

William John Locke:

An Inventory of His Collection at the Harry Ransom Center

Descriptive Summary

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| Creator: | Locke, William John, 1863-1930 |
| Title: | William John Locke Collection |
| Dates: | 1861-1930, undated |
| Extent: | 35 document boxes (14.7 linear feet), 1 galley file (gf), 3 oversize folders (osf) |
| Abstract: | William John Locke was an English novelist and playwright. This collection contains manuscripts, correspondence, and miscellaneous items, such as a marriage license and a will. |
| Call Number: | Manuscript Collection MS-2528 |
| Language: | English |
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Administrative Information

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| Preferred Citation | William John Locke Collection (Manuscript Collection MS-2528). Harry Ransom Center, The University of Texas at Austin. |
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Acquisition: Purchase and transfer, 1966, 1968 (R3533)

Processed by: Hagan Barber, Betsy Nitsch, and Jack Boettcher, 2012; Richard Workman, 2020 **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:

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| Ancestor Jericho, Ams with A revisions, 1234 pages in 2 bound volumes, undated. | Container 7 |
| The apostle, short story, AmsS with A revisions, 41 pages, 1919. From Stories near and far. | Container 1.1 |
| The apostle, short story, TccmsS with A emendations and corrections, 27 pages, undated. From Stories near and far. | Container 1.2 |
| As it was in the beginning, AmsS / fragment with A emendations, 2 pages, 26 September 1923. | Container 1.1 |
| At the gate of Samaria, AmsS with A revisions and A printer's notes, 843 pages bound, undated. | Container 8 |
| The beloved vagabond, AmsS with A revisions, 557 pages bound, undated. | Container 9 |
| The comedy of Susan, galley proofs, 3 pages, undated. | Container gf 1 |
| The coming of Amos, AmsS with A revisions, approximately 650 pages bound, undated. | Container 10 |
| The conquerer (also titled In old garden), short story, AmsS with A revisions, 40 pages, undated. From Far-away stories. | Container 1.3 |
| The dawn of a day, galley proofs, 3 pages, undated. | Container gf 1 |
| The demagogue and Lady Phayre, AmsS with A revisions and A printer's notes, 255 pages bound, February 1895–July 1896. | Container 11 |
| Derelicts, Ams with A revisions, 537 pages in 2 bound volumes, undated. | Container 11-12 |
| Diary (also titled American diary), Ams, 28 pages in notebook, October–December 1910. | Container 1.4 |
| English literature lectures: Book II, Ams notebook with A revisions, 148 pages, 1892. | Container 1.5 |
| The eternal note: I, Aftermath, signed galley proofs with A corrections, 8 galleys on 4 sheets, July 1895. | Container osf 1 |
| The fortunate youth, AmsS with A revisions, 590 pages bound, undated. | Container 13 |

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| The glory of Clementina Wing, Ams with A revisions, 625 pages bound, undated. | Container 14 |
| The golden journey of Mr. Paradyne, short story, AmsS with A revisions, 50 pages, 11 October 1923 (Cannes). From Stories far and near. | Container 1.6 |
| The great Pandolfo, Ams with A revisions, approximately 600 pages bound, undated. | Container 15 |
| The heart of twenty, short story, Tms with A emendations, 12 pages, undated. From Far-away stories. | Container 1.1 |
| 1930, Helen: A novel, AmsS with A revisions, 255 pages, 1878-1879. | Container 1.7 |
| The honour of the family, Tms, 60 pages, undated. | Container 1.8 |
| The house of Balthazar, AmsS with A revisions, approximately 600 pages bound, undated. | Container 16 |
| How I turned the corner, Tms, 2 pages, undated. | Container 1.1 |
| Idea book, Ams / notes and outlines, 67 pages bound, undated. Contains material for various works. | Container 1.9 |
| Idols, AmsS with A revisions, 579 pages in 2 bound volumes, undated. | Container 17 |
| The incomparable Paragot, short story, Tms with A emendations and corrections, 22 pages; Tccms, 22 pages; undated. | Container 1.10 |
| Introduction to Mr. Leonard Merrick's The man who understood women, AmsS with A emendations, 13 pages, undated. | Container 1.1 |
| Jaffery, AmsS with A revisions, 624 pages bound, undated. | Container 18 |
| Jaffery: Dedication (titled To my wife), proof with A note and inscription to his wife, 2 pages, 19 May 1915. | Container 1.1 |
| Joshua's vision (also titled Joshua), Ams with A revisions and notes, 1390 pages in 2 bound volumes, undated. | Container 19 |
| The joyous adventures of Aristide Pujol, AmsS with A emendations, approximately 165 pages, undated. | Container 2.1-2 |
| The kingdom of Theophilus, Tms / fragment with heavy A revisions, pages 90-94, approximately 1927. | Container 2.3 |

