Summary

Creator: Eliot, T. S. (Thomas Stearns), 1888-1965

Title: T. S. Eliot collection of papers

Date: 1918-1989 [bulk 1918-1957]

Size: 678 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, correspondence, an undated notebook, legal documents, and portraits of the author.

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Creator History

T. S. Eliot was an American and British poet, playwright, literary critic, and essayist.

Custodial History

The bulk of the material was previously owned by Frank V. Morley. Other materials were formerly owned by Louis C. Greene, Leonard Clark, Henry Miller, the American Play Company, the Group Theatre archive, and John Quinn, the former owner of "The Waste Land" typescript/manuscript. The collection also includes gifts by Robert Giroux and Eric Sheffield. Donald Gallup's volume of the "Lost
Manuscripts” of T. S. Eliot is inscribed by the author to the Berg Collection.

Scope and Content Note

This is a synthetic collection consisting of manuscripts and typescripts, correspondence by and about the author, an undated notebook, legal documents, and portraits of the author. The typescripts and manuscripts include poems, criticism, plays, and lectures. Also included are poems, criticism, eulogies, essays, and notes toward works, in typescript and manuscript, by W. H. Auden, Donald Gallup, Randall Jarrell, Frank V. Morley, Sean O’Casey, Ezra Pound, Stephen Spender, Lytton Strachey, and others. Among this material is the typescript/manuscript of “The Waste Land,” with Ezra Pound’s annotations. Correspondence dates from 1918 to 1964, whose recipients include Sylvia Beach, Rupert Doone, Ahme Haigh-Wood, W. S. Merwin, Henry Miller, Frank V. Morley, Michael Roberts, Edward Sackville-West, Vernon Watkins, Humbert Wolfe, Leonard Sidney Woolf, Virginia Woolf, and others. Also present are letters relating to the author, dating from 1919 to 1989, between various correspondents, including Willa Cather, Donald Gallup, Alfred Kazin, Frank V. Morley, Cynthia Ozick, Ezra Pound, Herbert Edward Read, Muriel Rukeyser, Edith Sitwell, Frances Steloff, Lytton Strachey, and others. There are letters to T. S. Eliot from Frank V. Morley, Dachine Rainer, Michael Roberts, Louis Untermeyer, Virginia Woolf, and from Malcolm Merritt of the The James Joyce Society, dating from 1930 to 1961.

Key Terms

Names
Eliot, T. S. (Thomas Stearns), 1888-1965
Auden, W. H. (Wystan Hugh), 1907-1973
Beach, Sylvia
Cather, Willa, 1873-1947
Clark, Leonard
Doone, Rupert, 1903-1966
Gallup, Donald, 1913-2000
Gallup, Donald, 1913-2000
Giroux, Robert
Greene, Louise C
Haigh-Wood, Ahme
Jarrell, Randall, 1914-1965
Kazin, Alfred, 1915-1998
Merwin, W. S. (William Stanley), 1927-
Miller, Henry, 1891-1980
Miller, Henry, 1891-1980
Morley, F. V. (Frank Vigor), 1899-1980
Morley, F. V. (Frank Vigor), 1899-1980
O’Casey, Sean, 1880-1964
Ozick, Cynthia
Pound, Ezra, 1885-1972
Quinn, John, 1870-1924
Rainer, Dachine
Read, Herbert, 1893-1968
Roberts, Michael, 1902-1948
Rukeyser, Muriel, 1913-1980
Sackville-West, Edward, 1901-1965
Sheffield, Eric C.
Sitwell, Edith, 1887-1964
Spender, Stephen, 1909-1995
Steloff, Frances, 1887-1989
Strachey, Lytton, 1880-1932
Untermeyer, Louis, 1885-1977
Wolfe, Humbert, 1885-1940
Woolf, Leonard, 1880-1969
Woolf, Virginia, 1882-1941
American Play Company
Group Theatre (U.S.)
James Joyce Society (New York, N.Y.)
Container List

