

Joseph Conrad:

An Inventory of His Collection at the Harry Ransom Center

Descriptive Summary

Creator:	Conrad, Joseph, 1857-1924
Title:	Joseph Conrad Collection
Dates:	1895-1970, undated
Extent:	5 boxes (2.10 linear feet)
Abstract:	Includes manuscripts, letters, documents, and photographs of the Polish author Joseph Conrad, who wrote in English. Manuscripts are present for his novels <i>Almayer's Folly</i> (1895), <i>Chance</i> (1913), <i>Victory</i> (1915), and other works. His letters to Norman Douglas, Henry James, Alfred A. Knopf, and others are present. Additional letters and questionnaires concern Conrad and his place in literature; responses from Ralph Ellison, Ford Madox Ford, Robert Graves, Graham Greene, Fannie Hurst, James Michener, Henry Miller, George Orwell, Katherine Anne Porter, J. B. Priestley, Bertrand Russell, John Steinbeck, William Styron, Robert Penn Warren, Thornton Wilder, and others are included.
Call Number:	Manuscript Collection MS-0903
Language:	English, French
Access:	Open for research

Administrative Information

Processed by:	Joan Sibley and Sara Saastamoinen, 2012 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:

- Almayer's Folly by Kamudi, typescript with handwritten emendations, 281 pages, undated. **Container** 1.1-2
- Chance, typed and carbon copy manuscript with extensive handwritten revisions, 617 pages, undated. Included with this: handwritten manuscript of "long ending" not used in published version, 10 pages. **Container** 1.3-5
- Christmas day at sea, signed handwritten manuscript with revisions, 10 pages; signed typescript with handwritten revisions, 6 pages; signed galley proof with handwritten emendations, 1 galley cut into 3 sections; 1 July 1923, undated. Bound with these: photograph of Conrad, signed by him on mounting; handwritten title page by Conrad; typed note by R. C.; clipping of printed article from The Daily Mail, London, 24 December 1923. Bookplate of William B. Leeds. **Container** 1.6
- Foreword to catalogue of Corsican & Irish landscapes, typescript with handwritten revisions, 2 pages, circa 1921. Re paintings by Miss Kinhead. **Container** 2.1
- L'Agent secret; Epigraphe; Dedicace, handwritten manuscript / fragment, 1 page, typescript / copy and translation, 1 page, undated. Written in French. **Container** 2.2
- The Nigger of the Narcissus: Preface, signed printed version / printout from digital copy with one handwritten correction and an initialed handwritten note, 4 pages, 1897. Suppressed for book but published in New Review, December 1897. For original, see PR 6005 O4 N5625 1902. **Container** 5.5
- Ocean travel, initialed handwritten manuscript with revisions and ALS to Dick C. written at end, 7 pages, 29 April 1923. With this: photograph of Conrad and D. W. and Muirhead Bone; typed note by R. C.; clipping of article as it appeared in The Evening News, London, 15 May 1923 under title My hotel in Mid-Atlantic. Bookplate of William B. Leeds. **Container** 2.3
- 'Twixt land & sea, page proofs with handwritten corrections, 312 pages, 1921. **Container** 2.4
- Victory, an island tale, handwritten manuscript / incomplete with revisions, 1172 pages, 27 June 1914. Faulty pagination (repeated numbers, numbers skipped); includes some material not in published version. Included with this: 2 pieces of wrapping paper each with John Quinn's address written out by Conrad; 2 Quinn bookplates. **Container** 2.5
- Pages 1-136: preface; part 1, chapters 1-5. **Container** 2.6
- Pages 137-308: part 1, chapters 6-7; part 2, chapters 1-5. **Container** 2.7
- Pages 309-445: part 2, chapters 6-8. **Container** 2.7

Pages 446-598: part 3, chapters 1-4.	Container 2.8
Pages 599-697: part 3, chapters 5-9.	Container 3.1
Pages 698-881: part 3, chapter 10; part 4, chapters 1-3.	Container 3.2
Pages 882-1060: part 4, chapters 5-10.	Container 3.3
Pages 1061-1139: part 4, chapters 11-14.	Container 3.4
Within the tides, page proofs with handwritten emendations and markings, 280 pages, 1915. Changes or marks on pages 11, 27, 115, 213, and 241.	Container 3.5

