Sir Emery Walker:
An Inventory of His Collection at the Harry Ransom Center

Descriptive Summary

Creator: Walker, Emery, Sir, 1851-1933
Title: Sir Emery Walker Collection
Dates: 1782-1960, undated
Extent: 7 boxes (2.94 linear feet), 6 oversize folders (osf)
Abstract: Includes manuscripts, business and personal papers, and correspondence of the English engraver and printer Sir Emery Walker, as well as some materials for Doves Press, Kelmscott Press, and the Socialist League. Correspondents include Max Beerbohm, Edward Burne-Jones, Walter Crane, T. E. Lawrence, Jane Morris, William Morris, Bruce Rogers and Philip Speakman Webb, along with various Walker family members and many others.

Call Number: Manuscript Collection MS-4379
Language: English, French
Access: Open for research

Administrative Information

Processed by: Joan Sibley and Katherine Noble, 2013 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:


Doves Press lists and forms, printed, 28 pages, 1900-1912.  

Doves Press text specimens, printed, 59 pages, undated.  

Essay on the purpose of the London School of Printing, typescript with handwritten emendations, 2 pages, undated.  

Kelmscott Press:  


Illustrations, printed pages, 60 pages, undated.  

Initial letters, printed pages and single initials, 114 pages, undated. Included with these: 3 original pen and ink designs for initial letters, one signed by William Morris.  

Large borders, printed pages, 21 pages, undated. Some sheets withdrawn to oversize folder.  

Last sheet printed at the press, printed sheet with signed handwritten note by S. C. Cockerell written on it, 1 item, 19 March 1898.  

Text specimens, printed pages, 58 pieces, undated.  

Lectures:  

For Sandars Readership in Bibliography at Cambridge, carbon typescript, 110 pages, 1924. Three lectures on the history and techniques of printing. Included are slide notes, handwritten manuscript, 7 pages, undated.  

For Sandars Readership in Bibliography at Cambridge: notes, handwritten manuscript, 46 pages in notebook, undated.  

Letterpress printing as an art: syllabus, handwritten manuscript, 2 pages; carbon typescript, 1 page; 1898.  

On the Kelmscott Press: notes, handwritten manuscript, 8 pages in notebook, undated.
On William Morris, typescript with handwritten corrections, 15 pages, undated.

Processes of reproduction, handwritten manuscript, 4 pages, undated.

Typography: notes, handwritten manuscript, 5 pages, 1895.

Letterpress printing and illustration, handwritten manuscript, 8 pages, 1888.

Lecture to the Arts & Crafts Exhibition Society.

The Proctor gospels, unbound sheets, 308 pages, 1932? Printed at the Oxford University Press in Robert Proctor's Greek type by arrangement with the owners Sidney Cockerell and Emery Walker.
Letters:

AL / draft to Bathurst, Seymour Henry, 7th Earl of, 1 October 1929.

ALS to Fisher, Mr. and Mrs., 24 December 1917.

AL / draft to Image, Janet, 1930. Addressed to Mrs. Selwyn Image.

ALS / copy to Norris, E. M., Mrs., 13 March 1903.

ALI / copy to Trinity College, Cambridge, directed to the Librarian, 9 December 1902.

Letters to Walker, Dorothy ("Dolly"), 79 items, 1889-1921, undated.

25 ALS, AL / incomplete, 4 TLS, TL, APCS, APCI to Walker, Dorothy, 1912-1931.

Letters to Walker, Mary Grace, Lady, 32 items, 1878-1919, undated. Included with these: 11 replies from Mary Walker to Emery Walker, on one of which he has written notes on early printing.

ALS to Walker, Mary Grace Jones, Lady, 4 October 1896.

ALS to Walker, Mary Grace Jones, 6 February 1919. Letterhead: YMCA on active service with the British Expeditionary Force.
Recipient:

Adams, Katharine, 1862-1952. 3 ALS "Katie" to Walker, 1921-1928.


Allbutt, Clifford, Sir, 1836-1924. ALS to Walker, 28 May 1923.

Baddeley, Welbore St. Clair, 1856-1945. ALS to Walker, 14 April 1924.

Beerbohm, Max, Sir, 1872-1956. 2 ALS to Walker, 15 November 1903, 13 November 1908.

Binyon, Laurence, 1869-1943. ALS to Walker, 6 May 1920.

Boni. ALS to Walker, undated.

Bridges, Robert. 2 ALS to Walker, 4 and 12 October 1915.

Burne-Jones, Edward Coley, Sir, 1833-1898. 2 ALS, ALI to Walker, 1887-1897.


