Summary

Creator: Sackville-West, V. (Victoria), 1892-1962

Title: Vita Sackville-West collection of papers

Date: 1911]-1962 [bulk 1921-1962]

Size: 1,177 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 diary for 1928, a notebook from 1913, and correspondence.

Conditions Governing Use: For permission to publish, contact the Curator, The Henry W. and Albert A. Berg Collection of English and American Literature.


Language of the Material: Some material in Spanish

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

Creator History

Victoria Sackville-West, better known as Vita, was a British novelist, poet, and writer of gardening books.

Custodial History

Some of the materials were formerly owned by Mina Kerstein Curtiss, Alvilde Lees-Milne, and Virginia
Scope and Content Note

This is a synthetic collection consisting of manuscripts and typescripts, a diary for 1928, a notebook from 1913, and correspondence. The manuscripts include holographs of her novels, poems, biographies, and a translation, as well as a manuscript by Humbert Wolfe mentioning the author. The correspondence, dating from [1911] to 1962, includes letters to Lascelles Abercrombie, Alvilde Lees-Milne, Sir Edward Howard Marsh, Aileen Pippett, Edward Sackville-West, May Sarton, Leonard Sidney Woolf, Virginia Woolf, and others. Also present are letters relating to the author, dating from [ca. 1919] to 1962, between various correspondents, including Harold George Nicolson, Alvilde Lees-Milne, Virginia Woolf, Siegfried Sassoon, and others. There are letters to Sackville-West from Vanessa Bell, Louise Genoux, Harold George Nicolson, Aileen Pippett, Leonard and Virigina Woolf, dating from 1922 to 1956.

Key Terms

Genre/Physical Characteristic
Correspondence
Diaries
Notebooks

Names
Sackville-West, V. (Victoria), 1892-1962
Abercrombie, Lascelles, 1881-1938
Bell, Vanessa, 1879-1961
Curtiss, Mina Kirstein, 1896-
Genoux, Louise
Lees-Milne, Alvilde
Lees-Milne, Alvilde
Marsh, Edward Howard, Sir, 1872-1953
Nicolson, Harold, 1886-1968
Pippett, Aileen
Sackville-West, Edward, 1901-1965
Sarton, May, 1912-1995
Sassoon, Siegfried, 1886-1967
Wolfe, Humbert, 1885-1940
Woolf, Leonard, 1880-1969
Woolf, Virginia, 1882-1941
Woolf, Virginia, 1882-1941
Container List

Manuscripts and Typescripts

Diaries
[Diary of a journey to France with Virginia Woolf in 1928] Holograph 1928
Sept. 24 - 1928 Sept. 30 (5 p) (5 p)

Notebooks
Notebook containing names and addresses of guests invited to her wedding to Harold Nicolson. Holograph. Drawings by Harold Nicolson 1913
Oct. 1 (1 v) (1 v)

Manuscripts and Typescripts written by Sackville-West


Oversize (+) Dark island, The. Holograph. In case 1933 Sept. 19 - 1934 July 10 (5 v) (5 v) Laid in: letter from the Manager of The Hogarth Press to the author, relating to the blurb of her book; also, manuscript page in an unidentified hand

Oversize (+) [Daughter of time] Holograph. Includes 74 typewritten pages n.d. (569 p) (569 p)

Oversize (+) [Eagle and the dove, The] Holograph. Pages 1 and 34 wanting. Appendix contains 103 pages 1943 Feb. 9 (220 p) (220 p) Correspondence with booksellers, two bills, 4 p. ms. notes and photograph of El Greco’s view of Avila laid in

Oversize (+) Easter party, The. Holograph 1950 Apr. 18 - 1952 Apr. 18 (190 p) (190 p)


Manuscript box In New England. Typescript of poem n.d. (2 p) (2 p) Came with her correspondence with Mina Stein Kerstein Curtiss

Oversize (+) Knole. Holograph n.d. (293 p) (293 p)

Manuscript box Marriage. Holograph of unfinished play 1921 (32 p) (32 p)


Oversize (+) No signposts in the sea. Typescript 1959 Feb. 15 - 1960 Feb. 6 (143 p) (143 p) With six letters relating to publication. 1 p. ms. notes and 1 p. typewritten poem


Oversize (+) [Pepita] Holograph 1934 July 2 (255 p) (255 p)

Manuscript box, In envelope postmarked Sept. 9, 1955 [Poem] Holograph n.d. (1 p) (1 p) Came with her letters to Alvilde Lees-Milne

Oversize (+) [St. Joan of Arc]. Holograph. Chapter 1 wanting; chapters 2-13 and 39 unassigned pages present n.d. (445 p) (445 p)

Oversize (+) Seducers in Ecuador. Holograph n.d. (53 p) (53 p) With 5 pages that were not printed and AN to Miss Hamill to that effect

Manuscripts and Typescripts relating to Sackville-West
Manuscripts and Typescripts (cont.)
Manuscripts and Typescripts relating to Sackville-West (cont.)