Manuscripts and Typescripts

Manuscripts by Eliot

Cased

Complete poems of T. S. Eliot. Holograph with the author's ms. corrections. Final 2 p. are holograph copies of poems by Tristan Corbiere. Bound n.d. (1 v) (1 v)

Cased


Manuscripts relating to Eliot

In his: Holograph notebook [1965-1968], p. 120, 122-127, 129

In his: Holograph notebook [1964-1965], p. 63, 65, 67, 69, 71

In his: Holograph notebook [1965-1968], p. 120
Auden, W. H. [To T. S. on his sixtieth birthday] Holograph draft of poem n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
Signed. With holograph fragment of poem on verso. Gift of Eric Sheffield

In his: Holograph notebook [1964-1965], p. 63, 65, 67, 69, 71
Signed. With holograph draft of unidentified poem on verso, unsigned and undated


Signed

Signature added later

Manuscript box
Rukeyser, Muriel. [Quotes from T. S. Eliot and Arthur Henry Debenham]
Holograph n.d. (2 p) (2 p)

Oversize (+)
Spender, Stephen. [The destructive element. T. S. Eliot in his criticism]
Holograph draft n.d. (25 p) (25 p)
With detailed analysis of other material in this volume laid in

Manuscript box
With accompanying Postscript. 1 p.

Notebooks
Jennings, Elizabeth. T. S. Eliot; Blackstone on Keats, and further essays and 7 holograph poems. Holograph notebook n.d. (55 p) (55 p)
With three holograph pages of notes inserted

Typescripts by Eliot
"Among the various middle classes." Typescript of poem. First line used as title n.d. (1 p) (1 p)

[Blurb for W. H. Auden's For the time being] Typescript, with the author's ms. corrections n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
On verso his: ANS to Berthold Wolpe, Jan. 26, 1945

[Complete poems of T. S. Eliot] Gallup, Donald Clifford. The "lost" manuscripts of T. S. Eliot. Presentation copy n.d. (1 v) (1 v)

With 2 carbon copies. Published by the Museum of Modern Arts, N. Y.; Came with Frank V. Morley's papers

East Coker. Typescript (carbon) of poem n.d. (9 p) (9 p)
With ms. revisions in unknown hand. Also with one page of typescript corrigenda, unsigned and undated. Came with Frank V. Morley's papers

Gift of Robert Giroux

Growltiger's last stand. Typescript (carbon) of poem n.d. (2 p) (2 p)
With photocopy. Came with Frank V. Morley's papers

Mungojerrie and Rumpelteazer. Typescript (carbon) of poem n.d. (2 p) (2 p)
Came with Frank V. Morley's papers

"Possum now wishes to explain his silence." Typescript of poem. First line used as title [1940?] Feb. 3 (1 p) (1 p)
Came with Frank V. Morley's papers
Manuscripts and Typescripts (cont.)
Typescripts by Eliot (cont.)

Manuscript box
Sir John Davies. Typescript (photocopy) of essay with the author's ms. corrections 1926 (7 p) (7 p)
Gift of Robert Giroux

Manuscript box
Song of the jellicles, The. Typescript (carbon) of poem n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
With typed note to illustrator, unsigned and undated. 1 p.; Came with Frank V. Morley's papers

Manuscript box
Interleaved with Rupert Doone's (?) ms. diagrams and stage directions. 11 p.; Program, duplicated typescript, inserted. With Robert Medley's ms. note: "Morley college production (mid 50's)."; Came with the Group theatre archive

Manuscript box
Signed "Anon."; Came with Frank V. Morley's papers

Cased
With Ezra Pound's ms. corrections, additions, and marginal comments throughout and Vivien Eliot's ms. correction and marginal comments on p. [5-8]. Wrapper addressed to John Quinn, postmarked Oct. 23, 1922, laid in

