

**Symons, Arthur, 1865-1945.**

Papers, 1893-1973.

11 linear ft. (ca. 2,725 items in 26 boxes).

**Biography:** English author and critic.

**Summary:** Correspondence, manuscripts and printed materials. Includes 1,016 letters from Symons to his wife, Rhoda, 1,045 letters from Rhoda Bowser Symons to Arthur Symons, many letters to Mrs. Symons at the time of Symons' mental breakdown in 1908-1909, correspondence with her family, the Bowser family of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, and about her theatrical career.

**Organization:** Selected materials cataloged; remainder arranged.

Symons, Arthur 1,016 letters to his wife Rhoda Symons are on microfilm.

Symons, Rhoda 1,065 letters to Arthur Symons are on microfilm.

**Finding aids:** Contents list, 2p.

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(1864-1939)  
Agnes Tobin: / Close friend of Symons during his illness. American poetess, the excellent translator of Racine's Phèdre and Petrarch's Death of Madonna Laura. Active in the literary life of the U.S., England and France. Friend of Conrad, who dedicated to her Under Western Eyes. She also introduced Andre Gide to Symons.

Mond family: Ludwig Mond (1839-1909), chemical technologist, manufacturer and collector of works of art. He and his wife were patrons of the arts in London and were extremely kind to Symons, who became a lifelong friend of the family; his daughter-in-law

Melchett, Violet, Lady (d.1945): Philanthropist, D.B.E. 1920

(b.1906)  
Dora Gordine: / Sculptor, about whom Symons wrote several perceptive and enthusiastic essays published in the Spectator. her husband was:

Hon. Richard Gilbert Hare (1907-1966): Professor of Russian Literature at London University.

La Comtesse Victor Sallier de La Tour (née Mathilde Ruinard de Brimond; 1852-1912): Accomplished linguist, portrait painter, musician and letter-writer. She settled in Rome in 1880, where she frequently entertained Symons in her palazzo, to whom she remained a faithful friend up to her death. She entertained most of the important writers and intellectuals of the time at her salon in Rome.

Anderssen, Hendrik C.

Balfour, Arthur James Balfour, 1st Earl of (1848-1930): English statesman & author.

Balfour, Charlotte Warre Cornish (Mrs Reginald): Translator.

Bowser, Isabel ( -1919): sister of Rhoda Symons.

Bowser, Isabella (Mrs John E.) ( -1915): mother of Rhoda Symons.

Bowser, John Edward ( -1901): Newcastle ship-owner and ship-builder, father of Rhoda S.

Brindley, F.: the Symons' housekeeper

Brooks, Edmund DeWitt (1866-1919): American bibliophile and publisher.

Colquhoun, Ethel M. Cookson (Mrs Archibald: author, traveler, and Member of the Legislature of Rhodesia.

Daniels, Mabel Wheeler (b.1878): American composer.

Davis, Mary *Davis, Cecily*

Davray, Henry D. (1873-1944): French author & translator.

Déjazet, Pauline-Virginie (1798-1875): French actress and founder of the Théâtre Déjazet.

Dodkins, J.: Symons' medical attendant at Brooke House hospital.

Featherston, Lucy Bowser; sister of Rhoda Symons.

Goetze, Annie; member of the Mond family, see above,

Gompertz, Richard; Rhoda Symons' earlier fiancé,

Gordine, Dora; see above.

Gough, Sylvia

Grenfell, A.; mother of Symon's fellow patient at Brooke House.

Griffin, A. Watson: doctor who ran Beacon Court hospital where Symons was first confined.

Hare, Richard Gilbert: see above,

Haynes, Edmund Sidney Pollock (b.1877): author, solicitor, and friend of the Symons.

Hordern, Mary Angela Mond Pearson (Mrs Clifford Willoughby): member of the Mond family.

Hyslop, Theo Bulkeley: doctor of psychological medicine who examined Symons.

La Tour, Comtesse de; see above.

Lützow, Anna, Countess von

Lützow, Franz Heinrich Hieronymus Valentin, Count von (1849-1916): author, historian, and Bohemian patriot.

Marlowe, Julia (1866-1950): American actress.  
 Mathias, Ina  
 Melchett, Violet Florence Mabel Goetze Mond, Baroness: see Mond family above.  
 Mond, Frida Löwenthal (Mrs Ludwig): see Mond family above.  
 O'Dogherty, Faith Bowser (Mrs Francis Blake): sister of Rhoda Symons.  
 O'Dogherty, Francis Blake: Rear-Admiral, Naval engineer, & Naval A.D.C. to King George V,  
 brother-in-law of Rhoda Symons.  
 O'Neill, Rose  
 Primoli, Giuseppe, Count (1851-1927): Italian author.  
 Prothero, Mary Frances Butcher (Lady) (b.1854): wife of Sir George Walter Prothero, author  
 and editor of the Quarterly Review.  
 Rhys, Edith: sister of Ernest Rhys, author and editor.  
 Rutherford, Hope Featherston: niece of Rhoda Symons.  
 Sillars, Jesse N.  
 Simons, Hulda: secretary of Ludwig Mond.  
 Sutherland, (Lady) Millicent Fanny St.Clair-Erskine Sutherland-Leveson-Gower, Duchess of:  
 author & social activist.  
 Sutro, Alfred (1863-1933): playwright and translator of Maeterlinck.  
 Swete, E. Lyall (b.1865): playwright.  
 Symons, Anna Martyn (1864-1933): sister of Arthur Symons.  
 Symons, Mark Lancelot (1886-1935): religious artist and cousin of Symons.  
 Symons, Rhoda Bowser (Mrs Arthur) (1874-1936)  
 Symons, William Christian (1845-1911): artist and cousin of Symons.  
 Thompson, Sir Henry Francis Herbert (1859-1944): Egyptologist and textual scholar.  
 Thorogood, Agnes Watts (Mrs Arthur Penton Napier): daughter of Sir Philip Watts.  
 Tobin, Agnes (1864-1939): see above.  
 Watkins, Charles: brother-in-law of Rhoda Symons.  
 Watkins, Nona Bowser (Mrs Charles): sister of Rhoda Symons.  
 Watts, Sir Philip (1846-1926): Naval engineer and a director at the Admiralty.  
 Yano, K.: Japanese author.

Misc. correspondence: H. Edmée - 10 items  
 unidentified - 35 items

**ADDENDA:**

Ellis, Havelock (1859-1939): author and psychologist  
 Gosse, Sir Edmund William (1849-1928): poet and literary critic  
 Gosse, Ellen Epps (Lady): wife of Sir Edmund and sister of Laura Alma-Tadema, the artist  
 John, Augustus Edwin (1878-1961): portrait and mural painter  
 Lhombreaud, Catherine (Mrs Roger): wife of Symons biographer  
 Lloyd Evans, Gareth: literary scholar  
 Munro, John Murchison (1932- ): literary scholar  
 Wilcox, James M.: literary scholar