

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

Extent: 8 containers

Extent: 3 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

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

LC Catalog record: <https://lccn.loc.gov/mm78047183>

Summary: 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 LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

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.

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.

Copyright Status

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Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Grant Richards

Date	Event
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

Date	Event
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

Container	Contents
BOX 1	General correspondence, A-Z
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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