

**Rolfe, Frederick, Baron Corvo, 1860-1913.**

Papers, 1892-1906.

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**Biography:** English novelist and eccentric. Rolfe, whose pen name was Baron Corvo, authored numerous books and stories. Amongst the most famous are the Toto stories, *HADRIAN THE SEVENTH*, called by some the greatest ecclesiastical novel ever to be written, and the masterpiece *THE DESIRE AND PURSUIT OF THE WHOLE*. To say that Rolfe was at times eccentric, acerbic and petulant is understatement, but he was also an excellent story teller, conversationalist and amateur athlete. His life of trials and tribulations ended in 1913, when he died at the age of 44.

**Organization and arrangement:** All materials catalogued.

**Summary:** Primarily correspondence between Frederick William Rolfe and John Lane, whose Bodley Head published many of the leading writers of the 1890s. Most of the correspondence has been published in *WITHOUT PREJUDICE: ONE HUNDRED LETTERS FROM FREDERICK WILLIAM ROLFE <BARON CORVO> TO JOHN LANE*. There are also letters written by Rolfe to Grant Richards; H. J. Jenkins; Frederic Chapman; C.B. Darcy; and Edward Slaughter. The majority of the letters pertain to the publishing of Rolfe's translation of the RUBAIYAT

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**Finding aids:** Contents list, lp.

**Added entries:** 1. Lane, John, 1854-1925. 2. Richards, Grant, 1872-1948. 3. Chapman, Frederic. 4. Slaughter, Edward. 5. English Literature--19th century. 6. Publishers and publishing.

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**Rolfe/Lane Papers**

Most of this correspondence has been published in Without Prejudice: One Hundred Letters from Frederick William Rolfe <Baron Corvo> to John Lane (ed. by Cecil Woolf). Those letters that have not been published are noted on the collection folders.

**Box 1: Catalogued correspondence**

Rolfe, Frederick William to:	John Lane
	Frederic Chapman
	C.B. Darcy
	H.J. Jenkins
	Grant Richards
	Edward Slaughter