W. Somerset Maugham:
An Inventory of His Collection at the Harry Ransom Center

Descriptive Summary

Creator: Maugham, W. Somerset (William Somerset), 1874-1965
Title: W. Somerset Maugham Collection
Dates: 1899-1965, undated
Extent: 20 document boxes, 2 card boxes, 1 oversize box (10.63 linear feet), 8 galley folders (gf), 1 oversize folder (osf)
Abstract: Contains manuscripts and correspondence by the English novelist, playwright, and short story author W. Somerset Maugham. Works include his early novel, *The Merry-go-Round* (1904), and other seminal works such as *Cakes and Ale* (1930) and *The Moon and Sixpence* (1919). Maugham's letters to Barbara Back, Reginald Golding Bright, Paul Dottin, Charles Frohman, various family members (including nephew Robin Maugham), Karl Graham Pfeiffer, James B. Pinker, and Gladys Bronwyn Stern predominate. Also present is extensive research material and correspondence gathered by Maugham bibliographer Klaus W. Jonas.
Call Number: Manuscript Collection MS-2725
Language: English with some Danish, Finnish, French, German, Italian, Norwegian, Polish, Spanish, and Swedish
Access: Open for research

Administrative Information

Processed by: Joan Sibley and Apryl Voskamp, 2016
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:

Unidentified handwritten manuscript fragments / photocopies, 2 pages, undated.

Untitled article on Smollett and Nice, typescript, 13 pages, undated.

Untitled essay on Chekhov, handwritten manuscript / unfinished with revisions, 10 pages, undated.

Untitled essay on Kipling's short stories, handwritten manuscript with revisions, 73 pages, undated.

Ashenden or The British agent, I-VII, typed carbon copy manuscript with few handwritten revisions, 136 pages bound in paper covers, undated.

Augustus, handwritten manuscript with revisions, 56 pages, undated.

Autobiographical statement, typescript with handwritten emendation, 1 page, circa 1936. For George Schreiber's Portraits and self-portraits, 1936.

Broadcasts of short stories: introductory and concluding remarks, handwritten manuscript, 19 pages, 1950 (television broadcasts?).

Cakes and ale, or The skeleton in the cupboard, signed handwritten manuscript with revisions, 455 pages bound, circa 1930.

The Castillyons (scenario for play), handwritten manuscript, 4 pages bound, undated.


Catalina, proof copy with handwritten revisions and insertions, 257 pages, 1948. Inscribed to Jerry.

Christmas holiday, signed proof copy with handwritten corrections, 294 pages, undated.

Creatures of circumstance, signed handwritten manuscript with revisions, 504 pages, undated. Contents: The author excuses himself; Flotsam and jetsam; Appearance and reality; Sanatorium; The romantic young lady; A casual affair; The point of honour; A man from Glasgow / titled Robert Morrison; Episode; The kite.

The door of opportunity, signed page and galley proofs with handwritten markings and queries, 9 pages, 30 September 1931. For Nash's magazine. Bookplate of Jerome R. Zipkin Collection. Included with these: handwritten note on Dorchester Hotel stationery.

The happy couple, carbon copy typescript with handwritten emendation, 14 pages, undated. First version.

The happy couple, handwritten manuscript with revisions and inscription to Karl Pfeiffer, 38 pages, undated. Second version.

The hero, signed handwritten manuscript with revisions, 700 pages bound in 6 notebooks, 8 October 1900-14 January 1901. Five notebooks inscribed to Jerome R. Zipkin. Some pages loosely laid in.

The hour before the dawn (film script), mimeo, 76 pages, 14 October 1943.

In hiding (short story), signed page proof, 3 pages, 23 February 1929.

Interview on the essentials of writing, signed galley proof, 2 sheets, undated.


Liza of Lambeth, handwritten manuscript / fragment with handwritten revisions, 3 pages, undated. This fragment is the conclusion of the manuscript of the novel at King's School, Canterbury. Was previously loosely laid into the first notebook of the manuscript of The hero.

