Summary

Creator: West, Rebecca, 1892-1983
Title: Rebecca West collection of papers
Date: 1916-1975
Size: 237 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, correspondence, legal and financial documents, as well as portraits.
Conditions Governing Use: For permission to publish, contact the Curator, The Henry W. and Albert A. Berg Collection of English and American Literature.
Processing note: Processed by Staff; Machine-readable finding aid created by Lynn Lobash and Nina Schneider.

Creator History

Rebecca West, born Cicely Isabel Fairfield, was a British novelist, biographer, literary critic, and essayist.

Custodial History

Some of the materials were formerly owned by Carl Van Vechten, and others are from the files of the American Play Company.
Scope and Content Note

This is a synthetic collection consisting of manuscripts, correspondence, legal and financial documents, as well as portraits. The manuscripts include a holograph review and essay. The bulk of the collection consists of letters, dating from 1916 to 1960, from the author to Anne Fremantle, Violet Hunt, Sir Edward Howard Marsh, Beverly Nichols, Edward Sackville-West, May Sarton, Carl Van Vechten, Humbert Wolfe, Virginia Woolf, and others. Also present are letters relating to the author, from 1919 to 1975, between various correspondents including Gerald Gould, Harold Monro, James B. Pinker and son, and others. There are also letters to West from Herbert Mitgang, dating from 1967 to 1975.

Key Terms

Genre/Physical Characteristic
Correspondence

Names
West, Rebecca, 1892-1983
Fremantle, Anne, 1909-2002
Gould, Gerald, 1885-1936
Hunt, Violet, 1862-1942
Marsh, Edward Howard, Sir, 1872-1953
Mitgang, Herbert
Monro, Harold, 1879-1932
Nichols, Beverley, 1898-1983
Sackville-West, Edward, 1901-1965
Sarton, May, 1912-1995
Van Vechten, Carl, 1880-1964
Wolfe, Humbert, 1885-1940
Woolf, Virginia, 1882-1941
American Play Company
James B. Pinker and Son
### Container List

**Manuscripts**

  - Signed
- Miscellaneous manuscript material: 2 Christmas cards n.d. (2 cards) (2 cards)
  - Signed
- Nash's Pall Mall magazine. Many happy returns! Holograph and typescript contributions by various authors to the 25th anniversary issue of Nash's. Contributions solicited by and addressed to the editor of Nash's, Richard Mealand. n.d. (57 folders) (57 folders)
  - Some contributions accompanied by correspondence. Detailed list of contents in folder 1. Published in Nash's, July, 1934, v. 93, no. 494, p. 58-59, 142-147

**Correspondence**

**Outgoing Correspondence**

- Forman, Henry James. 4 ALS to. Two letters refer to G. B. Stern and her wedding in 1919. Two undated. 1922 May 1; [n.y.] Nov. 27 (1 p.; 1 leaf; 1 p.; 1 p) (1 p.; 1 leaf; 1 p)
- Fremantle, Anne. ALS to 1949 July 18 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
- Griffin, Howard. Postcard to 1947 July 10 (1 card) (1 card)
- Grigson, Geoffrey. ALS to. Relates to Thomas Hardy 1964 Jan. 25 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
- Hunt, Violet. 6 ALS to n.d. (6 letters in 2 folders) (6 letters in 2 folders)
- Land, Myrick. TLS to. On her relationship with Hugh Walpole 1962 Apr. 20 (1 p) (1 p)
- Marsh, Sir Edward Howard. TLS to 1932 Feb. 16 (1 p) (1 p)
- Mealand, Mrs. Richard. TLS to Jan. 20 (1 p) (1 p)
- Nash's Pall Mall magazine. TLS to Richard Mealand 1934 Apr. 24 (1 p) (1 p)
  - Includes her contribution to Nash's 25th anniversary issue