Burne-Jones, Philip, Sir, 1861-1926. ALS to Walker, 7 February 1902.

Burns, John, 1858-1943. ALI to Walker, 8 June 1914.

Campbell, Charles W. ALS to Walker, 28 May 1886.

Cherry-Garrard, Apsley George Benet, 1866-1959. ALS to Walker, 10 April 1923.

Clausen, George, 1852-. 2 ALS to Walker, 28 November and 4 December 1928.


Colvin, Sidney, Sir, 1845-1927. ALS to Walker, 27 July no year.

Crane, Walter. 2 ALS to Walker, 18 August 1885, 11 March 1888.

Dobson, Austin, 1840-1921. ALS to Walker, 9 April 1904.

Dobson, Austin, 1840-1921. ALS to Walker, 29 July 1904.

Draper, Ruth. ALS to Walker, 24 May 1933.

Forman, Harry Buxton, 1842-1917. 2 ALS, APCS to Walker, 20 September 1883, 22 August 1903.

Gilbert, Josiah, 1814-1892. ALS to Walker, 24 April no year.

Gill, Eric, 1882-1940. ALS to Walker, 28 October 1916.

Graham, Robert Bontine Cunninghame, 1852-1936. ALS to Walker, 5 November 1912.

H., W. H. ANI to Walker, undated.

Hewitt, Graily. ALS, Christmas card to Walker, December 1913, 21 January 1921.

Hodson, Laurence W. ALS to Walker, 16 June 1909.


Image, Selwyn, 1849-1930. ALI to Walker, 23 March 1927. Included with this: 20 printed Christmas and occasional poems, some addressed also to Mrs. Walker.


Kropotkin, Petr Alekseevich, kniaz, 1842-1921. ALS to Walker, 7 December 1905.


Linton, William James, 1812-1897. ALS to Walker, 13 January 1885.

London County Council. Technical Education Board. TLS to Walker, 6 August 1897.

Macdonald, James Ramsey, 1866-1937. ALS, TLS to Walker, 3 and 13 August 1925.

Mackail, John William, 1859-1945. ALS to Walker, 13 April 1911.

Morgan, J. S. ALS to Walker, 22 May 1903.

Morison, Stanley, 1889- . ALS to Walker, 6 November 1921.

Morris, Jane Alice, ALS to Walker, 17 March 1902. Photograph of Morris included, December 1901.

Morris, Jane Burden. ALS to Walker, 31 August 1907.

Morris, May, 1862-1938. 3 ALS to Walker, 1912-1924, undated.


Morris, William, 1834-1896. 3 ALS to Walker, 1890-1892.


Okey, Thomas, 1852-1935. 4 ALS, 2 ALI, APCI to Walker, 1930-1931.

Pollard, Alfred William, 1859-1944. 3 ALS to Walker, 1924.

Prior, J., b. 1835. APCS to Walker, 8 August 1904.

Reed, Talbot Baines, 1852-1893. ALS to Walker, 24 October 1888.

Reid, George William, 1819-1887. ALS to Walker, 3 October 1884.

Roberts, Frederick Sleigh, Earl, 1832-1914. 2 ALS to Walker, 19 October 1908, 4 November 1911.

Rogers, Bruce, 1870-1957. 6 ALS, ALI to Walker, 1905-1931. Included is a printed sample page of The just shaping of letters with handwritten emendations and TccL from Walker to Rogers, 27 September 1916.

Seaman, Owen. ALS to Walker, 18 April 1912.


Waller, Alfred Rayney, 1867-1922. TLS to Walker, 28 April 1916.

Webb, Philip. ALS to Walker, 2 September 1907.

Miscellaneous:

Unidentified author:

Illuminated emblem, handwritten manuscript, 1 page, undated.  

List of hotels and pensions, handwritten manuscript, 1 page, undated.

Notes for a lecture, handwritten manuscript, 1 page, undated.

Notes on an unidentified art collection, handwritten manuscript, 1 page, undated.

ALS to Walker, Dorothy, 8 November 1937.

ALS to Walker, Dorothy, 15 December 1937. Illegible signature.

ALS to Walker, Dorothy, 24 November 1941. Illegible signature.

Aunt Sarah. ALS to unidentified recipient Philippe, 21 April 1869.

Cecile. Letters to Walker, Dorothy, 15 items, 1937-1942, undated.


François. ALS to Walker, Dorothy, 30 September 1946. Letterhead: Affaires Étrangères.

Neville. ALS, APCS to Walker, Dorothy, 21 April 1940, 28 February 1943. Written on verso of 1940 letter: ALS written in French from Mad to Walker.

Violet. ALS to Walker, Dorothy, 15 December 1932.  