Manuscript box (Beerbohm)
80th birthday album. Typescripts of 39 contributions, not listed separately, to a collection of tributes to Max Beerbohm. Presented to Max Beerbohm on his 80th birthday, Aug. 24, 1952. Contributors include: T. S. Eliot and others 1952 (83 items in 8 folders) (83 items in 8 folders)
Includes carbon for each contribution. With typed roster of the Maximilian Society. Aug. 24, 1952. 1 p. Folder 8

Typescripts relating to Eliot

Manuscript box
Published in The New York Times Book review, Nov. 18, 1951, p. 36

Manuscript box (Gotham)
Matthiessen, Francis Otto. [T. S. Eliot] Typescript. Submitted for publication in We moderns, Gotham book mart catalog no. 42, New York, 1940; not included n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
Included in his TLS to Frances Steloff, Oct. 26, 1939

Folder 43

Manuscript box
Came with Frank V. Morley's papers

Manuscript box
Morley, Frank Vigor. A few recollections of Eliot. Typescript (carbon) of first draft of essays (2 copies) both with his ms. corrections n.d. (12 p., 12 p) (12 p., 12 p)
Came with Frank V. Morley's papers

Manuscript box
With covering holograph note by T. S. Eliot, initialed and undated. 1 p.; Came with Frank V. Morley's papers

Manuscript box
Came with Frank V. Morley's papers

Manuscript box
Morley, Frank Vigor. The poetry of T. S. Eliot. Typescript (carbon) of draft of essay with his ms. revisions n.d. (20 p) (20 p)
Came with Frank V. Morley's papers
Manuscript box
Morley, Frank Vigor. T. S. Eliot and Herbert Read. Typescript (carbon) with his ms. revisions n.d. (29 p) (29 p)
Came with Frank V. Morley's papers

Manuscript box
Morley, Frank Vigor. T. S. Eliot and Herbert Read. Typescript of essay with his ms. revisions n.d. (31 p) (31 p)
Signed Came with Frank V. Morley's papers

Manuscript box
Morley, Frank Vigor. T. S. Eliot as publisher. Typescript (carbon) of lecture with his ms. revisions n.d. (12 p) (12 p)
Signed. Came with Frank V. Morley's papers

Manuscript box
Pound, Ezra. [T. S. Eliot] Typescript of contribution to We moderns with the author's ms. corrections n.d. (3 p) (3 p)
Signed. Published in Gotham Book Mart's catalog no. 42, New York, 1940

Manuscript box
(9 p)
Signed

Shelved with:

Manuscript box
[Waste land, The] [Paul, Elliot Harold] The waste land (as it might have been written by T. S. Eliot had he lived in Boston). Typescript of parody with the author's ms. corrections n.d. (11 p. 2 p) (11 p., 2 p)
Came with his correspondence with Louis C. Greene

Correspondence

Outgoing Correspondence

Manuscript box
Beach, Sylvia. TLS to. Relates to Adrienne Monnier's essay [Joyce's Ulysses and the French public] The humanism of Joyce 1931 June 23 (1 p) (1 p)

Manuscript box
Bebbington, W. G. TLS to 1945 Feb. 13 (1 item) (1 item)

Manuscript box
Breit, Harvey. TLS to. Mentions James Joyce 1954 Apr. 7 (1 p) (1 p)

Manuscript box
Byrne, Muriel St. Clare. 3 TLS to 1941 Dec. 11 - 1942 Feb. 28 (3 items) (3 items)
Removed from The Lisle letters correspondence

Manuscript box
Chapman, R. W. TLS to 1949 May 24 (1 p) (1 p)

Manuscript box
Chinn, J. R. TLS to 1946 Nov. 7 (1 p) (1 p)

Manuscript box
Clark, Leonard. TLS to 1953 Dec. 3 (1 p) (1 p)
With TNS and postcard from Eliot's secretary, Sept. 22, 1943 and Jan. 31, 1944

