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Guide to the

**Arthur Symons collection of papers**

1888-1933

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## Summary

**Creator:** Symons, Arthur, 1865-1945

**Title:** Arthur Symons collection of papers

**Date:** 1888-1933

**Size:** 159 items

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

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

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## Creator History

Arthur Symons was a Welsh poet, playwright, art and literary critic, essayist, translator, and biographer.

## Custodial History

Previous owners include Frank Fletcher, Lady Gregory, W. T. H. Howe, John Quinn, and W. Van R. Whitall.

## Scope and Content Note

This is a synthetic collection consisting of manuscripts, typescripts, and correspondence by and about the author. The manuscripts and typescripts consist of poems, essays, plays, and lists of works by the author, as well as translations of Arthur Rimbaud in Symons's hand, and a reader's report on Symons by Edward Garnett. The correspondence consists of letters by the author, dating from [1890] to 1933, to Mackenzie Bell, Lady Isabella Augusta Persse Gregory, Elkin Mathews, Clement King Shorter, Algernon Charles Swinburne, and others, as well as letters relating to the author, dating from [1908] to 1924, between various correspondents including Rhoda Symons, William Butler Yeats, the literary agency J. B. Pinker and Son, and others.

## **Key Terms**

### **Genre/Physical Characteristic**

Correspondence

### **Names**

Symons, Arthur, 1865-1945  
Bell, Mackenzie, 1856-1930  
Fletcher, Frank, 1870-1954  
Garnett, Edward, 1868-1937  
Gregory, Lady, 1852-1932  
Gregory, Lady, 1852-1932  
Howe, W. T. H. (William Thomas Hildrup)  
Mathews, Elkin, 1851-1921  
Quinn, John, 1870-1924  
Rimbaud, Arthur, 1854-1891  
Shorter, Clement King, 1857-1926  
Swinburne, Algernon Charles, 1837-1909  
Symons, Rhoda, 1874?-1936  
Whitall, William Van R.  
Whitall, William Van R.  
Yeats, W. B. (William Butler), 1865-1939  
James B. Pinker and Son

## Container List

### Manuscripts and Typescripts

#### Manuscripts and Typescripts written by Symons

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|----------------|--|
| Manuscript box | After love. Holograph poem 1890 July 13 (1 p) (1 p)<br>Signed  |
| Manuscript box | "Books by Arthur Symons." Two lists, one through 1919, with "July 20" pencilled at head, other through 1920. Typescripts (one with ms. additions) 1919, 1920 (1 p.; 3 p) (1 p.; 3 p)<br>With: Symons, Arthur. LS, ALS, etc. to J. B. Pinker and son: letter of May 27, 1922. B.  |
| Manuscript box | Christmas Eve. Holograph n.d. (6 p) (6 p)<br>Signed. With typescript with the author's ms. corrections. 4 p.   |
| Manuscript box | [D'Annunzio] Typescript and proof with the author's ms. corrections n.d. (4 p) (4 p)   |
| Manuscript box | [Essay, untitled] Typescript and proof. Typescript includes two fragmentary pages of A literary causery published in the Savoy, Dec. 1896 n.d. (13 p) (13 p)   |
| Manuscript box | [From Toulouse-Lautrec to Rodin. Henri de Toulous-Lautrec] Four typewritten and holograph chapters the former with the author's ms. corrections n.d. (44 p) (44 p)<br>One signed. Chapter 3 corresponds to Chap. 18, Chap. 4-19, Chap. 5 in holograph and typescript, to Chap. 22 and Chap. 7 is not published in the London, J. Lane [1929] edition |
| Manuscript box | Gipsy song. (For Fenella). Holograph poem 1907 June 13 (1 p) (1 p)<br>Signed   |
| Manuscript box | Harvesters, The. Holograph play 1905 Sept. 9 (116 p) (116 p)<br>Published in his: Tragedies, New York, London, 1916  |
| Oversize (+)   | Notes on Giovanni Bellini. Holograph n.d. (16 p) (16 p)<br>Signed. With: Notes on Giovanni Bellini. Typescript. 16 p.; John Quinn bookplate laid in  |
| Oversize (+)   | Notes on Giovanni Bellini. Typescript n.d. (16 p) (16 p)<br>With: Notes on Giovanni Bellini. Holograph. 16 p.; John Quinn bookplate laid in  |
| Manuscript box | Notes on The Hobby horse. Typescript with the author's ms. corrections. Mentions Selwyn Image and quotes a letter from him to the author n.d. (12 p) (12 p)<br>With author's pencilled note: "This and Ch. Yvette [Guilbert] only were printed a year ago in Vanity Fair and not in London."   |
| Cased          | Poems (21) Holograph. One undated 1888 May 4 - 1907 Dec. 2 (29 p) (29 p)<br>Also ms. table of contents (listing 23 poems). 2 p.; John Quinn's stamp; Frank Fletcher, W. Van R. Whitall bookplates; H.  |
| Manuscript box | Wanderers, The. Holograph poem 1895 Sept. 29 (2 p) (2 p)   |

