

COLLECTIONS OF CORRESPONDENCE AND MANUSCRIPT DOCUMENTS

NAME OF COLLECTION: Housman, Alfred Edward -- Correspondence

SOURCE: Ward Melville Gift in Memory of Frederick Coykendall, 1963

SUBJECT: Correspondence by and relating to A. E. Housman

DATES COVERED: 1922-1958 NUMBER OF ITEMS: 145 letters
12 mss.

STATUS: (check appropriate description)
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DESCRIPTION:

Correspondence by and relating to the English poet and classical Latin scholar, A. E. Housman (1859-1936), and his brother Laurence Housman (1865-1959), poet and playwright. Nearly all of the letters were written to Cyril Clemens, who was working on a proposed biography of A. E. Housman. The collection includes six letters from A. E. Housman and an important group of 94 letters from Laurence Housman, which contain comments on his brother's life and activities, religious beliefs, reading, and manuscripts. There are 45 letters from relatives and persons closely related to A. E. Housman, among them his sisters, Clemence Housman and Katharine E. Symons, his publisher, Grant Richards, and his associates at Oxford University, James T. Nance and Alfred W. Pollard. Also included in the collection are 12 manuscripts, the most noteworthy of which are two signed poems of Laurence Housman's and a 4-line verse in Lord Dunsany's holograph entitled "A. E. Housman."

See attached list of the collection.

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HOUSMAN COLLECTION

I: Correspondence

A. Letters of A. E. Housman (6)

6 letters from A. E. H. to Cyril Clemens, 1927-34

B. Letters of Laurence Housman (95) 44

95 letters from L. H., mostly to Cyril Clemens, but including a few to others, 1922-58

C. Other letters (44) 45

- 3 letters, E. H. Blakeney to Cyril Clemens, 1937
- 1 letter, L. P. Brown to Cyril Clemens, 1937
- 1 letter, R. Gleadowe to [Cyril Clemens?], 1936
- 1 letter, W. H. Hamilton to Cyril Clemens, 1936 (postcard)
- 1 letter, E. S. P. Haynes to Cyril Clemens, 1937
- 1 letter, Robert Hillyer to Cyril Clemens, 1936
- 1 letter, E. O. Hoppe to Cyril Clemens, 1936
- 2 letters, Clemence Housman (sister of A. E. H.) to Cyril Clemens, 1936 and 1943 (latter is a postcard)
- 1 letter, Anita Loos to Cyril Clemens, no date [Dec. 7, 1936?]
- 1 letter, Leonard Mackall to Cyril Clemens, 1936
- 6 letters, J. T. Nance to Cyril Clemens, 1936-37
- 1 letter, Henry W. Nevinson to Cyril Clemens, 1936
- 1 letter, A. W. Pollard to Cyril Clemens, 1937
- 1 letter, A. L. (?) Poole to Cyril Clemens, 1936
- 7 letters, Grant Richards to A. E. Housman, 1898-1904
- 2 letters, Grant Richards to Cyril Clemens, 1936+1942
- 1 letter, J. C. Squire to Cyril Clemens, 1936
- 9 letters, Katharine E. Symons (sister of A. E. H.) to Cyril Clemens, 1936-42 (including 3 postcards)
- 3 letters, Percy Withers to Cyril Clemens, 1936-37

II: Other Materials

D. Manuscripts (12)

- Clemens, Cyril. "Death" (chapter of projected biogr. of A. E. H.) With corrections and notes by Katharine E. Symons--see corresp.)
- Clemens, Cyril. "Oxford" (chapter of projected biogr. of A. E. H.) With corrections by J. T. Nance and attached notes by Katharine E. Symons--see corresp.)
- Dunsany, Lord. "A. E. Housman". 4-line verse, author's holograph.
- Housman, A. E. [List of numbers (pages?, copies?)]
- Housman, Laurence. Galley proof with author's ms. corrections, signed
- Housman, _____ . List of books
- Housman, _____ . Tear-sheet of auction cat., with L.H.'s notes, signed
- Housman, _____ . "The Mote and the Beam" 12-line poem, signed
- Housman, _____ . "Shropshire Lad" Year--and After, signed
- Housman, _____ . "There is no Death" 12-line poem, signed
- Rothenstein, Sir Wm. [excerpt] From Men and Memories. Handwriting of Percy Withers?
- Whicher, George Meason. "An Interview with Housman". Signed by author

E. Miscellaneous (4 primary pieces)

- Photograph, A. E. Housman in Laurence Housman's rose garden
- Photograph, A. E. Housman's grave and plaque
- Printed piece: Percy Withers, "A. E. Housman", July, 1936
- Printed piece: Katharine Symons "More Memories of A. E. H.", 1936
- General: 4 items, mainly sent to Cyril Clemens by Laurence Housman
- Clippings and folders, various