Letters:

- ALS to unidentified recipient, 13 October 1898. **Container 3.6**
- AN to Appleton (D.) & Co., 17 February 1920.
- TLS to Bell, Colonel, 22 October 1923.
- 6 ALS to Brooke, Mrs., 1896-1898, undated. Included with this: ALS Jessie Conrad to Mrs. Brooke, 3 February 1898.
- 2 ALS to Cockerell, Sydney Carlyle, Sir, 21 November and 8 December 1923. Removed from PR 6005 O4 R6 1923b copy 1.
- ALS to Colvin, Sidney, Sir, 24 December 1910. **Container 3.7**
- ALS to Curle, Richard, 2 July 1916. **Container 3.6**
- ALS to Davis, Clare Ogden, 21 July 1924.
- 16 ALS to Davray, Henry D., 1908-1912. From the Hanley Collection. Originals written in French with typescript transcription and English translation. **Container 3.8**
- 50 ALS to Douglas, Norman, 1905-1913. See folder 5.2 for checklist of letters compiled by Hummell, Madeline. **Container 4.1**
- Original binder for 4.1, 50 ALS to Douglas, Norman, 1905-1913. **Container 4.2**
- ALS to Heinemann (William) Ltd., directed to C. S. Evans, undated (1 September 1920?). **Container 3.6**
- ALS to Hick, Henry, 8 January 1907.
- ALS to James, Henry, 16 October 1896. Removed by HRC from mat board mount; typed transcription and dealer's description were removed and are included. From Hanley III. **Container 4.3**
- TLS to Kinkead, Alice S., 10 October 1921. **Container 3.6**
- ALS to Knopf, Alfred A., 5 September 1913.
- TL / mutilated to Oxford University. The Registrar, 19 May 1922. Signature on back.
- ALS to Pinker, January 1910.
- ALS to Symons, Arthur, 20 April 1915.

TLS to Tanner, Mr., 20 May 1919.

2 ALS, TLS to Tittle, Walter, 20 July, 16 October and 10 November 1922.

3 ALS to Unwin, Thomas Fisher, 2 May 1895, 18 July 1897, 29 October 1898.

Recipient:

Conrad, A. Borys. ALS to Conrad ("Dada,") 2 December 1909.

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4.4

Miscellaneous:

Bain, James. Check to Joseph Conrad, endorsed by Conrad on verso, 5 January 1923. For purchase of 15 copies of *Travel*. Included with this: invoice from R. & R. Clarke, Ltd. to Richard Curle, 6 December 1922; AN re this invoice and Bain's check. Removed from C763tra 1922 HRC. **Container 4.5**

Baines, Jocelyn, 1925-1973. 2 ALS, TLS to Ross, J. Richard Nicholas, 1960. Re G. F. W. Hope and Joseph Conrad.

Beresford, Marcus. Replies to questionnaire by Alexander Janta re Conrad's place in literature, signed handwritten replies of Marc Brandel (pseud.) on duplicated form, 1 page, undated. Included with this: 2 typed carbon copies of answers.

Boles, Paul Darcy, 1919- . Replies to questionnaire by Alexander Janta re Conrad's place in literature, signed handwritten replies on duplicated form, 1 page, undated. Included with this: 2 typed carbon copies of answers.

Brooks, John. Replies to questionnaire by Alexander Janta re Conrad's place in literature, signed handwritten replies on duplicated form, 1 page, 1957. Included with this: 2 typed copies of answers and ALS cover letter to Janta, 9 December 1957.

Brooks, Van Wyck, 1886-1963. Replies to questionnaire by Alexander Janta re Conrad's place in literature, signed handwritten replies on duplicated form, 1 page, 14 January 1958. Included with this: 2 typed copies of answers.

Chute, Beatrice Joy, 1918- . Replies to questionnaire by Alexander Janta re Conrad's place in literature, signed typed replies on duplicated form, 1 page, undated. Included with this: 2 typed carbon copies of answers and TLS, 20 April 1958.

Conrad, A. Borys, 1898- . ALS to Tittle, Walter, 11 February 1924.

Conrad, Jessie George:

ALS to Davis, Clare Ogden, 25 July 1924. **Container 4.5**

ALS to Kinkead, Miss, 23 October 1922. Written on photo postcard of Joseph Conrad and his son.

