

John Middleton Murry:

An Inventory of His Collection at the Harry Ransom Center

Descriptive Summary

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| Creator: | Murry, John Middleton, 1889-1957 |
| Title: | John Middleton Murry Collection |
| Dates: | 1912-1957, undated |
| Extent: | 2 boxes (.84 linear feet) |
| Abstract: | Includes letters written and received by the English writer, critic, and editor John Middleton Murry. Correspondents include W. H. Auden, E. M. Forster, Aldous Huxley, A. A. Milne, Dorothy Richardson, H. M. Tomlinson, Denton Welch, and Rebecca West, among others. Copies of Murry's letters to his first wife, the writer Katherine Mansfield, as well as correspondence about her, are also present. |
| Call Number: | Manuscript Collection MS-2974 |
| Language: | English |
| Access: | Open for research |

Administrative Information

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| 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 |

Letters:

- TLS to unidentified recipient, 5 July 1923. **Container 1.1**
- TLS to unidentified recipient, 30 March 1925.
- ALS to Burke, Thomas, 9 January 1924.
- 4 ALS, 2 ALI, TLS, TLI, APCI to Carswell, Catherine, 1931-1933, undated.
Concerns D. H. Lawrence **Container 1.2**
- ALI to Cobden-Sanderson, Richard, 1921. **Container 1.1**
- TccL to Farjeon, Eleanor, undated.
- APCS to Goldring, Douglas, 2 August 1912.
- ALS to Guthrie, William Norman, 16 January 1930. Included with this: TccL
Guthrie to Murry, 18 January 1930. Removed from AC-L M968go 1929c copy 4.
- ALS to Hackett, Francis, 3 May 1925.
- 2 ALS to Harris, Frank, 1 July and 11 July 1923.
- TccL to Koestler, Arthur, 12 October 1955.
- 2 ALS to Koteliansky, Samuel Solomonovitch, 1 February and 8 February 1923.
- Letters to Mansfield, Katherine, typed copies of letters, excerpts from letters and
postcards, 216 pages, 1912-1923. Misnumbered 1-136. **Container 1.3-5**
- 26 ALS, 5 ALI, 3 TLS, ANI, 3 AN, 2 APCS, APCI to Mantz, Ruth Elvish, 1930-1933,
undated. Previously in two notebooks:
- Volume I includes: introductory note by Murry for Mantz's bibliography of
Katherine Mansfield, typescript, 22 October 1930; Mantz's notes on Mansfield's
finances; TLS / copy Mantz to Murry, 22 December 1931; ALI Ida Baker (L. M.)
to Murry, 12 April 1932; typescript / copy of excerpts from A little episode by L.
M.; signed typescript / copy of Murry's introduction to R. O. Prowse's A gift of
the dusk; TL / copy Murry to Constable & Co.; typescript / notes by Mantz. **Container 1.6**
- Volume II includes: 2 TLS Mantz to Murry, 22 January 1933, undated; discarded
foreword by Mantz for her life of Mansfield; handwritten and typed manuscript
sections of Mansfield biography by Murry; The Mansfield myth by Mantz?,
carbon typescript. **Container 1.7**
- ALS to Mantz, Ruth Elvish, 21 May 1932. **Container 1.1**

TL / copy to Morrell, Ottoline Violet Anne Cavendish Bentinck, Lady, undated.

2 ALS to Richards, Grant, 18 October 1922, 28 December 1923.

ALS to Schwartz, Jacob, 22 August 1925.

ALS to Sidgwick, Frank, 30 January 1923.

ALS / photocopy to Stanford University, 1 December 1932.

3 ALS, 2 TLS to Ussher, Arland, 1952-1957.

Recipient:

Abercrombie, Lascelles, 1881-1938. ALS to Murry, 18 March no year.

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Aldington, Richard, 1892-1962. TLS to Murry, 2 May 1950.

Auden, Wystan Hugh, 1907- . ALS to Murry, 27 December no year.

Bates, Herbert Ernest, 1905- . ALS, APCS to Murry, 20 February and 24 February 1928.

Bell, Adrian, 1901- . 3 ALS to Murry, 9 June 1949, undated.

Bell, Clive, 1881- . ALS to Murry, 11 January 1923.

Cornford, Frances Darwin, 1886-1960. 9 ALS, 4 ALI, ANS to Murry, 1925-1955, undated. ANS written on TLS Justin Brooke to Cornford, 19 December 1955.

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Cornford, Frances Macdonald, 1874-1943. 8 ALS to Murry, 1925-1926.

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1.8

Ervine, St. John Greer, 1883- . ALS to Murry, 26 September 1929.

Farjeon, Eleanor, 1881- . TLS to Murry, 11 March 1955.

Fergusson, John Duncan, 1874- . 3 ALS to Murry, 1930-1933, undated.

Forster, Edward Morgan, 1879- . 4 ALS, APCI to Murry, 1920-1956.

Gregg, Richard Bartlett, 1885- . ALS to Murry, 6 July 1956.