The lotus eater, typescript with handwritten revisions and printer's notes and markings, 30 pages, 4 January 1936.

The magician / titled A fragment of autobiography, signed handwritten manuscript with revisions, 12 pages; typescript with handwritten additions, 8 pages; first page proof with handwritten additions and corrections, 9 pages; 1956 (page proof), undated. Written on handwritten manuscript: inscription to Jerry Zipkin giving him ms. as "A trifling Christmas present." Enclosed with this: TLS from Alan Searle to Jerome Zipkin, 12 March 1956.
A man of honour: a play in four acts, printed version with extensive revisions in hand of Maugham, 50 pages bound, 1903. Attached to this: printed program signed by Maugham; ALS Edward J. Finneron to Rota re this copy, 4 November 1938.


The merry-go-round, signed handwritten manuscript with revisions and initialed note to typist, 66 pages bound in notebook, undated. Final three pages are written on versos of two typescript fragments loosely laid into notebook. Two of these pages are from a typescript of The explorer, undated.

The merry-go-round, signed handwritten manuscript with revisions and inserts, approximately 1080 pages bound in 4 notebooks, undated. Inscribed to Gerald or Jerry. Title of first two notebooks: The old and the new. Enclosed with this: ALI to typist, undated.

Miss Thompson, printed short story from Smart Set anthology, 38 pages, circa 1934. Included with this: TLS from Doubleday, Doran and Company to Reynal and Hitchcock, 7 August 1934.

Mr. Know-All, handwritten manuscript with revisions and some typed pages, 53 pages, undated. Dramatization of short story.

The moon and sixpence, signed handwritten manuscript with some revisions, 452 pages bound, May-August 1918. Inscribed to Jerry. Enclosed with this: ALS to typist, undated.

The moon and sixpence: note on title, handwritten manuscript, 1 page, 1919.

Of human bondage with a digression on the art of fiction, signed printed book with handwritten emendations, 18 pages, 1946. "Designed and printed for the Library of Congress … in an edition of 800 copies, 500 of which have been signed by Mr. Maugham." Inscribed to Monroe. This copy was revised for the reprint published in The New York Herald Tribune, 5 May 1946. Included with this: invitation, 2 tickets, and 2 programs.

Paintings I have liked: a great novelist tells of his experiences with another art, carbon copy typescript with typed emendations, 10 pages, 1 December 1941. Published in Life magazine.

Penelope, a comedy in three acts, handwritten manuscript with revisions, 161 pages bound, undated.
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Speech… on opening the exhibition of authors as artists at the Army and Navy Stores, 15 October 1956, typescript with handwritten revisions, 3 pages, 1956. Written on stationery of The Dorchester, London.

Speech… on opening the exhibition of authors as artists at the Army and Navy Stores, 15 October 1956, 2 printed leaflets each inscribed to Jerome Zipkin, each 4 pages folded on 1 sheet, 1956. Enclosed with these: TLS and TN from Searle to Jerome Zipkin, 31 January 1957, undated.

Speech to the Royal Academy, carbon copy typescript, 5 pages, undated.

Speech to unidentified audience, I thank you for the great honour…, typescript with handwritten emendations, deletions, and additions, 1 page, undated.

Speech to unidentified audience, We are living in troublous times…, typescript with handwritten emendations, 7 pages, undated.

Strictly personal, typed and carbon copy manuscript with handwritten revisions and inscribed cover sheet, 207 pages; galley proofs with handwritten emendations and corrections, 71 sheets; undated.

The summing up:

Typescript with handwritten revisions, 467 pages bound in paper covers, undated. Inscribed to Frederick Gerald Haxton and re-inscribed later to unidentified recipient.

Signed first proof copy with handwritten emendations and corrections, 327 pages bound, 1937.