Avis, Frederick Compton. 3 ALS to Walker, Dorothy Carle Pierce, 1954.

B., G. P. Miscellaneous notes and copies of poems, handwritten manuscript, 10 pages, undated.

Barlas, John Evelyn, 1860-1914. Untitled poem, Sweet music and melody…, handwritten manuscript / copy in an unidentified hand, 1 page, undated.

Bell, Lowthian, Sir, 1816-1904. 4 ALS to Webb, Philip, 1900-1902.

Bentley, John A. ALS to Webb, Philip, 12 May 1900. Included: ALI / draft from Webb to Bentley, 15 May 1900.

Billing, John. 2 ALS to Webb, Mrs., 25 April 1849, 19 March 1851.

Catterson-Smith, Robert. ALS to Walker, Dorothy, 30 April 1930.

Cockerell, Sydney Carlyle, Sir, 1867-1962. 2 ALS, ALI to Walker, Dorothy Carle Pierce ("Dolly"), 1938-1960. Included with these: reprint of a letter by Cockerell from The spectator.

Craig, W. T. Report on Dorothy Walker, handwritten manuscript written at Craig's dictation, 2 pages, 3 August 1885.

Davies, William Henry. On hearing Mrs. Woodhouse play the harpsichord, handwritten manuscript / copy, 1 page, undated.

Faulkner, Charles Joseph. ALS to Webb, Philip, 14 August 1888.

Flecker, James Elroy, 1884-1915. Hassan; the story of Hassan of Bagdad, handwritten manuscript / reproduction, 5 pages, 1938. Madelyn Walker wrote and gilded this… ; illuminated by Joan Kingsford Wood…. .

Foster, Birket, 1825-1899. ALS to Dunthorne, Robert, 27 February 1885.

Gray, Arthur, 1852-. ALS to Walker, Dorothy, 1 June 1933.


Hewitt, Graily. ALS to Walker, Mary Grace Jones, 30 March 1905.

Huntley, John. ALS to Webb, Philip, 16 May 1900.

Image, Selwyn, 1849-1930. 2 ALS to Walker, Mary Grace Jones, Lady, 8 January and 31 December 1918. Addressed to Mrs. Emery Walker.


Jones, Jonah. ALS to Walker, Dorothy Carle Pierce, 30 November 1889. Letter includes drawings of a seahorse and fish. Container 5.4

Kenyon, Frederick George, Sir. ALS to Walker, Dorothy Carle Pierce, 27 May 1942.

Khattab, Hassan Ameen. ALS / fragment to unidentified recipient, undated.

Lawrence, Thomas Edward. ALS T. E. Shaw to Walker, Dorothy Carle Pierce, 25 July 1933.


Miscowich, Lucie. ALS written on a postcard to Walker, Mary Grace Jones, Lady, 8 August 1915.

Moon, Mary G. ALS to Walker, Dorothy, 1 December 1931. Included with this: 2 ALS, one incomplete, from Moon's daughter Jane Levers, 15 February 1928, undated.

Morris, May, 1862-1938:

ALS to Faulkner, Kate, 9 July 1897.

ALS to Walker, Dorothy, undated.

3 ALS, 2 ALI to Walker, Dorothy Carle Pierce, 1931-1938.

Morris, William, 1834-1896:

Membership card for the Democratic Federation designed by William Morris, printed sheet, 1 page, 1884. Written on this is a note by Walker.


ALS to Boni introducing Emery Walker, 4 September 1894.

5 ALS to Faulkner, Kate, 1890.

Printed letter to Webb, Philip, 27 August 1894.


Okey, Thomas, 1852-1935:

The centre of gravity; summer school at Cambridge 1920, handwritten manuscript, 28 pages, undated. On versos is an essay on German.  

ALS, APCS to Walker, Dorothy Carle Pierce, 20 July 1931, 17 July 1933.  

2 ALS to Walker, Dorothy, 22 July and 13 August 1933.


R., E. In memory of William Morris, initialed typescript, 1 page, 1896.


Rooke, Margaret. ALS to Walker, Dorothy, 3 September 1942. Included with this: two mimeographed excerpts of letters to Noel Rooke, 18 September and 2 October 1939.

Rooke, Thomas Matthews. ALS to Walker, Dorothy, 23 September 1936.

Rossetti, Dante Gabriel, 1828-1882. 8 ALS, 3 ALI to Webb, Philip, 1864-1871, undated.

Rossetti, William Michael, 1829-1919. 2 ALS to Webb, Philip, 4 and 10 August 1872.