Guéritte, Marguerite T. TLS to Murry, 22 April 1932.

Hartley, Leslie Poles, 1895- . ALS to Murry, 30 November 1953.

Hillyer, Robert Silliman, 1896- . 2 ALS, TLS to Murry, 1926-1927.

Houghton, Graham Goulden, 1908- . ALS to Murry, 22 January 1957.

Huxley, Aldous Leonard, 1894-1963. 4 TLS to Murry, 1925-1946.

Inge, William Ralph, 1860-1954. ALS to Murry, undated.

Johnson, Pamela Hansford, 1912- . 3 ALS to Murry, 1949-1952.

Koestler, Arthur, 1905- . 2 TLS to Murry, 5 October and 14 October 1955.
Enclosed with 5 October TLS: TccL to A. D. Peters, Literary Agents, 5 October 1955.

MacCarthy, Desmond, Sir, 1878-1952. TLS to Murry, 16 June 1931. Letterhead: Life & Letters.

Maxton, James. 4 ALS, 2 TLS to Murry, 1932-1935, undated.

Meyerstein, Edward Harry William, 1889-1952. ALS to Murry, 15 January 1923.

Millin, Sarah Gertrude Liebson, 1889- . 9 ALS to Murry, 1923-1934.

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1.10

Milne, Alan Alexander, 1882-1956. ALS to Murry, 10 September 1939.

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1.8

Morton, John Bingham, 1893- . ALS to Murry, 27 October 1928.

Murry, Violet Middleton, 1902?-1931. 25 TL / excerpts to Murry, 1927-1928.

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1.11

Myers, Elizabeth, 1912-1947. 2 ALS to Murry, 23 April 1945, 17 February 1947.

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1.8

Nichols, Robert Malise Bowyer, 1893-1944. 4 ALS, 2 APCS to Murry, 1920-1925, undated. Included with 16 August 1924 ALS: 2 handwritten poems, Night long and one untitled.

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1.12

Nichols, Ross. TLS to Murry, 21 January 1944. Letterhead Carlisle & Gregson (Jimmy's) Ltd.

Orton, William Aylott, 1889-1952. ALS to Murry, 25 April 1948.

Pritchett, Victor Sawdon, 1900- . ALS to Murry, 24 January 1945.

Quiller-Couch, Arthur Thomas, Sir, 1863-1944. ALI to Murry, 28 February 1925.

Richardson, Dorothy Miller, 1873-1957. 3 ALS to Murry, April 1924, undated.

Rothenstein, William, Sir, 1872-1945. 7 ALS to Murry, 1922-1928, undated.

Rowse, Alfred Leslie, 1903- . 4 ALS to Murry, undated.

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1.13

Ruck, Berta, 1878- . ALS to Murry, 15 March no year.

Container 1.12

Seaver, George, 1890- . TLS to Murry, 16 December 1955.

Sheppard, Richard. 3 TLS to Murry, 1937.

Sickert, Walter Richard, 1860-1942. 2 ALS to Murry, undated.

Smuts, Jan Christiaan, 1870-1950. 3 ALS to Murry, 1929.

Spender, Stephen, 1909- . ALS, TLS to Murry, undated.

Spring, Howard, 1889- . 2 ALS to Murry, 1946.

Sullivan, John William Navin, 1886-1937. 2 ALS, 6 ALI, 2 TLS, TLI to Murry, 1922-1935, undated. **Container**
2.1

Swinnerton, Frank Arthur, 1884- . ALS, ALI, 15 January and 8 May 1923. **Container**
1.12

Tawney, Richard Henry, 1880-1962. 8 ALS to Murry, 1930-1933. **Container**
2.3

Thorndike, Sybil, Dame, 1882- . ALS to Murry, 9 September no year. **Container**
2.2

Tomlinson, Henry Major, 1873-1958. 39 ALS, 14 ALI, APCI to Murry, 1921-1953, undated. **Container**
2.4

Tracy, Henry Chester, 1876- . 17 ALS, ALI, 10 TLS to Murry, 1923-1931, undated. **Container**
2.5

Trevelyan, George Macaulay, 1876-1962. 2 ALS to Murry, 12 October and 16 October 1922. **Container**
2.2

Welch, Denton, 1915-1948. ALS to Murry, 16 September 1942. Enclosed with this: 4 poems, For a drowned friend; Protection at night; The hungry hour; Jane Allen.

West, Rebecca, 1892- . 4 ALS to Murry, 1923, undated.

Miscellaneous:

Albatross Verlag. Memorandum of agreement with Murry re Something childish and **Container**
The dove's nest, signed printed document, 2 pages, 15 May 1934. 2.6

Murry, John Middleton, 1889-1960. Autograph, undated.

Murry, Violet Middleton, 1902?-1931. TL / incomplete / copy to unidentified
recipient Alison, undated.

Peters (A. D.), Literary Agent. TLS Steve to Koestler, Arthur, 7 October 1955.

Tomlinson, Henry Major, 1873-1958. ALS to Murry, Violet Middleton, 14 June
1929.

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