

Arthur Christopher Benson:

An Inventory of His Collection at the Harry Ransom Center

Descriptive Summary

Creator:	Benson, Arthur Christopher, 1862-1925
Title:	Arthur Christopher Benson Collection
Dates:	1892-1935, undated
Extent:	1 box (.42 linear feet)
Abstract:	The collection of Arthur Christopher Benson, English essayist, poet, and author, contains letters from Benson to Douglas Ainsley, Gerald Christy, John Lane, Richard Owen, and several other recipients, manuscripts for a few works, a photograph, and a receipt.
Call Number:	Manuscript Collection MS-0338
Language:	English
Access:	Open for research

Administrative Information

Processed by:	Joan Sibley and Michael Ramsey, 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 work on Samuel Pepys, carbon typescript, 27 pages, undated.

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Quotation, Our life is a very real pilgrimage..., signed handwritten manuscript, 2 pages on 1 leaf, undated.

Soul of the world..., typescript with handwritten changes, undated.

Letters:

- ALS / incomplete to unidentified recipient, undated. **Container 1.2**
- ALS to Ackerley, Joe Randolph, 9 June 1920.
- ALS to Ainslie, 9 August 1918.
- 5 ALS to Ainslie, Douglas, 1905-1907.
- ALI to Benson, Edward Frederick, 4 November 1918. Written with this:
Directions to be followed in case of his death.
- ALS to Blyth, James Blyth, 1st baron, 7 December 1907.
- ALS and TLS to Burke, Thomas, 1913.
- 12 letters and postcards to Christy, Gerald, 1910-1914.
- 3 ALS to Cornhill Magazine, 1909-1910.
- ALS to Dobson, Austin, 10 December 1897.
- 2 ALS to Hind, 1916.
- 98 letters to Lane, John, 1892-1914, undated. **Container 1.4-5**
- 6 ALS to Owen, Richard, 1914-1916. **Container 1.3**
- 12 letters and postcards to Rees, R. Wilkins, Rev., 1897-1907. Includes inscribed
photograph. **Container 1.6**
- ALS to Stone, 5 September 1923. **Container 1.3**
- ALS to Tovey, 2 November no year.
- ALS to Watkins, Vernon Phillips, 8 March 1935.
- ALS, APCS to Wilson, Charles, 1920, undated.

Miscellaneous:

Receipt to Henry Harland, handwritten document, signed, 1 page, 26 April 1894.

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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