Summary


Title: E. M. Forster collection of papers

Date: 1904-1969

Size: 656 items

Source: This is a synthetic collection, created from materials acquired through gift and purchase from various sources. Donors include Wendell Stacy Johnson and the estate of Elizabeth (Dillingham) Hart Edge.

Abstract: This is a synthetic collection consisting of manuscripts and correspondence.

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Processing note: Processed by Staff; Machine-readable finding aid created by Lynn Lobash and Nina Schneider.

Creator History

E. M. Forster was a British novelist, essayist, and critic.

Custodial History

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Scope and Content Note

This is a synthetic collection consisting of manuscripts and correspondence. The manuscripts include a holograph poem, an essay on Virginia Woolf, and drafts of essays. There are manuscripts by Joe Randolph Ackerley, William Plomer, and others relating to the author. The correspondence includes letters by the author, dating from [1904] to 1969, to Edward Arnold & Co., publishers; Arnold Bennett, Ford Madox Ford, Elizabeth Hart, Sir Edward Howard Marsh, Edward Sackville-West, the Society of Authors, Leonard Woolf, Virginia Woolf, and others. Also included are letters relating to the author, dating from 1904-1960, between various correspondents including Sir Edward Howard Marsh, Leonard Woolf, Virginia Woolf, and others. There are letters written to the author from Robin Mayor, Robert Malise Bowyer Nichols, and Virginia Woolf, dating from 1922 to 1942.

Key Terms

Genre/Physical Characteristic
Correspondence

Names
Forster, E. M. (Edward Morgan), 1879-1970
Ackerley, J. R. (Joe Randolph), 1896-1967
Bennett, Arnold, 1867-1931
Edge, Elizabeth (Dillingham) Hart
Ford, Ford Madox, 1873-1939
Hart, Elizabeth
Johnson, Wendell Stacy, 1927-
Marsh, Edward Howard, Sir, 1872-1953
Mayor, Robin
Nichols, Robert, 1893-1944
Plomer, William, 1903-1973
Sackville-West, Edward, 1901-1965
Woolf, Leonard, 1880-1969
Woolf, Virginia, 1882-1941
Edward Arnold (Publishers)
Society of Authors (Great Britain)
## Container List

### Manuscripts
  - Sent to Virginia Woolf
- **Answers to national service questionnaire** 1939? (4 p) (4 p)
- **India and the crisis.** Holograph draft of article, with the author’s extensive alterations, deletions and additions n.d. (6 p) (6 p)
- **Introduction [to Goldsworthy Lowes Dickinson's Letters from John Chinaman].** Holograph draft n.d. (7 p) (7 p)
- **Rose show, The.** Holograph draft of review of The press and poetry of modern Persia by Edward G. Browne 1914 July 8 (6 p) (6 p)
  - With instructions to printer pencilled on manuscript
- **Virginia Woolf.** Holograph essay n.d. (19 p) (19 p)
  - Published in his Abinger Harvest

### Manuscripts relating to Forster
- **Ackerley, Joe Randolph. E. M. Forster.** Holograph and typescript memoir n.d. (38 p) (38 p)
- **Davies, John (1565?-1618). ”Faustinus, Sextus, Cinna, Ponticus.”** Manuscript poem in E. M. Forster's hand n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
  - Sent to Virginia Woolf
- **Plomer, William. E. M. Forster.** Holograph n.d. (2 p) (2 p)
  - Signed with initials. With author's note authenticating that it was written "for the Aldeburgh Festival programme (?date)"
- **Plomer, William. Forster, Edward Morgan (1879- ).** Holograph 1961 (6 p) (6 p)
  - Signed with initials. With author's note authenticating that it was written for the Encyclopedia Britannica, 1961

### Correspondence
#### Outgoing Correspondence
- **ANS to Ralph Abercrombie.** On card 1949 Jan. 4 (1 item) (1 item)
- **69 ALS, 22 ANS, 19 TLS, 8 TNS to Edward Arnold & Co. publishers 1908 Sept. 10 - 1939 Apr. 24 (118 items in 14 folders) (118 items in 14 folders)
- **5 ALS to Arnold Bennett.** 1928 Aug. 27 - 1928 Nov. 8 (5 items) (5 items)
  - With TL (carbon) reply, Sept. 1, 1928
- **ALS to Bramley (?) 1924 Oct. 2 (1 p) (1 p)
  - B.
- **AN to Lady Sibyl Halsey Colefax 1926 July 19 (1 p) (1 p)
  - Came with the Group theatre archive
- **ALS to Rupert Doone 1939? Dec. 13 (1 p) (1 p)
  - Came with the Group theatre archive
- **ALS to Ford Madox Ford 1908 Dec. 13 (2 p) (2 p)
**Correspondence (cont.)**