Signed second proof copy with handwritten emendations, 323 pages, 1937. Tipped in at end: 13 handwritten manuscript pages of further revisions.


The temptation of Neil MacAdam, signed page and galley proofs, 9 pages, 22 January 1932.

Ten novels and their authors, signed handwritten manuscript with extensive revisions, 605 pages bound, undated.

Ten novels and their authors, signed handwritten and typed manuscript / incomplete with revisions, approximately 350 pages, undated. Lacking chapters 7 and 8.

Then and now / titled Now and then, signed handwritten manuscript with revisions, approximately 485 pages bound, undated. Inscribed to Jerry.
Then and now, signed galley proof for American edition, 79 pages, 23 May 1946.

To know about England and the English, typescript, 2 pages, 13 June 1942. Published in Publisher's Weekly.


Tribute in memoriam of Nelson Doubleday, 1889-1949, handwritten manuscript in unidentified hand, 1 page, undated.

Tribute to H. G. Wells, signed handwritten manuscript, 1 page, 1946. Written on verso: French version of this.

Trio (film script), mimeo, 167 pages, 1950. Film of short stories The verger, Mr. Know-All, Sanatorium.

The unconquered, signed handwritten manuscript with revisions, 73 pages, undated. Inscribed to Jerry, Christmas, 1943.

The unconquered, signed galley proofs with handwritten corrections, 18 pages; dummy cover and preliminary pages, 4 pages; 1944. Included is an announcement of publication.

Up at the villa, signed handwritten manuscript with revisions, 213 pages bound, undated.

A writer's notebook, signed handwritten manuscript / notes, November 1916 (Honolulu). Composed of loose pages, bound volume, and one tablet, 162 pages total. Some notes inscribed to Jerome Zipkin; others to Frederick Gerald Haxton.

Works I:

Speeches, handwritten manuscript with revisions, 38 pages, 1950. Contents: Speeches to Friends of the Pierpont Morgan Library; Library of Congress; Herald Tribune Forum; and the Academy of Arts and Letters.
Letters:

TLS to unidentified recipient, 19 February no year.  

ALS to unidentified recipient, 3 September no year. Written in French.

ALS to unidentified recipient, 7 July 1956.

ALS to unidentified recipient Christie, undated.

2 AL / drafts, AN to unidentified recipients, undated.

ALS to The Authors Syndicate, 4 December 1902. From the Hanley Collection. Removed from Hanley 813.

111 ALS, 2 ALI, AL, 19 TLS, 6 ANS, 3 ANI, 6 APCS, APCI to Back, Barbara, 1926-1962, undated.

ALI to Back, Ivor, undated.

TLS to Bamberger, C. L., 10 July 1959.

ALS to Bax, Arnold Edward Trevor, Sir, 14 January no year.

AL / copy to Beals, Betty, 26 March 1963. Written in unidentified hand.

ALS to Bedford, Mrs., 12 November no year.

TL / copy to Behn, Fritz, 18 November 1962.

ALS to Bell, M., Miss, 11 April 1936. Removed from TEMP M 442 lan 1913 HRC.

TLS to Bolton, 3 June 1925.

11 TLS to Box, Sydney, 1947-1954.

27 ALS, 5 ALI, ALI / incomplete, 4 TLS to Bright, Reginald E. Golding, 1909-1928, undated.

ALI to Brooks, J. Ellingham, 3 October 1925.

ALS to Brown, Ralph, undated.

TLS to Caddick, Arthur, 24 December 1956. Included with this: 2 ALS Arthur Caddick to The University of Texas directed to Warren Roberts, 10 July and 11 August 1965.
ALS to Colles, William Morris, 10 April no year. From the Hanley Collection. Removed from Hanley 813.

