

Edward Thomas:

An Inventory of His Collection at the Harry Ransom Center

Descriptive Summary

Creator:	Thomas, Edward, 1878-1917
Title:	Edward Thomas Collection
Dates:	1904-1940, undated
Extent:	2 boxes (.84 linear feet)
Abstract:	Includes manuscripts and letters written by the Anglo-Welsh poet Edward Thomas, who died in World War I. Also present are letters to and from John Cecil Moore (editor of <i>Life and Letters of Edward Thomas</i> , 1939), as well as letters and manuscripts of memoirs written by Thomas's wife Helen (including <i>As it Was</i> , 1926 and <i>World without End</i> , 1931).
Call Number:	Manuscript Collection MS-4205
Language:	English
Access:	Open for research

Administrative Information

Processed by:	Joan Sibley, Jamie Hawkins-Kirkham, 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 poem, There was a farmer who had 3 sons..., handwritten manuscript with revisions, 3 pages, undated. **Container**
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- The ash grove, handwritten manuscript with revisions, 1 page, undated.
- Bright clouds, handwritten manuscript, 1 page, undated.
- Cock-crow, signed handwritten manuscript with revisions, 4 leaves [2 leaves possible identification as Two houses; 1 leaf possible identification as Digging]. 21-23 July 1915. **Container**
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- Crowbit, signed handwritten manuscript / incomplete with revisions, 10 pages, undated. **Container**
1.1
- Digging, *see* Cock-crow.
- The dark forest, handwritten manuscript, 1 page, undated; handwritten manuscript / draft with handwritten workings, 2 pages, undated. **Container**
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- February afternoon, 2 handwritten manuscripts, 1 page each, undated.
- Providence, handwritten manuscript with one revision, 1 page, undated.
- Review of Richard Jefferies: *étude d'une personnalité*, by Clifton Maseck, handwritten manuscript / draft with extensive revisions, 12 pages, undated.
- There was a time, handwritten manuscript, 1 page, undated.
- Two houses, *see* Cock-crow.
- The unknown, handwritten manuscript with revisions, 1 page, undated. **Container**
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Letters:

ALS to Cazenove, C. F., 13 November 1904.

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5 ALS to Freeman, John, 1909.

ALS to Garnett, Edward, 16 August 1916.

ALS to Hudson, William Henry, 29 August 1906.

2 ALS to Scott-James, Rolfe Arnold, 21 January 1907 and 19 August 1908.

Miscellaneous:**Container**
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Unidentified author Heather. ALS to Thomas, Helen Noble, 9 February 1931.

Bax, Clifford. Walking Tom, verses by Clifford Bax and Herbert Farjeon, handwritten manuscript, 13 pages, 19-21 September 1913.

Berridge, Jesse. ALS to Moore, John Cecil, undated.

Beveridge, Janet Philip Beveridge, baroness. ALS to Thomas, Helen Noble, 9 March 1931.

Bottomley, Gordon. Two poems: Song from a masque and Sanctuaries, initialed handwritten manuscript, 1 leaf, undated.

Bottomley, Gordon. To Edward Thomas (poem), signed handwritten manuscript, 2 pages, 30 June 1908.

Bullett, Gerald William. ALS to Thomas, Helen Noble, 14 February 1931.

Cape (Jonathan) Limited. 2 TLS to Thomas, Helen Noble, 29 August 1927 and 29 September 1931. Includes agreements for A literary pilgrimage in England (1927) and A pocket book of songs of the open air (1928), and royalty statements (1929).

Churchill, Stella. 2 ALS to Thomas, Helen Noble, 27 February and 6 March 1931.

Eckert, Robert Paul. TLS to Moore, John Cecil, 30 November 1937.

Eckert, Robert Paul, Jr. TLS to Watson, R. L. 9 May 1934.

Glover William John. ALS to Thomas, Helen Noble, 25 June 1928.

Gold, Daisy. ALS to Thomas, Helen Noble, 2 March 1931.

Guthrie, James. ALS to Haines, John W., 24 November 1937.

