Summary

**Creator:** Markham, Edwin, 1852-1940

**Title:** Edwin Markham collection of papers

**Date:** 1852-1940

**Size:** 465 items

**Source:** This is a synthetic collection, created from materials acquired through gift and purchase from various sources.

**Abstract:** This is a synthetic collection consisting of manuscripts and typescripts, a notebook, and correspondence.

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**Creator History**

Edwin Markham was an American poet, lecturer, and editor.

**Custodial History**

The bulk of the materials is from Leonora Mackay, W. T. H. Howe, and Henry W. and Albert A. Berg. Other materials are from Mrs. Marie Collins Rooney, the files of the American Play Co., and from George Sterling's letters to Edward F. O'Day.
Scope and Content Note

This is a synthetic collection consisting of manuscripts and typescripts, a notebook, and correspondence. The manuscripts include holographs and holograph drafts of poems. There is also an incomplete review of Anne Shannon Monroe's novel "Behind the Ranges," written partly in the hand of the author and partly in the hand of Anna Catherine Markham; a holograph poem by George Sterling, "To Edwin Markham on his 70th birthday, April 23, 1922"; drafts for Markham's anthology of biographical sketches of eleven English poets; and agreements, forms, and statements from the American Play Co.; as well as other manuscript material and a notebook. The typescripts include early and later drafts of poems; an incomplete, emended typescript of the author's introduction to "Edgar Allan Poe"; drafts of "Lincoln, the man and the martyr"; and proofs of three sketches of Markham for "Who's who in America," vol. 17, 1932-33. The correspondence includes letters from the author to Ambrose Bierce, Eugene Brewster, Babette Deutsch, Professor L. Dupont Doyle that includes materials on Ambrose Bierce; to Leonore Mackay; to Robert Mackay; to Percival Pollard, and others. There are also letters from J. T. Graves to Anna C. Markham; from Anna C. Markham to Ambrose Bierce; from S. S. McClure to Leonore Mackay; and from Bernard Shaw to Sir John Collings Squire relating to the author. There is a letter to Markham from the Madison Square Garden Gymnasium in New York City, dated 1923.

Key Terms

Genre/Physical Characteristic
Correspondence
Notebooks

Names
Markham, Edwin, 1852-1940
Berg, Albert A., 1872-1950
Berg, Henry W., 1858-1938
Bierce, Ambrose, 1842-1914?
Brewster, Eugene Valentine, 1869-
Deutsch, Babette, 1895-1982
Graves, J. T
Howe, W. T. H. (William Thomas Hildrup)
Mackay, Leonore
Mackay, Leonore
Mackay, Robert
Markham, Anna Catherine, 1859-1938
McClure, S. S. (Samuel Sidney), 1857-1949
Monroe, Anne Shannon, 1877-1942
O'Day, Edward F. (Edward Francis), 1883-1959
Poe, Edgar Allan, 1809-1849
Pollard, Percival, 1869-1911
Rooney, Marie Collins, 1870-
Shaw, Bernard, 1856-1950
Squire, John Collings, Sir, 1884-1958
Sterling, George, 1869-1926
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**Manuscripts and Typescripts written by Markham**

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Gates of paradise, and other poems: portion of index, The. n.d. (3 p) (3 p)
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"Genesis of the poem 'Lincoln, the man of the people.'", The. Mutilated n.d. (15 p) (15 p)
Mackay, Leonora; Berg

Greatest adventure in our world, The. n.d. (5 p) (5 p)
Mackay, Leonora; Berg

Grief of love, The. Holograph poem n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
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Heaven again. Holograph poem 1921 June (1 p) (1 p)
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Her beauty. Holograph poem 1920 July (1 p) (1 p)
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Her magic. Holograph verse n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
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His coming hour. Holograph poem 1923 Jan. (2 p) (2 p)
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Home again. Holograph poem n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
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From the files of the American play company

Manuscript box
Sterling, George. "To Edwin Markham on his 70th birthday, April 23, 1922." Holograph verse 1922 Apr. 23 ([1 item]) ([1 item])
Signed. On verso of portrait photograph of the author. Came with his letters to Edward F.
O'Day

Manuscript box (Markham)
Who's who in America, v. 17, 1932-33. Proofs (3) of personal sketch about Edwin Markham with his ms. corrections 1932- 1933 (3 items) (3 items)

Correspondence

Outgoing Correspondence

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(16 letters) (16 letters)
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Deutsch, Babette. TLS to 1926 Oct. (1 p) (1 p)

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Doyle, Prof. L. Dupont. ALS to. Includes materials on Ambrose Bierce 1899
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Mackay, Mrs. Leonora. 218 ALS, 17 LS, and 41 cards to 1906 - [1930 (276 letters in 13 folders) (276 letters in 13 folders)
Berg

Manuscript box
Mackay, Mrs. Leonora. ALS to 1924 (1 p) (1 p)
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    Mackay, Leonora; Berg

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    Berg

Manuscript box  [Mackay], "To the mother of Leonora". ALS 1920 May 16 (1 p) (1 p)
    Mackay, Leonora; Berg

Manuscript box  Pollard, Percival. TLS to 1898 Apr. 8 (1 p) (1 p)

Incoming Correspondence

Manuscript box (Markham)  Madison Square Garden Gymnasium, New York City. TL to Markham 1923 Feb. 9 (1 p) (1 p)
    Signed M. MacLevy. With Markham's marginal ms. note

Related Correspondence

Manuscript box (Markham, E.)  Graves, J. T. ALS to [Anna C.] Markham. Relates to Edwin Markham 1922 Apr. 26 (1 p) (1 p)
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Manuscript box (Markham, E.)  Markham, Anna C. ALS and 1 LS to Ambrose Bierce. 1899 Mar. 3, 1899 June 7 (2 leaves; 1 p) (2 leaves; 1 p)

Manuscript box (Markham, E.)  McClure, S. S. LS to Leonora Mackay 1922 Mar. 4 (1 p) (1 p)
    With Edwin Markham's ms. note at end. Mackay, Leonora; Berg

Manuscript box  Shaw, Bernard. ANS to "J. C. S." [Sir John Collings Squire?] at the foot of a letter to Shaw from Henry Neil, Hotel McAlpin, N.Y.C., April 4, 1921. Relates to Edwin Markham 1921 Apr. 18 (1 p) (1 p)
    Signed with initials. B.