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| The kingdom of Theophilus (also titled The flame), Ams with A revisions, approximately 1550 pages bound, undated. | Container 20 |
| Lectures, Ams notebook with A revisions, 140 pages bound, 1893. Contains lectures on Hamlet, Quentin Durward, King Lear, Romola and As you like it. | Container 2.4 |
| A lover's dilemma, short story, AmsS with A revisions, 37 pages, undated, From Far-away stories. | Container 2.5 |
| Miles ignotus (also titled An unknown soldier), Ams with A emendations, 17 pages, undated. | Container 2.3 |
| A moonlight effect, short story, AmsS with A revisions, 26 pages, undated. From Stories near and far. | Container 2.6 |
| Moordius and Co., AmsS with A revisions, approximately 600 pages bound, undated. | Container 21 |
| Morals for the young by Marcus (pseudonym) with forward by William J. Locke, Tms with A revision, 26 pages, undated. Pseudonym and title derived from his book The morals of Marcus Ordeyne. | Container 2.7 |
| The morals of Marcus Ordeyne, AmsS with A revisions and A printer's notes, 603 pages bound, undated. | Container 22 |
| The mountebank, AmsS with A revisions, approximately 600 pages bound, undated. | Container 23 |
| My own generation, Tccms, 14 pages, undated. | Container 2.8 |
| My own generation, talk, Ams with A revisions, 24 pages bound, undated. Written in black exercise book. | |
| Notes and synopsis for unidentified works, Ams / notes, 3 pages, undated. | Container 2.3 |
| The old bridge (also titled A waif of Italy), Ams with A revisions, 1631 pages bound, 22 January 1925. | Container 24 |
| The old bridge: A Florentine tale, Tms / fragments with A revisions, 33 pages, undated. | Container 2.9 |
| An old man's fancy, short story, Ams / incomplete with A revisions, 19 pages; Ams notes for conclusion in hand of Sheila Locke, 8 pages; Tms with A emendations by Sheila Locke, 30 pages, undated. Tms incorporates Sheila Locke's conclusion. | Container 2.10 |
| An old-world episode, short story, AmsS with A revisions and inscription, 48 pages, 28 July 1909. From Far-away stories. | Container 2.11 |

- The palace of Puck: A fantastic comedy, Ams with A revisions, 100 pages in 3 bound notebooks, 1907. **Container** 3.1-3
- The palace of Puck: A fantastic comedy, Tms, 77 pages in 3 bound booklets, 1907. Included with this: Summary, Tms, 10 pages. **Container** 3.4
- A Pierrot of the gutter, Tms, 5 pages, undated. **Container** 3.5
- A Pierrot of the gutter, short story, AmsS with A emendations, 12 pages, undated.
- Pontifex, short story, Ams with A emendations, 104 pages, undated. From Stories near and far. **Container** 3.6
- The red planet (also titled The major's chronicle), AmsS with A revisions, approximately 600 pages bound, undated. **Container** 25
- Ridet Olympus, short story, TmsS with A emendations and note, 19 pages, 1899. From stories near and far. **Container** 3.7
- The rough road (also titled Doggie), AmsS with A revisions, approximately 600 pages bound, undated. **Container** 26
- The scourge, short story, AmsS with A revisions, 48 pages, undated. From Far-away stories. **Container** 3.8
- Scraps, AmsS notebook with A emendations, 40 pages bound, 1885-1890. Collection of short poems. **Container** 3.9
- Scraps, AmsI with A emendations, 64 pages in bound leatherette notebook, 1881-1884. Contains group of youthful poems and index. **Container** 3.10
- Septimus, AmsS with A revisions, 551 pages bound, undated. **Container** 27
- A shadow in a soul, AmsS with A revisions, 47 pages, undated. **Container** 3.11
- The shorn lamb, Ams with A revisions, 640 pages, approximately 1930. Published posthumously. Boxed. **Container** 3.12, 4.1-2
- The shorn lamb: Chaps. I-IX, TmsS / incomplete with A revisions, 169 pages bound, undated. **Container** 4.3
- The shorn lamb Chapter X-XIX, Tms / incomplete with A emendations, pages 169-395 bound, approximately 1930. **Container** 4.4
- The shorn lamb: Chapter XV, Ams / fragment / revised version with A revisions, 12 pages, approximately 1930. **Container** 4.5