Guthrie, James. 4 ALS to Moore, John Cecil, 1936-1937.

Haines, John W. 5 TLS to Moore, John Cecil, 1936-1939.

Haynes, E. S. P. 15 TLS, APCS to Moore, John Cecil, 1936-1939.

Heinemann (William) Ltd. Royalty statements, 2 signed typed and printed documents, 1 page each, December 1927 and June 1929.

Hollis, Francis M. ALS to Thomas, Helen Noble, 2 March 1931.

Hodgson & Co., auctioneers (London). TLS to Thomas, Helen Noble, 4 March 1931.

Hooton, Harry. 3 ALS to Moore, John Cecil, 1936.

Ingpen & Grant, publishers (London). Royalty statements, signed handwritten and printed document, 1 page, 17 December 1928.

Lushington, Bridget. ALS to Thomas, Helen Noble, 7 February 1931.

Lushington, Franklin. ALS to Thomas, Helen Noble, 29 January 1931.

MacAlister, Ian, Sir. 24 ALS, 2 TLS, ANS, 2 APCS, 3 APCI to Moore, John Cecil. **Container**
1935-1939, undated. 1.5

MacAlister, Ian, Sir. ALS, APCL to Watson, R. L., 19 February 1936 and 1 May 1936. **Container**
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McArthur, Irene. ALS to Moore, John Cecil, 7 March 1937.

Marks, Hayward. TLS to Moore, John Cecil, 8 July 1937.

Nicolson, Harold, Sir. TLS to Thomas, Helen Noble, 26 January 1931.

Ogilvy, Ann. ALS to Thomas, Helen Noble, 14 March 1931.

Pratt, John. ALS to Thomas, Helen Noble, 1931.

Thomas, Helen Noble:

As it was (published 1926):

Chapter II, handwritten manuscript with revisions, 19 pages, undated. **Container**
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Chapter IV, handwritten manuscript / first draft / incomplete with revisions, 10 pages, undated.

Chapter IV, typescript with handwritten emendations, 19 pages, undated.

Chapter V, signed handwritten manuscript with revisions, 8 pages, undated.
Signed with pseudonym, Helen Broomwood.

Chapter V, typescript with handwritten revisions, 11 pages, undated.

Investment and real estate papers, 9 items, 1926-1929. **Container** 1.4

Letters from readers of World without end by Helen Thomas, 12 ALS, 1 incomplete, January - April 1931, undated.

Spring, carbon copy typescript / incomplete, 12 pages, undated.	Container 1.7
World without end (published 1931):	
Chapter XII, handwritten manuscript / incomplete, 13 pages; handwritten manuscript / miscellaneous, 5 pages; undated.	Container 1.8
Handwritten manuscript / first version with handwritten revisions, 86 pages; handwritten manuscript / miscellaneous, 3 pages; undated.	Container 1.9
Handwritten manuscript / middle version / incomplete, 68 pages; handwritten manuscript / miscellaneous, 4 pages; undated.	Container 1.10
Handwritten manuscript / final version, 108 pages, undated.	Container 2.1
Initialed typescript / final version / incomplete, 138 pages; handwritten manuscript / miscellaneous, 38 pages; undated.	Container 2.2
Thomas, Ann Myfanwy. APCS to Moore, John Cecil, 13 February 1938.	Container 1.4
Thorburn, John M. ALS to Moore, John Cecil, 6 February 1940.	
Williams, Arthur D. TLS / incomplete to Moore, John Cecil, undated.	
Williams, Margaret. ALS to Thomas, Helen Noble, 15 March 1931.	
Wood, Thomas. TLS to Thomas, Helen Noble, 9 February 1928.	

Miscellaneous I:

Thomas, Helen Noble. Scrapbook with seven letters, one typescript, and clippings (some loose and never added) re World without end, 1930-1931. Correspondents include H. E. Bates (21 February 1931), Geoffrey Grigson (8 January 1930), and Vita Sackville-West (2 February 1931 and carbon typescript dated 26 January 1931), and others.

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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