4 ALS, 2 APCS, 5 AL / photocopies to Colles, William Morris, 1899-1905, undated.

6 ALS to Connolly, Cyril, undated. From Hanley II.

2 ALS to Connolly, Mrs., undated. From Hanley II.

3 TLS to Darnborough, Antony, 1947-1948.

13 ALS, TLS to David, André, 1929-1943, undated. Some written in French.

24 ALS, APCS, 22 TLS to Dottin, Paul, 1926-1947, undated.

2 ALS, 3 TLS, TLI to Farson, Daniel, 1941-1949, undated.

TLS to Forshaw, William S., 19 May 1962.

16 ALS, 4 TLS to Frohman, Charles, 1910-1912, undated.

2 AL / photocopies to Gardiner, undated.

TLS to Harris, Frank, 18 January 1928.

4 TL / excerpts of correspondence with the Heritage Press and Doubleday, Doran & Co. re The moon and sixpence, 1939.

ALS to Holland, Vyvyan Beresford, 15 May 1937.

AL / copy to Howard, Miss, 21 January 1936. In hand of Klaus W. Jonas.

6 ALS, 28 TLS, TLI to Jonas, Klaus W., 1946-1964, undated.

2 ALS "Willie" to Kendall, Kitty, undated.

8 TLS, ALS "Willie" to Kendall, Messmore, 1928-1929, undated.


ALS, ALI to King, Frances Henry, undated.

ALS to Ladd, Mrs., 30 June 1944.

TL / photocopy to Leach, Henry Goddard, 23 March 1936.


2 TL / copies to Marchand, Mr., 6 December 1928, 30 May 1933.


3 ALS "Willie" to Maugham, Helen Mary Maugham, Viscountess, 1939-1944, undated.


2 TLS / photocopies to Morse, Miss re George Doran, 29 June 1916, 4 August 1926. Container 12.6

3 TL / photocopies to Norton, Eliot, 15 November 1910, undated.

AL / photocopies to Norton, Eliot, Mrs., 1910.

TLS to Pelton, Danny, 16 November 1953. Container 13.3

27 ALS, 3 ALI, ANI, 12 TLS, TLI, APCS, APCI, 6 telegrams to Pfeiffer, Karl Graham, 1931-1958, undated. Container 13.4


ALS to Pinker, James B., 4 November no year.

64 ALS, 27 TLS, ANS, 5 APCS, telegram to Pinker, James B., 1905-1933. Bound. Includes 4 TLS to Pinker re Maugham. Container 13.5

ALS to Plomer, William Charles Franklyn, 30 September no year. Extracted from ms. of Plomer's Museum pieces. From Hanley II. Container 13.3

6 ALS / photocopies, invitation / photocopy to Rothenstein, William, Sir, undated.
4 AL / photocopies, 9 TL / photocopies to Rumsey, John W., 1924-1927, undated.

AL / copies to Schumann, Henry, 8 October 1934, undated. In hand of Klaus W. Jonas.

AL / copy to Schwartz, Dr., 22 July 1941. In hand of Klaus W. Jonas.

44 ALS, 2 AL, 2 AL, TLS to Stern, Gladys Bronwyn, 1938-1954, undated. Container 14.1

TLS to Thoma, Mr., 24 January 1939. Container 13.3

10 AL / photocopies, 25 TL / photocopies, TL / excerpts to Towne, Charles Hanson, 1924-1946, undated. Container 14.2

3 AL / photocopies, 16 TL / photocopies, 3 TLI / photocopies to Van Vechten, Carl, 1924-1944. Container 14.3

TL / photocopy to Wells, Edgar, 14 January 1932. Included with this: AL / copy in hand of Klaus W. Jonas. Container 13.3

TL / photocopy to Wilensky, Mr., 15 June no year.

ALS to Wilson, _____, undated.

APC / photocopy, 4 TL / photocopies to Woollcott, Alexander, 1934-1941, undated.

