

Lafcadio Hearn:

An Inventory of His Collection at the Harry Ransom Center

Descriptive Summary

Creator:	Hearn, Lafcadio, 1850-1904
Title:	Lafcadio Hearn Collection
Dates:	1879-1953, undated
Extent:	2 boxes (.84 linear feet), 1 galley folder (gf)
Abstract:	Includes manuscripts and letters written by the international writer Lafcadio Hearn, best known for his books about Japan. The bulk of the manuscripts concern Japan, including two notebooks recording Hearn's thoughts, impressions, readings, and understanding of Japan.
Call Number:	Manuscript Collection MS-1890
Language:	English and Japanese
Access:	Open for research

Administrative Information

Processed by:	Joan Sibley and Jamie Hawkins-Kirkham, 2011 Note: This finding aid replicates and replaces information previously available only in a card catalog. Please see the explanatory note at the end of this finding aid for information regarding the arrangement of the manuscripts as well as the abbreviations commonly used in descriptions.
Repository:	Harry Ransom Center, The University of Texas at Austin

Works:

- Untitled essay on dreams, handwritten manuscript / incomplete with printer's markings, 12 pages, undated. From the Hanley Collection. **Container** 1.1
- Unidentified fragment concerning the philosophy of Herbert Spencer, handwritten manuscript, 1 page undated. Tipped into PS 1918 W4 vol. 1 HRC.
- A drop of dew, signed handwritten manuscript with printer's markings, 11 pages, 15 November 1900. **Container** 1.2
- In a Japanese garden, signed handwritten manuscript, 138 pages, 3 February 1892. **Container** 1.3-4
- Japanese proverbs, handwritten manuscript with printer's markings, 2 pages, undated. Probably part of a longer manuscript. Transliterations of two proverbs with English translations; earlier translations in black ink have been revised in red ink. From the Hanley Collection. **Container** 1.1
- The Japanese smile, signed handwritten manuscript with few marginal notes, 77 pages, 1 January 1893. **Container** 1.5
- The night of All Saints, handwritten manuscript with emendations, 4 pages, 15 October 1879. **Container** 1.6
- Notebook, handwritten manuscript with emendations, 103 pages, undated. Contains sections dealing with his reading and the understanding of Japan. **Container** 1.7
- Notebook of thoughts and impressions, signed handwritten manuscript in notebook, 104 pages, March 1890. With bon voyage inscription by Daniel and Alice Rollins. Contains miscellaneous jottings and notes, some in Japanese, together with short comments and thoughts. **Container** 1.8
- Of a dancing girl, signed handwritten manuscript, 85 pages, 10 November 1892. From the Hanley Collection. **Container** 1.9
- Of the eternal feminine, signed handwritten manuscript, 89 pages, 31 July 1893. **Container** 1.10
- Written on a fan -- at the request of the old landlord of the summer-house at Kabana, signed handwritten manuscript, 1 page, undated. **Container** 1.11
- Yung, handwritten manuscript / incomplete with revisions, 3 pages, undated. From the Hanley Collection. **Container** 1.1

Letters:

- ALS to unidentified recipient Elizabeth, undated. **Container 2.1**
- TL / copy to unidentified proofreader re Some Chinese ghosts, 9 December 1886.
Removed from 61-10741.
- ALS / incomplete to unidentified recipient, 28 November 1889.
- TL / copy to unidentified recipient, 23 September 1897. Removed from AC-L
H352F-3 1934 copy 1.
- ALS to Alden, Henry Mills, 12 February 1890.
- ALS to Booth, Miss, 22 November 1886. Removed from 61-10744.
- 4 ALS to Bouton, James W., 9 November 1883, undated.
- ALS to Bouton, James W., 13 August 1884. Removed from 61-10741.
- 2 ALS to Chamberlain, Basil Hall, 12 December and 26 December 1893. **Container 2.2**
- TL / copy to Fenollosa, Ernest Francisco, undated. Removed from 61-10830. **Container 2.1**
- ALS to Hasegawa, Tatsunosuke, 27 September 1898. Removed from AC-L
H352jap 1898.
- 3 ALS, ALI to Krehbiel, Henry Edward, 1882-1884, undated. **Container 2.3**
- ALS to Leland, Charles Godfrey, 19 August 1888. Re Creole patois of Louisiana.
With ALS from Cable, George Washington, 1844-1925 to Leland, 5 July 1888. **Container 2.4**
- 2 ALS to Ochiai, Teisaburo, 27 March 1894, 21 February 1896. **Container 2.1**
- 8 ALS, AL / incomplete to Patten, N. H., 1887-1890, undated. **Container 2.5**
- ALS to Stedman, Edmund Clarence, undated. **Container 2.1**
- ALS to Stoddard, Charles Warren, undated.
- ALS to Warner, Charles Dudley, undated (1887?).

