

Grant Richards Collection

A Finding Aid to His Collection of A. E. Housman Material in the Library of Congress

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Collection Summary

Title: Grant Richards Collection of A. E. Housman Material

Span Dates: 1898-1947

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1910-1942)

ID No.: MSS47183

Creator: Richards, Grant, 1872-1948

Extent: 1,500 items ; 8 containers ; 3 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

Repository: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Abstract: British author and publisher. Correspondence, manuscripts, typescripts, galley and page proofs, newspaper clippings, printed material, and musical scores pertaining primarily to Richards's biography of A. E. Housman.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

People

Bynner, Witter, 1881-1968--Correspondence.
Carter, John, 1905-1975--Correspondence.
Drinkwater, John, 1882-1937--Correspondence.
Firbank, Ronald, 1886-1926--Correspondence.
Housman, A. E. (Alfred Edward), 1859-1936--Correspondence.
Housman, Laurence, 1865-1959--Correspondence.
Huebsch, B. W. (Benjamin W.), 1876-1964--Correspondence.
Nicolson, Harold, 1886-1968--Correspondence.
Perkins, Maxwell E. (Maxwell Evarts), 1884-1947--Correspondence.
Richards, Grant, 1872-1948.
Richards, Grant, 1872-1948. Housman, 1897-1936. 1941.
Rothenstein, William, 1872-1945--Correspondence.
Symons, Katharine E. (Katharine Elizabeth)--Correspondence.
Trevelyan, George Macaulay, 1876-1962--Correspondence.
Wilson, Edmund, 1895-1972--Correspondence.

Organizations

Oxford University Press--Correspondence.

Subjects

Classicists--Great Britain--Biography.
Poets, English--20th century--Biography.

Occupations

Authors.
Publishers.

Administrative Information

Provenance

The Grant Richards Collection of A. E. Housman Material was purchased by the Library of Congress in 1966.

Processing History

The Grant Richards Collection was processed in 1967. The finding aid was revised in 2012.

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Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Grant Richards

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Event</i> |
|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1872, Oct. | Born, Oxford, England |
| 1890 | Became staff member of <i>Review of Reviews</i> |
| 1897 | Opened his own publishing firm |
| 1897-1899 | Published works of Maurice Maeterlinck, G. B. Shaw, Arnold Bennett, H. G. Wells, Grant Allen, Alice Meynell; also published first works of John Masefield and G. K. Chesterton |
| 1898 | Published second edition of A. E. Housman's <i>A Shropshire Lad</i> . London: G. Richards |
| 1912 | Published <i>Caviare</i> . Boston and New York: Houghton Mifflin Co. |
| 1913 | Published <i>Valentine</i> . Boston and New York: Houghton Mifflin Co. |
| 1915 | Published <i>Bittersweet</i> . London: G. Richards |
| 1920 | Published <i>Double Life</i> . New York: Dodd, Mead and Co. |
| 1922 | Published A. E. Housman's <i>Last Poems</i> . London: G. Richards |
| 1924 | Published <i>Every Wife</i> . New York: E. J. Clode |
| 1927 | Published <i>Fair Exchange</i> . New York: George H. Doran Co. |
| 1928 | Published <i>The Coast of Pleasure</i> . New York: Harper & Brothers Published <i>The Hasty Marriage</i> . London: J. Cape |
| 1932 | Published <i>Memories of a Misspent Youth</i> . London: W. Heinemann |
| 1942 | Published <i>Housman</i> . New York: Oxford University Press |
| 1948 | Died, Monte Carlo |

A. E. Housman

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Event</i> |
|----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1859, March 26 | Born at Catskill, Worcestershire, England |
| 1870-1877 | Educated at Bromsgrove School, Worcestershire, England |
| 1877-1881 | Educated at St. John's College, Oxford, England |
| 1882-1892 | Worked in English patent office as a higher division clerk |
| 1892 | Professor of Latin, University College, London, England |
| 1896 | Published <i>A Shropshire Lad</i> . London: Kegan Paul, Trench, Trübner |
| 1898 | Published second edition of <i>A Shropshire Lad</i> . London: G. Richards |
| 1911 | Kennedy professor of Latin, Cambridge University, Cambridge, England |
| 1922 | Published <i>Last Poems</i> . London: G. Richards |
| 1936 | Published <i>More Poems</i> . London: J. Cape |
| 1936, April 30 | Died, Cambridge, England |

Scope and Content Note

The collection of Grant Richards (1872-1948) relating to A. E. Housman spans the years 1898-1947, with the bulk of the material concentrated in the period 1910-1942. Included are memorials to Housman written shortly after his death and several pieces of Richards's personal and family correspondence. The focus of the collection is on the preparation of Richards's biographical work, *Housman, 1897-1936* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1942). During the years 1897-1936, Richards was both friend and publisher of A. E. Housman.

The collection contains general and personal correspondence, material preparatory to *Housman*, manuscripts, typescripts, galley and page proofs of *Housman*, newspaper clippings, printed matter, and music scores.

Correspondents in addition to A. E. Housman include his brother and sister, Laurence Housman and Katherine E. Symons, and Oxford University Press. Newspaper clippings and magazine articles contain reviews of Richards's biography and critiques of Housman's works.

Other correspondents include Witter Bynner, John Carter, John Drinkwater, Ronald Firbank, B.W. Huebsch, Harold Nicolson, Maxwell E. Perkins, William Rothenstein, George Macaulay Trevelyan, Edmund Wilson, and Oxford University Press.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged by type of material.

Container List

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| BOX 1 | General correspondence, A-Z |
| BOX 2 | Personal correspondence |
| BOX 2 | Housman, Laurence, 1936-1939 |
| BOX 2 | Symons, Katherine E., and miscellany, including notes on galley proofs and the introduction to a memoir of Housman, 1936-1946 |
| BOX 2 | Oxford University Press, and miscellany, 1935-1947 |
| BOX 3 | Richards, Grant |
| BOX 3 | Housman to Richards |
| BOX 3 | Originals, 1910-1935 |
| BOX 3 | Transcripts, 1902-1935 |
| BOX 3 | Richards to Housman, carbons, 1898-1935 |
| BOX 4 | <i>Housman</i> |
| BOX 4 | Notes, research material, and drafts |
| BOX 4 | Typescripts |
| BOX 5 | Galley and page proofs |
| BOX 6 | Miscellany |
| BOX 6 | Song settings for <i>A Shropshire Lad</i> |
| BOX 6 | Sales chart, menus, map, and other miscellany |
| BOX 7 | Printed matter |
| BOX 7 | Magazines and journals containing critiques, memorials, and bibliographies of Housman |
| BOX 8 | Newspaper clippings |