Manuscript box
Cyril, Sister Anne. TLS (photocopy) to 1952 Aug. 15 (1 item) (1 item)
With TNS on verso dated June 23, 1954

Manuscript box
Doone, Rupert. 1 ALS, 18 TLS to. Several letters mention W. H. Auden 1934 May 25 - 1954 Nov. 11 (19 items in 4 folders) (19 items in 4 folders)
Came with the Group theatre archive

Manuscript box
Eberl, Galen. TLS to 1963 Mar. 8 (1 p) (1 p)

Manuscript box
Edwards, H[---?] J[---?]. 3 TLS to 1934 Apr. 12 - 1934 May 8 (3 items) (3 items)
Came with Leonard Clark's correspondence
Correspondence (cont.)
Outgoing Correspondence (cont.)

Manuscript box  
Giroux, Robert. TLS to 1946 Sept. 24 (1 item) (1 item) 
With TL (carbon) reply dated Oct. 25, 1946. 1 p. TN from Robert Giroux to Frank V. Morley accompanies reply; Came with Frank V. Morley's papers

Manuscript box  
Grigson, Geoffrey. TLS to 1935 Sept. 3 (1 p) (1 p) B.

Manuscript box  
Haigh-Wood, Ahme. 8 TLS to 1950 Aug. 28 - 1955 Feb. 21 (8 items) (8 items)

Manuscript box  
Haigh-Wood, Maurice. 1 ALS, 3 TLS to 1943 July 9 - 1955 Aug. 1 (4 items) (4 items)

Manuscript box  
Hanley, James. LS to 1940 Nov. 24 (1 p) (1 p)  
With: Hanley, James. ALS to James B. Pinker and son. [Nov. 25? 1940] On verso

Manuscript box  
Harari, Mrs. [--?]. TLS to Relates to Anne Fremantle 1951 Jan. 18 (1 p) (1 p)

Manuscript box  
Hartley, Wesley. TLS to 1957 Oct. 31 (1 p) (1 p)

Manuscript box  
Healy, John Vincent. TLS to. In reply to a request for criticism 1932 Nov. 22 (1 p) (1 p)  
With 9 pages of poems by the correspondent, with marginal ms. comments in the hand of T. S. Eliot

Manuscript box  
Kirstein, [Lincoln]. TLS to 1950 July 19 (1 p) (1 p)

Manuscript box  
Lea, Frank Alfred. 2 TLS to. Relate to John Middleton Murry 1957 June 7, 1957 June 11 (2 items) (2 items)

Manuscript box  
Leverson, Ada. 3 ALS, 2 TLS to 1925 Aug. 25 - 1930 Jan. 7 (5 items) (5 items)

Manuscript box  
Meredith, William. TLS to 1961 June 15 (1 p) (1 p)  
With two poems by William Meredith containing his ms. revisions, 6 p. and 1 p.

Cased  
Merwin, W. S. 2 TLS to 1953 Nov. 25, 1954 Mar. 25 (2 items) (2 items)

Manuscript box  
Miller, Henry. TLS to 1939 Apr. 5 (1 p) (1 p)  
Came with the Henry Miller-Frank Dobo correspondence

Manuscript box  
Morley, Frank V. 13 TLS, 12 TNS, 3 ANS, 1 Christmas card, 2 postcards to 1927 Jan. 2 - 1963 Nov. 27 (31 items in 7 folders) (31 items in 7 folders)  
With 7 carbon replies; also with 5 TNS to Morley written on behalf of Eliot by his secretaries. Encloses: De la Mare, Richard. TLS to Frank V. Morley. Nov. 4, 1963. 1 l. With Morley's carbon reply. Folder 6. Came with Frank V. Morley's papers

Manuscript box  
Morrell, Roy. TLS to 1964 May 15 (1 p) (1 p)