AL / photocopy, 2 TL / photocopies to Yale University Library (Donald G. Wing), 1954, undated. Included with this: AL / copies in hand of Klaus W. Jonas.
Recipient:

Bason, Frederick T., 1907- . ALS to Maugham, William Somerset, September 1946. Withdrawn from a copy of Bason's A bibliography of the writings of William Somerset Maugham / Z 8555.3 B3 1931 copy 6 HRC.


Hovey, Grace G. ALS to Maugham, William Somerset, 27 November 1910. Removed from PR 5237 A1 1907 HRC.
Maurice, W. Somerset (William Somerset), 1874-1965  
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Miscellaneous:

Unidentified author:

Happy house re Somerset Maugham's Villa Mauresque, typescript, 2 pages, 27 August 1949. Published in the New Yorker.


Review of A bibliography of the writings of W. Somerset Maugham / titled Another bibliography of Mr. Maugham, typescript, 2 pages; carbon copy typescript, 2 pages; 22 September 1950. Published in the Times Literary Supplement.

Titles of books and articles on English literature, handwritten manuscript, 2 pages, undated.

W. S. M.: the man and his work, typescript, 14 pages, undated.

Acme Agency. 3 TLS, A. Bois (socio-editor) to Jonas, Klaus W., 1950.

Adler (Robin). TLS to Jonas, Klaus W., 3 July 1961.

Alanson, Bertram E. 17 ALS to Jonas, Klaus W., 1946-1958, undated.


Alexander Turnbull Library. TLS C. R. H. Taylor (librarian) to Jonas, Klaus W., 27 July 1956.

Alle, Fritz. TLS to Jonas, Klaus W., 21 June 1961. Written in German.

Allegheny College. 5 TLS Philip M. Benjamin (librarian) to Jonas, Klaus W., 1961-1962.

American Academy of Arts and Letters. TLS Mrs. Matthew Josephson (librarian) to Jonas, Klaus W., 5 January 1952.

Andurer, Stephen W. 5 ALS, 2 TLS to Jonas, Klaus W., 1961-1962.

Argus Books, Inc. 2 TLS Ben Abramson to Jonas, Klaus W., 20 and 26 October 1949.

BBC Publications. 2 TLS / aerogrammes to Jonas, Klaus W., 18 July and 17 October 1961.

Basso, Hamilton, 1940-. 2 ALS to Jonas, Klaus W., 19 November 1949, 20 July 1950.


Bett, Walter Reginald, 1903-. 3 ALS to Jonas, Klaus W., 1961, undated.

Bibliographical Society of America. TLS, 3 ALS Earle F. Walbridge (editor) to Jonas, Klaus W., 1950-1954.


Bickley, John R. ALS to Jonas, Klaus W., 19 January 1959. Letterhead: University of Pittsburgh, Department of Modern Languages.

Blocker, Joan. ALS to Jonas, Klaus W., 26 April 1962.


Bonniers Litterära Magasin. 7 ALS Åke Runnquist to Jonas, Klaus W., 1950-1958.

Books Abroad. TLS Ernst Erich Noth (editor and manager) to Jonas, Klaus W., 19 December 1957.

Boston University. TLS Harriet Lane (secretary, College of Liberal Arts) to Jonas, Klaus W., 7 June 1961.

Bowerman, Sharon M. ALS to Jonas, Klaus W., 17 April 1962.
Bratstuo-Jedinstuo. TLS Olga Trebičnik to Jonas, Klaus W., 12 October 1961 (Novi Sad, Yugoslavia). Written in German.


Budapest. Bibliotheque Nationale Széchényi. TLS Béla Hámori to Jonas, Klaus W., 7 March 1959.

Büechergilde Gutenberg. TLS L. Erlacher to Jonas, Klaus W., 4 August 1961. Written in German.

Canterbury. The King's School. TLS John Hinkley to Jonas, Klaus W., 7 October 1950.

Carlile, Elizabeth. 3 ALS to Jonas, Klaus W., undated.