31 ALS, 2 APCI to Tittle, Walter, 1922-1935. 2 ALS, 1935, are directed to Helen and Walter. **Container 5.1**

ALS to Unwin, Jane Cobden, 20 August 1896. Written on this: ALS Joseph Conrad to Jane Cobden Unwin, 20 August 1896. **Container 4.5**

Conrad, Joseph, 1857-1924. Signed handwritten inscription to Walter Tittle, written on front free endpaper torn from *The arrow of gold*, October 1922. Removed from TEMP C763ar 1919a HRC.

Conrad, Joseph. List of his books and dedicatees, handwritten manuscript in unidentified hand, 1 page, undated. Removed from TEMP C763a 1924 HRC.

Curle, Richard, 1883- . Conrad as dramatist: His theories and his performance, typescript with handwritten emendations, 4 pages, undated. Review of Three plays by Joseph Conrad.

De La Mare, Walter John, 1873-1956. 2 TLS to Wiadomości re Joseph Conrad, 5 and 9 March 1949.

Dos Passos, John, 1896- . Replies to questionnaire by Alexander Janta re Conrad's place in literature, signed handwritten replies on duplicated form, 1 page, undated. Included with this: 2 typed carbon copies of answers.

Downes, Anne Miller. Replies to questionnaire by Alexander Janta re Conrad's place in literature, signed typed replies on duplicated form, 1 page, undated. Included with this: 2 typed carbon copies of answers.

Ellison, Ralph. Replies to questionnaire by Alexander Janta re Conrad's place in literature, signed typed replies on duplicated form, 1 page, undated. Included with this: 2 typed carbon copies of answers.

Farrell, James Thomas, 1904- . Replies to questionnaire by Alexander Janta re Conrad's place in literature, signed handwritten replies on duplicated form, 1 page, undated. Included with this: 2 typed carbon copies of answers and TN to Janta, undated.

Fast, Howard Melvin, 1914- . Replies to questionnaire by Alexander Janta re Conrad's place in literature, signed typed replies on duplicated form, 1 page, undated. Included with this: 2 typed carbon copies of answers.

Ford, Ford Madox, 1873-1939. TLS to unidentified recipient re first edition of *The inheritors*, 8 May 1934. Removed from PR 6005 O4 I5 copy 1 HRC.

Gibbon, Perceval, 1879-1926. TLS to Conrad?, Jessie, undated.

Glemser, Bernard, 1908- . Replies to questionnaire by Alexander Janta re Conrad's place in literature, signed typed replies on duplicated form, 1 page, 1958. Included with this: 2 typed carbon copies of answers and TLS to Junta, 1 May 1958.

Gold, Herbert, 1924- . Replies to questionnaire by Alexander Janta re Conrad's place in literature, signed typed replies on duplicated form, 1 page, 1958. Included with this: 2 typed carbon copies of answers, typed carbon copy manuscript of biographical material, and TLS James Brown Associates (Betty Krabor) to Janta, 19 June 1958.

Gordon, John Dozier, 1907- . Replies to questionnaire by Alexander Janta re Conrad's place in literature, signed handwritten replies on duplicated form, 2 pages, undated. Included with this: 2 typed carbon copies of answers.

Graves, Robert, 1895- . ALS to Wiadomości re Joseph Conrad, 26 March 1949.

Greene, Graham, 1904- . TLS to Wiadomości re Joseph Conrad, 5 April 1949.

Guerard, Albert Joseph, 1914- . Replies to questionnaire by Alexander Janta re Conrad's place in literature, signed typed replies on duplicated form, 1 page, undated. Included with this: 2 typed carbon copies of answers.

Hallowes, L. M. ALS to unidentified recipient, 9 March 1921. Written for Joseph Conrad. From the De Golyer Collection.

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5.2

Hamilton-Edwards, Gerald Kenneth Savery, 1906- . ANS to Ross, J. Richard Nicholas, 25 October 1959. Also addressed to Adelaide.

Harris, Mark. Replies to questionnaire by Alexander Janta re Conrad's place in literature, signed typed replies on duplicated form, 1 page, undated. Included with this: 2 typed carbon copies of answers.