Manuscript box  
Murry, John Middleton. 2 TLS to 1931 Oct. 20, 1931 Nov. 6 (2 items) (2 items)

Manuscript box  
Nicholson, Norman. TLS to 1953 Dec. 3 (1 item) (1 item)

Manuscript box  
Ogden, Charles Kay. TLS to. Relates to James Joyce's recording of Anna Livia Plurabelle 1930 Apr. 11 (1 p) (1 p)

Manuscript box  
Ould, Hermon. TLS to. Relates to New poems, a P.E.N. anthology, 1952 1951 June 7 (1 p) (1 p)

Manuscript box  
Rainer, Dachine. TLS to. Relates to Ezra Pound 1955 Mar. 30 (1 p) (1 p)  

Manuscript box  
Roberts, Michael. 23 TLS to. Relates to The Faber book of modern verse, 1936, 1936. Feb. 21 - 1936 May 13 (23 items) (23 items)  

Manuscript box  
[Russell], [Bertrand]. AL to 1919 Feb. 3 (3 p) (3 p)  
Signed with initials

Manuscript box  
Sackville-West, Edward. 2 TLS to 1930 Nov. 14, 1952 Oct. 2 (2 items) (2 items)

Manuscript box  
Symons, Julian. TLS to 1938 Mar. 28 (1 p) (1 p)
Correspondence (cont.)

Outgoing Correspondence (cont.)

Manuscript box
Watkins, Vernon. 60 TLS, 3 TNS to. Letters of [April 3] and 10, 1946, relate to Ezra Pound; April 9 and 28, 1953 to Idris Davies; March 1 and 16, 1956 and Sept. 5, 1958 to Dylan Thomas 1937 June 23 - 1962 Apr. 26 (63 items in 13 folders) (63 items in 13 folders)

Manuscript box
Whigham, Peter. TLS to. Relates to Ezra Pound 1947 Oct. 27 (1 p) (1 p)

Manuscript box
Wolfe, Humbert. 3 TLS to 1928 Nov. 20 - 1934 Dec. 6 (3 items) (3 items)

With two TL (carbon) replies

Manuscript box

Manuscript box


Incoming Correspondence

Manuscript box


Manuscript box
(Eliot)
Morley, Frank V. 8 TL (carbons), 8 TN (carbons) to Eliot 1930 May 2 - 1962 Dec. 4 (16 items in 3 folders) (16 items in 3 folders)

Come with Frank V. Morley's papers

Manuscript box
Morley, Frank V. 7 replies to Eliot (carbon) n.d. (7 items) (7 items)


Manuscript box
Rainer, Dachine. TL (carbon) to Eliot. Relates to Ezra Pound 1955 Mar. 19 (1 p) (1 p)


Manuscript box

Roberts, Michael. TLS to Eliot. Apparently not sent. Relates to The Faber Book of Modern Verse, 1936 1935 May 3 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)

Manuscript box
(Eliot)
Untermeyer, Louis. TL (carbon) to Eliot 1961 Aug. 6 (1 p) (1 p)

Manuscript box
Woolf, Virginia. TL (photostat) to Eliot Nov. 2 (1 p) (1 p)

Come with her correspondence with H. H. Goldstone

Related Correspondence

Manuscript box
Cather, Willa. TLS to Mr. Zoltan Engel. Mentions Rudyard Kipling and T. S. Eliot 1937 Feb. 20 (1 p) (1 p)

Manuscript box
(Clark, L.)