Chambrun (Jacques), Inc. TLS to Jonas, Klaus W., 12 January 1951.


Childs, Irene B. 2 ALS, 5 TLS to Jonas, Klaus W., 1953-1961.

Chirgwin, Katherine D. TLS to Jonas, Klaus W., 27 August 1952.

Christian Science Publishing Society. TLS Martha MacInnes (copyright supervisor) to Jonas, Klaus W., 29 June 1961. Enclosed with this: typed list of Maugham's articles.


CIBA Limited. TLS to Jonas, Klaus W., 1 February 1961.

Cincinnati. Public Library. TLS Yeatman Anderson III to Jonas, Klaus W., 16 February 1959.

Clarkson College of Technology. 2 TLS Charles Penrose (librarian) to Jonas, Klaus W., 22 January and 6 February 1959.

Clausen, Lehrer Ernst. Die psychologische situation der jugend in den werken W. Somerset Maugham's, carbon copy typescript, 148 pages bound, 15 September 1952. Written in German.
Coleman, Benjamin O. ALS, TLS to Jonas, Klaus W., 26 February 1954, 10 January 1959.


Condé Nast Publications Ltd. TLS Vera Selfe (administration manager) to Jonas, Klaus W., 9 June 1961.

Contemporary Review. TLS John W. Benson (manager) to Jonas, Klaus W., 29 June 1961.

Cordell, Richard Albert. Untitled article re W. S. Maugham, carbon copy typescript, 18 pages, undated.

Corwin, Margaret T. TLS to Jonas, Klaus W., 10 October 1950. Letterhead: Rutgers University.

Coward, Noel Pierce, 1899-. AL and TL signed by secretary to Jonas, Klaus W., 21 May and 20 June 1963.

Craggs, Thomas F., Jr. ALS, 2 TLS to Jonas, Klaus W., 1951-1960.

Curtis Brown, Ltd. TLS Emilie Jacobson to Jonas, Klaus W., 22 June 1961.

Dahme, Lena Friedrich, 1893-. TLS to Jonas, Klaus W., 26 March 1959. Letterhead: Hunter College.

Daily Express. AN, TLS to Jonas, Klaus W., 21 June 1961, undated.

Daily Herald. TLS John Beavan (editor) to Jonas, Klaus W., 6 July 1961.


Dottin, Paul, 1895-. 8 ALS to Jonas, Klaus W., 1949-1961. Written in French.

Doubleday, Ellen McCarthy. ALS, ALS by Mrs. Harold Kraft to Jonas, Klaus W., 15 January 1951, undated.


Eastman, Max. TLS to Jonas, Klaus W., 24 July 1950.

Eaton, Walter Prichard, 1878-. TLS to Jonas, Klaus W., 19 February 1954.


Edward, Duke of Windsor, 1894-. TLS to Jonas, Klaus W., 6 February 1958.

Eihōsha, Ltd. TLS Takashi Sasaki to Jonas, Klaus W., 19 September 1961.


Ervine, St. John Greer, 1883-. 2 TLS to Jonas, Klaus W., 20 February 1951, 3 October 1957.

Eurōpa Könyvkiadō. TLS to Jonas, Klaus W., 7 August 1961.

Evans, Luther Harris, 1902-. On receiving the manuscript of a great book, typescript / mimeo press release, 8 pages, 20 April 1946. Upon reception of the Of human bondage ms. by the Library of Congress.

Fielden, John. 5 TLS to Jonas, Klaus W., 1952-1953.

Forster, Edward Morgan, 1879-. ALS to Jonas, Klaus W., 30 August 1950.

Frederick, Edward. 2 ALS to Jonas, Klaus W., undated.


Frost, Frederick W. 5 TLS to Jonas, Klaus W., 1954-1956.

Fulbright, James William, 1905-. TLS to Jonas, Klaus W., 30 December 1953.

Fulk, E. S. TLS to Jonas, Klaus W., 2 February 1959.

