Manuscript box
(Wolfe, H.) | Nutt, Philip. TLS to Humbert Wolfe. Relates to Wolfe's The upward anguish and mentions Compton Mackenzie and J. E. Flecker 1938 June 18 (2 p) (2 p)
With TL (carbon) reply |
| Manuscript box
(Conrad) | Pinker, J. B., firm. 17 TLS to James B. Pinker and son, London. Relate to Joseph Conrad, Arnold Bennett, Walter de la Mare, John Galsworthy, Compton Mackenzie and others 1928 Mar. 16 - 1933 July 27 (17 letters in 2 folders) (17 letters in 2 folders)
John D. Gordan bequest |

Financial and Legal Documents

Financial Documents

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| Manuscript box.
In: Mackenzie,
Compton. LS,
ALS, etc. to J. B.
Pinker. Letter of
May 21, 1933 | [Estimated account of expenditure and income for years 1933 and 1934 with summaries for 1935 and 1936] Typescript [1933] - [1939 (2 p) (2 p) B. |
| Manuscript box | Estimated account of expenditures and income for the years ending May 31, 1934[-1939] Typescript with ms. notations relating to expenditure and income in an unknown hand 1933 (5 p) (5 p)
With Mackenzie, Compton. LS, ALS, etc. to J. B. Pinker: letter of June 2, 1933. B. |

Legal Documents

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| Manuscript box
(Mackenzie) | Agreement between Compton Mackenzie and Martin Secker for the publication of The Passionate Elopement 1910 June (5 p) (5 p)
Signed Montague Compton Mackenzie. Published on Jan. 17, 1911 |
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Portraits

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| Manuscript box | Portrait photograph of Compton Mackenzie 1915 July 31 (1 item) (1 item)
With: 6 ALS, 1 TLS, 1 postcard from Mackenzie to Sir Edward Howard Marsh. July (?) 21, 1912-Aug. 16, 1916 |
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