Haugh, Robert F. Replies to questionnaire by Alexander Janta re Conrad's place in literature, signed typed replies on duplicated form, 1 page, 14 January 1958. Included with this: 2 typed carbon copies of answers.

Hope, George Fountain Weir. Friend of Conrad, typescript / copy illustrated with original drawings and photographs and with reproductions, 152 leaves and 10 leaves of additional material bound, undated (Hope manuscript); copied by Nicholas Ross and bound 1958-1960. These memories of Conrad extracted by Nicholas Ross from a longer memoir by Hope; bound with original drawings by Hope, Henry Phillpotts, and Eden Phillpotts. Bound with this: ALS Joseph Conrad to Eden Phillpotts, 16 February 1912; newspaper cuttings; extracts from works by Conrad; 2 TL / copies Jocelyn Baines to Ross, 1960. Loosely laid in: 1 original drawing and 2 reproductions of drawings of ships.

Container
5.3

Hope, George Fountain Weir. Recollections of Joseph Conrad's early days in England and at sea, carbon copy typescript, 7 pages, undated.

Container
5.2

Hopkins, Gerard, 1892- . TLS to Wiadomości re Joseph Conrad, 22 February 1949.

Hummel, Madeline. A checklist of fifty original autograph letters, 1905-1913, from Joseph Conrad to Norman Douglas in the Academic Center Library at the University of Texas, typescript / photocopy, 5 pages, August 1970.

Hurst, Fannie, 1889-1968. Replies to questionnaire by Alexander Janta re Conrad's place in literature, signed handwritten replies on duplicated form, 1 page, undated. Included with this: 2 typed carbon copies of answers.

Jameson, Storm. TLS to Wiadomości re Joseph Conrad, 7 March 1949.

Karp, David, 1922- . Replies to questionnaire by Alexander Janta re Conrad's place in literature, TLS, 1 page, 14 December 1957. Included with this: 2 typed carbon copies of answers.

Kinkead, Alice S. Cardboard cover with handwritten notation re Conrad foreword to the catalogue for an exhibition of landscapes, 1921?

Lewis, John S. Conrad in 1914, typescript / photocopy, 12 pages, undated.

Lewis, John S. Three deletions from the manuscript of Conrad's Victory, typescript / photocopy, 13 pages, undated.

Liddell, Robert, 1908- . ALS to Wiadomości re Joseph Conrad, 6 May 1949.

Macauley, Robie Mayhew. Replies to questionnaire by Alexander Janta re Conrad's place in literature, typescript, 1 page, 18 December 1957. Included with this: 2 typed carbon copies of answers.

Michener, James Albert, 1907- . Replies to questionnaire by Alexander Janta re Conrad's place in literature, TLS, 1 page, 16 January 1958. Included with this: 2 typed carbon copies of answers.

Miller, Henry, 1891- . Replies to questionnaire by Alexander Janta re Conrad's place in literature, signed handwritten replies on duplicated form, 1 page, undated. Included with this: 2 typed carbon copies of answers.

Morris, Wright, 1910- . Replies to questionnaire by Alexander Janta re Conrad's place in literature, signed typed replies on duplicated form, 1 page, undated. Included with this: 2 typed carbon copies of answers.

Morton, Frederic, 1924- . Replies to questionnaire by Alexander Janta re Conrad's place in literature, signed typed replies on duplicated form, 1 page, undated. Included with this: 2 typed carbon copies of answers.

Moser, Thomas C. Replies to questionnaire by Alexander Janta re Conrad's place in literature, signed handwritten replies on duplicated form, 1 page, undated. Included with this: 2 typed carbon copies of answers.

Murray, Gilbert, 1866-1957. TLS to Wiadomości re Joseph Conrad, 22 February 1949.

Nathan, Robert, 1894- . Replies to questionnaire by Alexander Janta re Conrad's place in literature, signed handwritten replies on duplicated form, 1 page, 1958. Included with this: 2 typed carbon copies of answers.

Orwell, George, 1903-1950. TLS to Wiadomości re Joseph Conrad, 25 February 1949.

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Payne, Robert. Replies to questionnaire by Alexander Janta re Conrad's place in literature, signed handwritten replies on duplicated form, 1 page, undated. Included with this: 2 typed carbon copies of answers.