Miscellaneous:**Container**
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Alden, Henry Mills, 1836-1919. ALS to Patten, N. H., 21 December 1889.

Antona, Annetta Halliday. ALS to Hanley, Thomas Edward, 10 August 1935.
From the Hanley Collection.

Farrand, Max, 1869-1945. TLS to Tinker, Edward Larocque, 8 December 1934.
Enclosed with this: typescript / copy of memo by Farrand to Board of Trustees of
the Henry E. Huntington Library, 25 October 1932. Removed from Z 8393.7 P45
Tinker.

Frost, Orcutt William, 1926- . TLS to Tinker, Edward Larocque, 9 June 1953.
Removed from AC-L H352Eam 1952.

Hasegawa (T.) Publisher & Art Printer. TLS Y. Nishimaya to Adams, George
Matthew, 2 November 1929. Removed from AC-L H352jap 1898.

Ichikawa, Sanki, 1886- . ALS to unidentified recipient, 13 February 1929.
Letterhead: The English Literary Society of Japan. Removed from AC-L H352esa
1929 copy 1.

Kennard, Nina H. ALS to Johnson, Merle, 27 July 1939. Removed from
61-10838.

McIlvaine, Clarence B. ALS Vogel to Patten, W. H., 1 January 1890. Removed
from AC-L H352Dfr 1890.

McWilliams, Vera Seeley. 2 ALS, ANS to Adams, George Matthew, 1946,
undated. ALS dated 11 May 1946 written on the face of a photograph.

Matas, Rudolph, 1860-1957. TLS to Adams, George Matthew, 11 January 1945.
Removed from AC-L H352Gla 1941 copy 3.

Monaghan, James. ALS to Tinker, Edward Larocque, 4 May 1938. Letterhead
Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, Office of Librarian. Removed from Z 8393.7 P45
Tinker.

Mordell, Albert, 1885- . TLS to Tinker, Edward Larocque, 9 May 1938. Removed
from Z 8393.7 P45 Tinker.

Morris, George H. TLS to Adams, George Matthew, 23 May 1951. Letterhead:
Florida Southern College.

Noguchi, Yoné, 1875-1947. ALS to Bronner, Milton, 10 March 1912. Removed
from 61-10832.

Noguchi, Yoné, 1875-1947. ALS to editor at Mitchell Kennerly (?), 7 October 1909. Removed from AC-L H352Gno 1911 copy 2.

Perkins, Percival Densmore, 1897- . 2 TLS to Adams, George Matthew, 16 May 1932, 2 March 1934. Included with these: TccL Adams to Perkins, 23 May 1932. Removed from AC-L H352Gh.d 1920.

Perkins, Percival Densmore, 1897- . TLS to Adams, George Matthew re Vera Seeley McWilliams, 10 June 1946.

Perkins, Percival Densmore, 1897- . 4 TLS to Tinker, Edward Larocque, 1931-1934. Removed from Z 8393.7 P45 Tinker.

Turrison, J. S. ALS to Moody, W. S. re Lafcadio Hearn, 13 May 1896.

Weldon, C. D. 2 ALS to Patten, N. H., 7 May and 9 May 1890.

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Explanatory Note Concerning Manuscript Collections Cataloged in the Card Catalog

Prior to 1990 when archival cataloging procedures were adopted at the Ransom Center, all manuscript collections were described in a card catalog.

Organization of Collections:

- Manuscripts for each author collection were organized into four categories:
- **Works:** manuscripts by the author, arranged alphabetically by title;
- **Letters:** the author's outgoing correspondence, arranged alphabetically by recipient name;
- **Recipient:** the author's incoming correspondence, arranged alphabetically by the author of the letter; and
- **Miscellaneous:** all other manuscripts and correspondence, arranged alphabetically by creator.

Materials that did not fit into these categories, such as art, photographs, books, and near-print materials such as newspaper clippings, were dispersed to other Ransom Center collections for cataloging and storage.

Abbreviations Used in Descriptions:

The symbols below were used in combinations. For example **ALS** means autograph letter signed; **Tccms** means typed carbon copy manuscript, etc.

- **A** = autograph (i.e., handwritten)
- **T** = typed
- **S** = signed
- **I** = initialed
- **Ms** = manuscript
- **Mss** = manuscripts
- **L** = letter
- **FL** = form letter
- **N** = note
- **D** = document
- **C** = card
- **PC** = post card
- **cc** = carbon copy
- **p** = page
- **pp** = pages
- **l** = leaf
- **ll** = leaves
- **nd** = no date
- **inc d** = incomplete date