Gad, Tue. TLS to Jonas, Klaus W., 4 August 1961.


Gopinathan. K. ALS / aerogramme to Jonas, Klaus W., 22 May 1963.

Graz. University. TLS Herbert Koziol (head of English Department) to Jonas, Klaus W., 11 June 1950.

Greene, Graham, 1904- TLS to Jonas, Klaus W., 29 March no year.


Gültekin, Vahdet. TLS to Jonas, Klaus W., 3 April 1962.


Harvard University. Houghton Library. TLS W. H. Bond (curator of manuscripts) to Jonas, Klaus W., 29 June 1961.

Haxton, Gerald:

2 ALS, TLS, TLI, TL to Back, Barbara, 1926-1944.

TLS to Maugham, Robin, 28 September 1939.

8 TLS to Pfeiffer, Karl Graham, 1928-1941.

Heidelberg. Universität. 6 TLS to Jonas, Klaus W., 1958-1961. Written in German.

Heinemann (William) Ltd. 7 TLS to Jonas, Klaus W., 1950-1961.

Heinemann (William) Ltd. Printed invitation to Sutton, Miss E., 24 June 1952. Included with this: mimeo guest list for the garden party to celebrate 25th year of the Windmill press.

Henry, William H., Jr. TLS to Jonas, Klaus W., 2 December 1963.

Holiday. TLS Albert H. Farnsworth to Jonas, Klaus W., 8 June 1961.

Indiana University Press. TLS Walter to Jonas, Klaus W., 1 May 1962.

Janés, José. TLS to Jonas, Klaus W., 28 August 1950.

Jespersen Og Pios Forlag. TLS to Jonas, Klaus W., 31 July 1961 (Copenhagen, Denmark).

Jonas, Klaus W.:

A bibliography of the writings of W. Somerset Maugham, composite handwritten and typed bibliographic notes, 53 pages, undated.

A bibliography of the writings of W. Somerset Maugham, composite handwritten and typed manuscript bibliographical notes in two index card boxes.

Miscellaneous materials for Maugham bibliography, 49 pages, various dates. Contains correspondence and copies of articles re Maugham. Several items written in French and German.

Reviews and supplements to Maugham bibliography, handwritten manuscript, 2 pages, undated.

Somerset Maugham and the Far East, carbon copy typescript, 7 pages, undated. Translation of the preface and conclusions of his dissertation Somerset Maugham un der ferne Osten.

Somerset Maugham un der ferne Osten, carbon copy typescript, 260 pages bound, 1953. Dissertation; Westfälischen Wilhelm-Universität zu Münster. Written in German.

Der unvergleichliche Max: Zum Tode von Sir Max Beerbohm, typescript, 3 pages, undated. Written in German.

W. Somerset Maugham, carbon copy typescript, 3 pages, undated. Written in German. Included with this: FNS from Lübecker-Nachrichten Redaktion, undated.

TccL to Book Review Digest (Mrs. M. M. James, editor), 22 July 1954.

Printed copy of letter to Gilroy, Harry, with ANS to unidentified recipient, 30 December 1953. Removed from AC-L M 442 Fjo.m 1950 copy 1.


ALS Doris and Klaus to Searle, Alan F., 12 August 1956.

Jones, Simon P. ALS to Jonas, Klaus W., 18 March 1955.
Kasai, Mitsuru. 2 ALS, APCS, TPCS to Jonas, Klaus W., 1952-1954.

Kerr, William C. D. 3 ALS to Jonas, Klaus W., 1959.

Knapp, John P. 2 TLS to Jonas, Klaus W., 10 May and 19 August 1959.

Korninger, S. TLS to Jonas, Klaus W., 8 June 1961. Written in German.

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Laurencin, Marie, 1883-1956. ALS to Jonas, Klaus W., 4 June 1952. Written in French.

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Wiebe, Hans:


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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