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| A silver silence, TmsS, 29 pages, undated. | Container 5.1 |
| Simon the jester, Ams with A revisions, 603 pages bound, undated. | Container 28 |
| The song of life (also titled The great symphony), short story, AmsS with A revisions, 46 pages, undated. From Far-away stories. | Container 5.2 |
| The song Oo-oo, short story, Ams / incomplete with A revisions, 44 pages, undated. First page missing, from Stories near and far. | Container 5.3 |
| Stella Maris, AmsS with A revisions, 623 pages bound, undated. | Container 29 |
| The story of Bertha Begg, galley proofs, 3 pages, undated. | Container gf 1 |
| The strange making of Roddy Nicol, galley proofs, 3 pages, undated. | |
| A study in shadows (also titled A bit of the dome), AmsS with A revisions, 322 pages bound, 1894-1895. | Container 30 |
| The tale of Triona (also titled The blue moon), AmsS with A revisions, approximately 600 pages bound, undated. | Container 31 |
| The town of Tombarel, Ams with A revisions, approximately 1150 pages, undated. | Container 5.4-7 |
| The town of Tombarel: A Spartan of the hills (also titled The Spartan Pogomas), Tms / fragment with A revisions and with A note S on title page, 39 pages, 1925. | Container 5.8 |
| The usurper, Ams with A revisions and A printer's notes, 614 pages in 2 bound volumes, undated. | Container 32 |
| Where love is (also titled The optimist), Ams with A revisions and A printer's notes, 676 pages bound, undated. | Container 33 |
| The white dove, AmsS with A revisions, 501 pages in 2 bound volumes, 1899. | Container 34 |
| A woman of the war, short story, AmsS with A revisions and dedicatory note, 45 pages, 1 February 1918. | Container 6.1 |
| The wonderful year, AmsS with A revisions, approximately 650 pages bound, 11 June 1914 (date on page 1). | Container 35 |
| Zola as an ethical/moral teacher, AmsS with A revisions, 23 pages, undated. | Container 6.2 |

Letters:

ALS to unidentified recipient, 18 April 1920.

Container 6.3

ALS to Austin, J. C., 31 August 1917.

ALS to Calthrop, Dion Clayton, 3 November no year.

ALS to Cazenove, C ____ F ____, 29 January 1911.

ALS to Cryan, ____, 15 February 1922.

4 ALS, 8 ALI to Lane, John, 1911-1924, undated.

ALS to Lane, John, Mrs., 2 May 1920.

ALS to Willett, ____, 13 March 1913.

Recipient:

Unidentified author, ALI J. G. W. to Locke, William John, 30 June 1915.

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Finnis, Downey, Linnell and Chessher, 4 TLS Herbert Linnell to Locke, William John, 1920-1923.

Frampton, Sutro, Marlowe, Drinkwater, Gillies, telegram to Locke, William John, 7 April 1923.

Miscellaneous:

- Unidentified author, Jeanne de Cambrai, Tccms, 7 pages, 24 May 1927. **Container**
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- Cambridge. University Honour certificate for W. J. Locke, 5 Printed D with A
entries, 1 page each, 1875-1879. **Container**
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- Kirkman, J _____ P _____, ALS to unidentified recipient, 1889 October. **Container**
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- Locke, John, Last will and testament, TD / copy, 2 pages, 16 September 1918.
- Locke, John, Marriage certificate of John Locke and Sarah Elizabeth Johns,
printed D with A entries / copy, 1 page, 25 July 1861.
- Locke, William John, Certificate of baptism, printed D with A entries, 1 page, 3
March 1864.
- Locke, William John, Notes on art &c, Ams, 14 pages in notebook, undated. **Container**
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- Locke, William John, signatures on 2 small slips of paper, 1920 June, undated. **Container**
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- Locke, William John, Statement re The mystery of the downs, AmsI, 1 page,
undated.
- Miles, William, ALS to unidentified recipient, 21 August 1880.
- Parkinson, S., ALS to unidentified recipient, 6 June 1884.
- The Public Trustee Office, Statement of account for the estate of the late Mr. John
Locke, TD, 15 pages, 6 September 1921. **Container**
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- Ward, Joseph Timmins, ALS to unidentified recipient, 16 June 1884. **Container**
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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