| Manuscript box | ALS to John Freeman 1927 Nov. 13 (1 p) (1 p) |
| Manuscript box | ALS to John Freeman 1928 June 28 (1 p) (1 p) |
| Manuscript box | ALS to Florence Emily Dugdale Hardy 1936 June 10 (1 p) (1 p) |
| Manuscript box | Removed from his: Pharos and Pharillon. Richmond [Eng.]: By L. and V. Woolf at the Hogarth Press, 1923 |
| Manuscript box | 40 ALS, 16 ANS, 3 TLS, 1 TNS, 8 postcards to Elizabeth Hart 1960 Oct. 20 - 1969 Dec. 30 (68 items in 14 folders) (68 items in 14 folders) |
| Manuscript box | Gift of the Estate of Elizabeth (Dillingham) Hart Edge |
| Manuscript box | ALS to Professor Hitchcock 1962 Dec. 13 (1 p) (1 p) |
| Manuscript box | Gift of Wendell Stacy Johnson |
| Manuscript box | 27 ALS and 7 postcards to Sir Edward Howard Marsh 1909 Nov. 11 - 1938 Mar. 29 (34 items in 7 folders) (34 items in 7 folders) |
| Manuscript box | ALS to Samuel Menashe 1960 Aug. 22 (1 item) (1 item) |
| Manuscript box | ALS to Philip O'Connor 1957 Jan. 10 (2 p) (2 p) |
| Manuscript box | ALS to Comtesse de Rosales 1924 Dec. 1 (3 p) (3 p) |
| Manuscript box | Accompanying material wanting. B. |
| Manuscript box | ALS to Marchesa de Rosales 1924 Dec. 13 (1 item) (1 item) |
| Manuscript box | B. |
| Manuscript box | 19 ALS and 4 postcards to Edward Sackville-West 1926 July 20 - 1948 Aug. 12 (23 items in 5 folders) (23 items in 5 folders) |
| Manuscript box | 141 ALS, 39 ANS, 19 TLS, 6 TNS, 2 TL, 2 telegrams, and 12 postcards to the Society of Authors 1920 Apr. 6 - 1966 Apr. 6 (221 items in 44 folders) (221 items in 44 folders) |
| Manuscript box | ALS to Sir Stanley Unwin 1945 Sept. 2 (1 item) (1 item) |
| Manuscript box | With his: Introduction [to Goldsworthy Lowes Dickinson's Letter from John Chinaman] Holograph draft |
| Manuscript box | 9 ALS, 1 TLS, 1 postcard to [––?]. Mr. Wilson is a member of the firm Bumpus Wilson 1925 Jan. 28 - 1928 May 8 (11 items in 2 folders) (11 items in 2 folders) |
| Manuscript box | 43 ALS, 1 TLS, 4 postcards to Virginia Woolf 1915 July 10 - 1941 Mar. 3 (48 items in 9 folders) (48 items in 9 folders) |
| Manuscript box | 69 ALS, 3 TLS, and 11 postcards to Leonard Sidney Woolf 1904 Oct. 22 - 1942 Dec. 17 (83 items in 17 folders) (83 items in 17 folders) |
| Manuscript box | Letter of [March 1942] is written on p. 2 of: Mayor, Robin. ALS to Edward Morgan Forster. March 5, 1942. 1 l. Folder 16 |

**Incoming Correspondence**

| Manuscript box | Mayor, Robin. ALS to Forster 1942 Mar. 5 (1 leaf) (1 leaf) |
| Manuscript box | With: Forster, E. M. 69 ALS, 3 TLS, 11 postcards to Leonard Sidney Woolf. 1904-1942. Folder 16 |
| Manuscript box | Nichols, Robert Malise Bowyer. ALS to Forster 1924 Sept. 29 (1 p) (1 p) |
| Manuscript box | Woolf, Virginia. 3 ALS, 2 TLS to Forster 1922 Jan. 21 - 1930 Jan. 3 (5 items) (5 items) |

**Related Correspondence**

| Manuscript box | Marsh, Sir Edward Howard. ALS to Leonard Sidney Woolf. Relates to Virginia Woolf's The death of the moth; mentions E. M. Forster 1942 June 15 (1 item) (1 item) |
| Manuscript box | Martin, Kingsley. 3 ALS, 3 TLS to Leonard Sidney Woolf. Letters of Sept. 7 and 12, 1929, relate to J. M. Keynes; letter of Sept. 27, 1935 mentions E. M. Forster 1929 Sept. 7 - 1939 Sept. 17 (6 items) (6 items) |
Meredith, Hugh Owen. 2 ALS to Virginia Woolf. Letter of Feb. 9, 1912, mentions Sir Winston Leonard Spencer Churchill and Edward Morgan Forster 1912 Feb. 9, 1912 Mar. 6 (2 items) (2 items)

Poston, Elizabeth. TLS to the Society of Authors. Relates to E. M. Forster 1960 Dec. 17 (1 item) (1 item)

Trevelyan, Robert Calverley. 3 ALS to Leonard Sidney Woolf. Mention E. M. Forster, Desmond MacCarthy, Bernard Shaw, and Lytton Strachey 1904 Apr. 8 - 1905 Dec (3 items) (3 items)


Woolf, Virginia. ALS to Alice Clara Forster. Correspondent is mother of E. M. Forster Oct. 25 (1 item) (1 item)