#### Manuscripts and Typescripts relating to Symons

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|----------------------------|--|
| Manuscript box<br>(Symons) | Garnett, Edward. Reader's report sent to T. Fisher Unwin about Arthur Symons n.d. (1 p) (1 p)  |
| (Symons, A.)               | Rimbaud, Arthur. A season in Hell [Un saison en enfer] Holograph translation by Arthur Symons 1912 Apr., 1912 May (34 p) (34 p)<br>With: A season in Hell [Une saison en enfer] Typescript with the translator's ms. corrections |
| (Symons, A.)               | Rimbaud, Arthur. A season in Hell [Un saison en enfer] Typescript with the translator's ms. corrections 1912 May (34 p) (34 p)<br>With: A season in Hell [Une saison en enfer] Holograph   |

### Correspondence

Correspondence (cont.)

Outgoing Correspondence

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|----------------|---|
| Manuscript box | Bagg, [--?]. Postcard to 1902 Dec. 24 (1 card) (1 card)   |
| Manuscript box | Bell, MacKenzie. ALS to 1896 Sept. 23 (1 p) (1 p)<br>Carbon of MacKenzie Bell's reply, Sept. 24, 1896. 1 p.                                   |
| Manuscript box | Cohen, D[--?] H[--?]. TLS to 1927 Oct. 24 (1 p) (1 p)<br>With holograph note on envelope  |
| Manuscript box | Craigie, Pearl Mary Teresa Richards. ALS to n.d. (1 leaf) (1 leaf)  |
| Manuscript box | Gregory, Lady. ALS to 1903 (3 p) (3 p)  |
| Manuscript box | Lane, [John]. ALS to. Relates to George Meredith bibliography 1890 Aug.] or [1890 Sept. (2 leaves) (2 leaves)<br>H.                           |
| Manuscript box | Lane, [John]. ALS to. On correspondence card. Relates to George Meredith bibliography 1890? (1 card) (1 card)<br>H.                           |
| Manuscript box | Mathews, Elkin. ALS to 1893 Aug. 7 (1 p) (1 p)  |
| Manuscript box | Mathews, Elkin. ALS to 1919 Nov. 17 (1 p) (1 p)   |
| Manuscript box | Mathews, Elkin. Postcard to 1921 July 30 (1 card) (1 card)  |
| Manuscript box | Mathews, Elkin. Postcard to June 26 (1 card) (1 card)   |
| Manuscript box | Pinker, J. B., and son. LS, ALS, etc. to. Joseph Conrad mentioned in letters in 1921-1924, 1930 1907 - 1933 (118 letters) (118 letters)<br>B. |
| Manuscript box | Pinker, J. B., and son. TNS to 1928 July 20 (1 p) (1 p)<br>John D. Gordan bequest   |
| Cased          | Shorter, [Clement]. ALS to 1917 Oct. 9 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)<br>Accompanied his: Plays, acting and music. Proof sheets. B.                        |
| Cased          | Shorter (?), [Clement]. ALS to [1918] Jan. 13 (2 p) (2 p)<br>Accompanied his: Play, acting and music. Proof sheets. B.                        |
| Manuscript box | Strong, [Rowland?]. 3 ALS to. One dated July 29 [n.y.] 1902 Dec. 6, 1903 Jan. 14 (2 leaves; 1 leaf; 2 leaves) (2 leaves; 1 leaf; 2 leaves)    |
| Manuscript box | Swinburne, Algernon Charles. ALS to 1905 Sept. 13 (3 p) (3 p)   |
| Manuscript box | Thompson, [--?]. ALS to 1912 Aug. 16 (2 p) (2 p)  |
| Manuscript box | [--?]. ALS to 1924 Nov. 26 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)  |
| Manuscript box | [--?]. LS to. Incomplete n.d. (2 leaves) (2 leaves)   |

Related Correspondence

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|--------------------------------|--|
| Manuscript box<br>(Woolf)      | Nation, The. TN and TL to J. B. Pinker and son. Relate to Joseph Conrad and Arthur Symons 1924 Aug. 9, 1924 Aug. 15 (1 p. each) (1 p. each)<br>Signed by Leonard Woolf. John D. Gordan bequest |
| Manuscript box<br>(Symons, A.) | Symons, Rhoda. ALS to William Butler Yeats. Arthur Symons' wife writing about his illness 1908 (1 p) (1 p)<br>Came with Lady Gregory's papers  |