Manuscript box
(Eliot, T. S.)
Eliot, Henry Ware. 2 TLS to Frank V. Morley. Relates to his brother, T. S. Eliot 1940 Feb. 3, 1943 Apr. 12 (2 items) (2 items)

Come with Frank V. Morley's papers
Eliot, Valerie (Fletcher) 4 TLS, 1 TNS to Frank V. Morley 1966 June 3 - 1980
June 18 (5 items) (5 items)
Came with Frank V. Morley's papers

Eliot, Vivien. ALS to Ada Leveerson. Mentions her husband's T. S. Eliot's health n.d. (1 item) (1 item)

Gallup, Donald Clifford. TLS to Frances Steloff. Declines to write appreciation of T. S. Eliot for publication in We moderns, Gotham book mart catalog no. 42; New York, 1940 1940 Mar. 18 (1 p) (1 p)
With TL (carbon) reply

Jennings, Richard. 2 ALS to Edith Sitwell. Letter of Nov. 30, 1936 relates to Dylan Thomas, W. B. Yeats and T. S. Eliot 1936 Nov. 30, 1939 July 3 (2 items) (2 items)

Kenneth Patchen Fund, New York. 1 TL (carbon) n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
Signed W. H. Auden, T. S. Eliot, Archibald MacLeish, and Thornton Wilder

Morley, Frank Vigor. TLS to Frances Steloff. Relates to T. S. Eliot 1939 Nov. 6 (1 p) (1 p)

Murry, John Middleton. ALS to Virginia Woolf. Mentions T. S. Eliot 1919 May 2 (1 item) (1 item)
Enclosed in: Woolf, Virginia. 465 ALS, 10 TLS, 20 postcards to Vanessa Stephen Bell. 1907?-1940. Letter of [May 4, 1919], Folder 37

Ozick, Cynthia. TLS to Alfred Kazin. Relates in part to T. S. Eliot 1989 Nov. 28 (4 p) (4 p)

Pound, Ezra. 3 TL to Chandler Brossard. One letter relates to T. S. Eliot ca. 1952? (3 items) (3 items)
With: Dorothy Pound's ms. postscripts, one signed, on two letters


With 9 carbon replies Came with Frank V. Morley's papers

Shepard, TNS to Lucius 1952 June 16 (1 p) (1 p)

Swabey, 5 TLS to Henry S. 1937 Jan. 11 - 1950 Mar. 15 (5 items) (5 items)
 Christie's (London), 12/11/03

Thompson, 1 ANS, 1 TLS to H. Keith. Faber & Faber ltd., publishers 1957
June 12, 1959 July 17 (2 items) (2 items)

Waley, Arthur (?) AL to Edith [Sitwell]. Mentions T. S. Eliot and Sacheverell Sitwell June 29 (1 item) (1 item)

Woolf, Virginia. 2 ALS to Lytton Strachey. [1922] Dec. 3, 1923 Feb. 23 (2 items) (2 items)
First letter encloses: Eliot Fellowship Fund. Printed circular requesting subscriptions to a special fellowship fund for T. S. Eliot. Oct. 1922. 2 l. Also a printed postscript, undated. 1 l.

[--?], Margery. TLS to Mary von Schrader and Randall Jarrell. Relates to T. S. Eliot n.d. (9 p) (9 p)

Legal Documents
Legal Documents (cont.)

Manuscript box (Eliot, T. S.)
Agreements, correspondence, forms, statements from various theatrical agencies concerning T. S. Eliot n.d. (2 folders) (2 folders)
From the files of the American play company. Number 31, 82

Portraits

Manuscript box (Eliot, T. S.)
Eisenstaedt, Alfred. Portrait photograph of Thomas Stearns Eliot 1951 (1 item)
Signed by the photographer. With ANS from Eliot to Eisenstaedt, dated Nov. 19, 1951. 1 p.

Manuscript box (Eliot, T. S.)
(12 items) (12 items)

Manuscript box
Photographs (4), mounted and matted together n.d. (4 items) (4 items)
Came with Frank V. Morley’s papers

Manuscript box
Photographs (6) n.d. (6 items) (6 items)
Came with Frank V. Morley’s papers

Manuscript box
Photographs (6) of boyhood scenes in St. Louis and the summer house at Gloucester n.d. (6 items) (6 items)
Came with Frank V. Morley’s papers