

Logan Pearsall Smith:

An Inventory of His Collection at the Harry Ransom Center

Descriptive Summary

Creator:	Smith, Logan Pearsall, 1865-1946
Title:	Logan Pearsall Smith Collection
Dates:	1890-1947, undated
Extent:	2 boxes (.84 linear feet)
Abstract:	Includes manuscripts and a few letters written by the American-born essayist and critic. He was known for his aphorisms and epigrams, some of which are included in the collection.
Call Number:	Manuscript Collection MS-3887
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:

All trivia, printed book with handwritten revisions, xvi, 176 pages, 1939 (date reprinted).	Container 1.1
The daylight moon, handwritten manuscript / notes written in a small notebook, 8 pages, undated.	Container 1.2
Death in Iceland, 3 printed copies with handwritten revisions, 12 pages each, 1938 (date of publication).	Container 1.3
Dervorguilla's testament, typescript / incomplete, 15 pages, 1890.	Container 1.4
Dervorguilla's testament, typescript with handwritten revisions, 39 pages, 1890.	Container 1.5
English translations of fragments from plays by Euripides, handwritten manuscript, 39 pages, 1906.	Container 1.6
Notebook of aphorisms, ideas, phrases, talk, handwritten manuscript in lined notebook, 272 pages, 1927-1942. Guide des Charmettes, printed pamphlet, 8 pages, attached to inside back cover.	Container 1.7
Songs and sonnets, printed book with handwritten revisions, 64 pages, 1909 (date of publication).	Container 2.1
Sonnets, printed book with handwritten revisions and notes, initialed on front cover by Smith and signed by Robert Gathorne-Hardy, 30 pages, 1908. Included with this: ALS Smith to Gathorne-Hardy, 1941; ALS Gathorne-Hardy to Smith, 1943.	Container 2.2
Stories from the Old Testament, printed book with handwritten revisions, 53 pages, 1920.	Container 2.3
Suggestions for the B.B.C. Advisory Committee on Spoken English, typescript, 15 pages, undated.	Container 2.4

Letters:

AL / draft to Connolly, Cyril, 17 March 1941.

Container 2.5

ALS to Gathorne-Hardy, Robert, 9 February 1943.

AL / joke letter to Macaulay, Rose, Dame, signed W. Plantagenet, 20 June 1941
(postmark).

Recipient:

Macaulay, Rose, Dame. TL / joke letter to Smith, 22 February 1940.

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2.6

Miscellaneous:

Unidentified author. APCS to Russell, Alys Smith, 4 January 1944.

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Russell, Alys Smith. ALS to Gathorne-Hardy, Robert, 21 August 1947.

Sitwell, Osbert, Sir. Endorsement on a cheque made out for £10,000 to the Importance of Being Osbert Movement, printed cheque, 20 November 1944.

Empty envelopes, addressed to Smith, Logan Pearsall, undated and Gathorne-Hardy, Robert, 1940. **Container**
2.8

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