**Manuscript box. In:** Nash's Pall Mall magazine. Many happy returns! Folder 54

- Nichols, Beverly. 5 ALS, 4 TLS to 1954 Nov. 2 - 1960 Sept. 19 (9 letters in 2 folders) (9 letters in 2 folders)
- Pinker, James B., and son. LS, ALS, etc. to 1916 - 1934 (72 letters) (72 letters)
- Sackville-West, Edward. 5 ALS, 5 TLS, 1 letter card, 1 telegram to. Some letters relate to Anthony West 1935 Dec. 27 - 1955 Aug. 25 (12 letters in 3 folders) (12 letters in 3 folders)
- Sarton, May. 3 ALS, 1 TLS to. Two undated 1948 May 5 - 1953 Jan. 27 (1 leaf; 1 leaf; 2 leaves; 1 leaf) (1 leaf; 1 leaf; 2 leaves; 1 leaf)
- [Van Vechten], Carl. ALS to. Date from accompanying envelope 1926 Dec. 29 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
  - Signed “Rebecca”; B.
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Correspondence (cont.)
Outgoing Correspondence (cont.)

Manuscript box
[Van Vechten], Carl. ALS to. Date from accompanying envelope 1927 Apr. 6
B.

Manuscript box
Van Vechten and his wife Fania Marinoff. Telegram to 1929 Dec. 25 (1 letter) (1 letter)
B.

Manuscript box
[Van Vechten], Carlo. ALS to. Date from accompanying envelope 1935 Feb.
18 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
Signed "Rebecca"; B.

Manuscript box. In folder with: Hurst,
Fannie. Letter, signed with initials, to Carl Van Vechten, Feb. 3, 1937

Manuscript box
Wells, [James R.]. LS to. Relates to George Gissing 1929 Nov. 23 (11 p) (11 p)
B.

Manuscript box
[Wolfe], Humbert. ALS to. Relates to Ethel Mannin's Confessions and impressions; mentions Sir Osbert Sitwell and Ann Reid [1930] June 24 (3 p) (3 p)

Manuscript box
Woolf, Virginia. ALS to 1939 July 21 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)

Manuscript box
[--?]. AN to. Giving change of address on correspondence card n.y. (1 card) (1 card)
B.

Incoming Correspondence

Manuscript box (West, R.)
Mitgang, Herbert. Letters to Rebecca West 1967 - 1975 (1 folder) (1 folder)
With replies and articles contributed to The New York Times

Related Correspondence

Manuscript box (Pinker, J. B., firm)
Gould, Gerald. ALS to Harold Monro. Refers to Rebecca West 1919 Dec. 18
(1 leaf) (1 leaf)

Manuscript box (Pinker, J. B., firm)
Letters, ALS, telegrams, etc. from various publishers, etc. to the firm of James B. Pinker and son as literary agent for Rebecca West n.d. ([43] letters) ([43] letters)
B.

Manuscript box
Stern, Gladys Bronwyn. ALS to Henry James Forman. Refers to Rebecca West and Sheila Kaye-Smith Nov. 18 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)

Legal and Financial Documents

Legal Documents

Manuscript box (West, R.)
Agreements, correspondence, forms, statements from various theatrical agencies concerning Rebecca West n.d. (1 folder) (1 folder)
From the files of the American play company

Financial Documents

Manuscript box
Van Vechten, Carl. Check for $15.00 made out by Carl Van Vechten to Rebecca West 1924 Jan. 25 (1 item) (1 item)
Endorsed "Rebecca West"; Carl Van Vechten; Berg

Portraits
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<tr>
<td><strong>Oversize</strong> (West, R.)</td>
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<td>Madame Yevonde, firm, photographers, London. Portrait photograph of Rebecca West and her son Anthony. 19 x 15 cm.; mounted 37 x 31 cm. n.d. (1 item)</td>
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| **Manuscript box** |
| Portrait photograph of Rebecca West. 19 x 23 cm. n.d. (1 item) |
| Inscribed for Carl Van Vechten and Fania Marinoff |