

G. K. (Gilbert Keith) Chesterton:

An Inventory of His Collection at the Harry Ransom Center

Descriptive Summary

Creator:	Chesterton, G. K. (Gilbert Keith), 1874-1936
Title:	G. K. (Gilbert Keith) Chesterton Collection
Dates:	1906-1944, undated
Extent:	1 box (.42 linear feet)
Abstract:	The collection of British writer G. K. Chesterton includes manuscripts for several works, including his best-known novel <i>The Man Who Was Thursday</i> (1908), a few letters written by Chesterton, and a few letters written by others about Chesterton.
Call Number:	Manuscript Collection MS-0769
Language:	English
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:

- Alice Meynell, signed typescript with handwritten emendations, 16 pages; galley proofs with handwritten corrections, 4 pages, 5 January 1923. **Container**
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- By a Roman convert, signed typescript with handwritten emendations, 30 pages, 1925.
- The Catholic who's who; preface, signed typescript with handwritten emendations, 4 pages, 1925.
- An introduction to introductions, handwritten manuscript with revisions, 22 pages, undated. Enclosed with this: ALS / cover letter by secretary to J. M. Dent & Sons, 21 June 1909.
- It is that the pride of English aviation..., handwritten manuscript with pencil sketches on verso, undated. From the Hanley Collection.
- The Man who was Thursday, handwritten manuscript with revisions, 481 pages, undated. **Container**
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- Open letter: the set-back to socialism, signed handwritten manuscript in letter form, undated. From the Hanley Collection. **Container**
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Letters:

ALS no recipient, undated.

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APCS to Ley, James R. William Thomas, undated.

ALS to Meynell, Wilfrid, 8 December 1922.

TLS to The Nation, editor, undated. Entitled: Mr. Bernard Shaw & Mr. Bell. From the Hanley Collection.

TLS to National Sunday Magazine, addressed to Griffith, William, 20 November 1915.

ALS to O'Connor, Father, undated.

ALS to Rowley, Charles, 31 December 1906.

TLS K. Chesshire (secretary) to Tittle, Walter, 12 February no year.

Miscellaneous:

Cheshire, K. ALS to Saunders, Whitelaw, 23 February 1921. From the Hanley Collection.

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Chesterton, J. A. ALS to Rope, Father, re death of G. K. Chesterton, 27 June 1936.

O'Connor, John. ALS to Bishop of Clifton re Chesterton's reception into church, 8 August 1922.

Sheed, Maisie, 1889- . TLS to Green-Armytage, R. N. re formation of Chesterton Club, 21 July 1944.

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