Pick, Robert, 1898- . Replies to questionnaire by Alexander Janta re Conrad's place in literature, signed typed replies on duplicated form, 1 page, 1958. Included with this: 2 typed carbon copies of answers and TLS to Janta, 22 April 1958.

Porter, Katherine Anne, 1894- . Replies to questionnaire by Alexander Janta re Conrad's place in literature, signed handwritten replies on duplicated form, 1 page, 12 December 1957. Included with this: 2 typed carbon copies of answers.

Priestley, John Boynton, 1894- . TLS to Wiadomości re Joseph Conrad, 24 February 1949.

Raczyński, Edward, 1891- . TLS to Conrad, Borys, 8 December 1936.

Russell, Bertrand Russell, Earl, 1872- . TLS to Wiadomości re Joseph Conrad, 22 February 1949.

Smith, Harrison, 1888- . Replies to questionnaire by Alexander Janta re Conrad's place in literature, signed handwritten replies on duplicated form, 1 page, undated. Included with this: 2 typed carbon copies of answers.

Steinbeck, John, 1902- . Replies to questionnaire by Alexander Janta re Conrad's place in literature, signed handwritten replies on duplicated form, 1 page, undated. Included with this: 2 typed carbon copies of answers.

Styron, William, 1925- . Replies to questionnaire by Alexander Janta re Conrad's place in literature, signed typed replies on duplicated form, 1 page, undated. Included with this: 2 typed carbon copies of answers.

Swarthout, Glendon Fred. Replies to questionnaire by Alexander Janta re Conrad's place in literature, signed typed replies on duplicated form, 1 page, undated. Included with this: 2 typed carbon copies of answers.

Towarzystwo Literatów i Dziennikarzy Polskich. TLS to Conrad, Borys, 14 December 1936.

Toynbee, Philip. ALS to Wiadomości re Joseph Conrad, 26 February 1949.

U. S. Library of Congress. Copyright office. Printed and ADS assignment of copyright for Joseph Conrad and Ford Madox Ford Hueffer to R. L. Giffen, 23 July 1919. Attached to this: 2 consular certificates and acknowledgement of execution of document, 16 June 1919 and memorandum of agreement with R. L. Giffen, signed by Conrad, Hueffer, and Giffen, 20 May 1919. Re cinematograph rights for "Romance." Extracted from ACL C763i 1901.

Warren, Robert Penn. Replies to questionnaire by Alexander Janta re Conrad's place in literature, signed typed replies on duplicated form, 1 page, undated. Included with this: 2 typed carbon copies of answers.

Westcott, Glenway. Replies to questionnaire by Alexander Janta re Conrad's place in literature, signed typescript, 1 page, undated. Included with this: 2 typed carbon copies of answers.

Wiadomości. TLS to Shaw, George Bernard re Joseph Conrad, 18 February 1949. On same page is written Shaw, George Bernard ANS to Wiadomości, 22 February 1949.

Wickenden, Dan, 1918- . Replies to questionnaire by Alexander Janta re Conrad's place in literature, signed handwritten replies on duplicated form, 1 page, 11 December 1957. Included with this: 2 typed carbon copies of answers.

Wilder, Thornton, 1897- . Replies to questionnaire by Alexander Janta re Conrad's place in literature, ALS, 14 December 1957. Included with this: 2 typed carbon copies of answers.

Wilkinson, Cyril Hackett, 1888-1960. 3 ALS to Ross, J. Richard Nicholas, 25 September, 2 October, and 21 November 1957. Re Joseph Conrad and G.F. W. Hope.

Woodruff, Neal, Jr. Replies to questionnaire by Alexander Janta re Conrad's place in literature, signed typescript, 1 page, 19 December 1957. Included with this: TLS cover letter to Janta, 19 December 1957; 2 ALS to Janta, 22 and 31 December 1957; TccL Janta to Woodruff, 13 March 1958; 2 typed carbon copies of answers.

Wouk, Herman, 1915- . Replies to questionnaire by Alexander Janta re Conrad's place in literature, signed typed replies on duplicated form, 1 page, undated. Included with this: 2 typed carbon copies of answers.

Zabel, Morton Dauwen, 1901- . Replies to questionnaire by Alexander Janta re Conrad's place in literature, signed typed replies on duplicated form, 1 page, undated.

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