Ruskin, John, 1819-1900. 3 ALS / copies to Short, Frank, 28 January and 1 February, 1855, undated. Copies by Walker.

Ruskin, John, 1819-1900. ALS to Webb, Philip, 19 October 1865. Included is a letter to Ruskin, 17 October 1865.

Scott, Michael. 4 ALS to Walker, Dorothy, 1945.

Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings. AL / incomplete to unidentified recipient, February 1882. Included are handwritten notes on St. Mary Overies Church and two printed letters.

Thrushell, Lilian R. TLS to Walker, Dorothy Carle Pierce, 18 February 1946.

Walker, Emery, 1818-1891:

Baptism certificate, signed handwritten manuscript / copy from the parish register, 1 page, 25 January 1818. Copy made 22 August 1850. Container 6.5

Diary, handwritten manuscript, 57 pages in notebook, 1857. Cover label: Chamber's memoranda. Included with this: untitled poem, handwritten manuscript / incomplete in the hand of Walker, 1 page, undated. Container 6.6

Marriage certificate, handwritten and printed DS / copy from the parish register, 1 page, 20 March 1848. Container 6.5

Receipt for a gravestone and other expenses, handwritten and printed DS, 1 page, 8 April 1878.

Walker, Emery, Sir, 1851-1933:

British Museum book call slips, 3 handwritten and printed DS, 1 page each, 30 June 1924. Container 6.7

British Museum reading room call slips, 5 DS, 10 pages, 4 December 1882.

End of a worry: records of the lawsuit against T. J. Cobden-Sanderson's estate for damages due from the destruction of the Doves Press' type, signed typed document, 87 pages, 1923. Includes: Walker vs. Cobden-Sanderson, two statements of claim, pleadings, summary of expense of the type, list of books published, correspondence relating to the partnership, letters, receipts, the Times literary supplement for 5 July 1917 and The London gazette, 27 July 1909. Container 6.8-9

Greek printing from the L. C. C. Central School of Arts and Crafts, printed sheet with ANI by Walker, 3 pages, undated. Container osf 6

Income tax calculations for period from April 5, 1925 to April 5, 1926, handwritten manuscript, 1 page, undated. Included with this: seven cancelled checks, January-August 1929, of Sir Emery Walker and a bank statement of Dorothy Walker, December 1960. Container 6.7

List of original drawings by William Morris, handwritten manuscript, 1 page, undated.
Note by Sir Emery Walker on a pen and ink drawing of Lough Gill from a drawing by J. B. Sligo, handwritten manuscript, 1 page, 4 May 1920. Written on verso: Mercy, handwritten manuscript poem by Shakespeare in the hand of Margaret Jones, 19 June 1871. Drawing is of the place where Mary Grace Jones Walker's ashes were placed.

Note on the manuscripts of William Morris, handwritten manuscript, 2 pages, 1909. Written on an envelope.

Postal order to Marsden Nursery, 30 May 1935.


Webb, Philip Speakman, 1831-1915:

ALS to Bell, Lowthian, Sir, 27 May 1902.

2 ALS to Faulkner, Charles Joseph, 27 May 1868, 9 October 1885.

ALS to Lethaby, W. R., 24 March 1901.

2 ALS to Rossetti, Dante Gabriel, 24 September 1867, 29 July 1871.

Woodhouse, Gordon. ALS, APCS to Walker, Dorothy, 11 July and 8 September 1940.

Wordsworth, Maud. ALS to Walker, Dorothy, 6 July no year.
Miscellaneous 1:

Socialist League. Papers, handwritten, carbon copy, duplicated, and printed material together with correspondence, 149 items, 1885-1916. Includes reports, minutes, financial statements, letters, and printed material distributed by the society. Some signed by William Morris. Also includes original pen and ink design by Walter Crane. Correspondence includes:

Barker, F. C. ALS to Walker, 24 November 1888.

Crane, Walter. ALS to Walker, 22 March 1889.

Dervin, Jeanne. ALS to Walker, 21 August 1886.

Groser, S. ALS to Walker, April 1889.

Kitchins, C. ALS to Walker, 19 January 1889.

Maxton, W. J. ALS to Walker, 20 June 1899.


Pearse, John. ALS to Morris, William, 19 April 1886.

Pemjean, Lucien. ALS to Walker, 30 August 1896.

Snowden, Keighley. FLS to Walker, 20 March 1914.

Walker, Emery. 3 ALS to Socialist League, London, 7 January and 20 August 1886, 16 March 1887.

Warlow, E. ALS to Walker, undated.

Wilson, W. ALS to Walker, 27 November 1888.

Winmill, C. C. ALS to Walker, 17 February 1916.

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