Rilke, Rainer Maria. [Duineser Elegien. The first elegy] "How strange it is to live no more on earth." Manuscript translation of 13-line excerpt by Victoria Mary Sackville-West n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
Published: London, Hogarth Press, 1931, p. 12, 14

Correspondence

Outgoing Correspondence

Manuscript box
Abercrombie, Lascelles. TNS to 1931 July 24 (1 p) (1 p)

Manuscript box
Bason, Frederick T. ALS to Feb. 6 (1 p) (1 p)

Manuscript box
Carroll, [--?]. 2 TLS to 1954 Mar. 25, 1954 Apr. 13 (1 p. each) (1 p. each)

Manuscript box
Curtiss, Mina Stein Kirstein. 6 ALS, 2 TLS, 1 postcard to 1933 Apr. 7 - 1950 Jan. 2 (9 letters in 2 folders) (9 letters in 2 folders)
Accompanied by Christmas card for 1937

Manuscript box
Fuller, Mabel. TLS to 1935 May 31 (1 p) (1 p)

Manuscript box
Hearsey, Marguerite. ALS, 2 TLS to 1932 Nov. 11 - 1935 Feb. 6 (3 letters) (3 letters)

Manuscript box
Lees-Milne, Alvilde. 254 ALS, 20 ALS, 6 ANS to 1953 May 21 - 1962 May 11 (280 letters in 57 folders) (280 letters in 57 folders)

Manuscript box
Lees-Milne, James. ALS to 1957 July 7 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
 Came with her letters to Alvilde Lees-Milne

Manuscript box
Ling, Shu-hua. 40 ALS, 2 postcards to 1950 Apr. 13 - 1958 June 5 (42 letters in 9 folders) (42 letters in 9 folders)

Manuscript box
McNeal, [--?]. ALS to n.d. (1 leaf) (1 leaf)

Manuscript box

Oversize (+)

Manuscript box
Marx, Erica. 2 ALS, 5 TLS to. Relate mainly to publication of calendar for 1947 by the Hand of flower press 1946 Aug. 6 - [1959? Dec. 7 letters] (7 letters)
With TL (carbon) reply, Dec. 7, 1959; Letter of Aug. 17, 1946 encloses her: Calendar for 1947; extracts from The Garden by V. Sackville-West. Typescript with the author's ms. corrections, undated. 2 p.; accompanied by related correspondence, etc.

Manuscript box
Pinker and son, James B. LS to 1933 Dec. 30 (1 p) (1 p)

Manuscript box
Pippett, Aileen. 14 ALS, 9 TLS to 1953 Mar. 14 - 1959 July 12 (23 letters in 5 folders)
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Manuscript box
Sackville-West, Edward. 67 ALS, 1 TLS, 3 postcards to 1924 Dec. 31 - [1961] Dec. 21 (71 letters in 13 folders) (71 letters in 13 folders)
Letter of May 31, 1935 encloses: Sackville-West, Victoria Mary. TLS to Mabel Fuller, May 31, 1935. 1 p. in folder 3

Manuscript box
Sackville, Victoria Josephine Sackville-West, lady. 343 ALS, 12 ANS, 2 telegrams, 9 postcards to 1913 Oct. 2 - 1925 July 8 (366 letters in 55 folders) (366 letters in 55 folders)
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Correspondence (cont.)

Outgoing Correspondence (cont.)

Manuscript box
Sarton, May. ALS to 1958 Feb. 22 (3 p) (3 p)

Manuscript box
Summers, [--?]. ALS to 1945 Aug. 7 (1 p) (1 p)

Manuscript box
Woolf, Leonard Sidney. 2 ALS, 1 TLS to. One dated 1950 May 28 (3 letters) (3 letters)

Manuscript box
Woolf, Virginia. 203 ALS, 8 AL (2 incomplete), 1 postcard to [1923] Mar. 26 - 1941 Mar. 6 (212 letters in 42 folders) (212 letters in 42 folders)

Incoming Correspondence

Manuscript box
Bell, Vanessa. ALS to Sackville-West. Mentions Julian Bell and Virginia Woolf [1937] Aug. 16 (1 p) (1 p)

Manuscript box
Genoux, Louise. ALS to Sackville-West [1928] Mar. 3 (1 p) (1 p)
Enclosed in: Sackville-West, Victoria Mary. 203 ALS, 8 AL (2 incomplete), 1 postcard to Virginia Woolf. 1923-1941. Letter of March 14 [1928]. Folder 20

Manuscript box
Nicolson, Harold George. ALS and postcard to Sackville-West 1922 Jan. 16, 1922 Dec. 4 (2 letters) (2 letters)

Manuscript box
Pippett, Aileen. 1 TLS, 13 TL (carbon), 2 telegrams to Sackville-West 1953 Mar. 26 - 1956 Oct. 22 (16 letters in 5 folders) (16 letters in 5 folders)

Related Correspondence

Manuscript box
Codrington, Ursula. ANS to Shu-hua Ling. Relates to the death of Vita Sackville-West [1962] June 3 (1 p) (1 p)

Manuscript box
Nadie, Marie L., ALS to Lady Victoria Josephine Sackville-West 1921 Nov.7 - 1923 March 29 (23 letters in 4 folders) (23 letters in 4 folders)

Manuscript box
Nicolson, Sir Harold George. 5 ALS to Virginia Woolf 1927 Oct. 22 - 1928 Mar. 7 (5 letters) (5 letters)

Manuscript box
Sassoon, Siegfried Lorraine. ALS to S[--?] M[--?] Ellis. Relates to Victoria Mary Sackville-West [after 1919] July 15 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)

Manuscript box
Woolf, Virginia. 5 ALS to Sir Harold George Nicolson 1927 June 15] - 1928 Oct. 7 (5 letters) (5 letters)
With TL (copy) of letter of Sun. [Jan. 29, 1928] with V. M. Sackville-West's ms. note at top
Manuscript box

Woolf, Virginia. ALS to Lady Victoria Josephine Sackville-West 1926 Mar. 7
(1 leaf) (1 leaf)
Came with Victoria Mary Sackville-West's correspondence with Virginia Woolf