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NAME OF COLLECTION: Harold FREDERIC PapersSOURCE: Gift of Mr. & Mrs. Bart Auerbach, 1976; Gift of Irene H. Peterson, 1980, 1983;Purchase 297 (duplicates) 4.25.89SUBJECT: LiteraryDATES COVERED: 1887-1939NUMBER OF ITEMS: 14

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DESCRIPTION:

Letters, manuscript, photographs, art work and printed materials concerning the American journalist and novelist, Harold Frederic (1856-1898). There are 2 a.l.s., 1892-96, from Frederic while he was in London as correspondent for the New York Times, to W. Shearing of the National Liberation Club and to a London book publisher. A manuscript genealogy of early English families, primarily of the 13th century, probably deals with his ancestors. And there is a photograph of his common-law wife, Kate Lyon Forman, and biographical material on their daughter, Helen Forman. Frederic did not receive a divorce from his first wife, Grace Williams, and took her and their children to London. But while there he established a relationship with Kate Forman to fill the gap in his life that Grace had never been able to meet. He maintained both households in England until he died there in 1898, and was survived by children from each. Kate became part of his social and literary world, developing a close friendship with his friends, Stephen and Cora Crane, which continued after Frederic's death.

See also the Stephen Crane Papers for relevant material.

1989 addition: 2 a.l.s. from Frederic to William Henry Rideing

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