Summary

Creator: Aldington, Richard, 1892-1962
Title: Richard Aldington collection of papers
Date: 1914-1962
Size: 394 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 by and about the author, diaries for 1933, an undated notebook, and financial documents.

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Language of the Material: Some material in French
Processing note: Processed by Staff; Machine-readable finding aid created by Lynn Lobash and Nina Schneider.

Creator History

Richard Aldington was an English novelist, essayist, satirist, biographer, literary critic, and translator.

Custodial History

Previous owners include Rob Lyle. The author's letters to Rachel Annand Taylor were a gift of Miriam Benkovitz in memory of John D. Gordan.
Scope and Content Note

This is a synthetic collection consisting of manuscripts and typescripts, correspondence by and about the author, diaries for 1933, an undated notebook, and financial documents. The manuscripts and typescripts include poems, radio talks, biographies, and translations by the author, as well as essays relating to the author by Frieda Lawrence and Walter Lowenfels. The correspondence consists of letters, dating from 1916 to 1962, from the author to Terence Ian Fytton Armstrong, Alan Bird, Rob Lyle, Thomas Moult, Rachel Annand Taylor, Louise Morgan Theis, Virginia Woolf, and others, and well as letters relating to the author, dating from 1930 to 1955, between various correspondents including Michael Arlen, Roy Campbell, Nancy Cunard, Rob Lyle, Thomas McGreevy, Humbert Wolfe, and the literary agency J. B. Pinker and Son.

Key Terms

Genre/Physical Characteristic
Correspondence
Notebooks

Names
Aldington, Richard, 1892-1962
Arlen, Michael, 1895-1956
Benkovitz, Miriam J.
Bird, Alan
Campbell, Roy, 1901-1957
Cunard, Nancy, 1896-1965
Gawsworth, John, 1912-1970
Lawrence, Frieda, 1879-1956
Lowenfels, Walter, 1897-1976
Lyle, Rob
Lyle, Rob
MacGreevy, Thomas, 1893-1967
Morgan, Louise
Moult, Thomas
Taylor, Rachel Annand, 1876-1960
Wolfe, Humbert, 1885-1940
Woolf, Virginia, 1882-1941
James B. Pinker and Son
## Container List

### Manuscripts & Typescripts

#### Manuscripts

- **Manuscript box**
  - Be unto me as sunlight. Holograph poems n.d. (1 item) (1 item)
  - To: Brigit. Another of your poets! Holograph poem n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
    - Signed with initials

#### Diaries & Notebooks

- **Engagement book with holograph entries** 1933 Jan. - 1933 Mar (1 v) (1 v)
  - With undated diary of a visit to North Africa
  - Diary entries of a visit to North Africa. Holograph n.d (1 v) (1 v)
    - With engagement book with entries for Jan.-March, 1933
  - **Notebook of poems. Holograph** n.d (1 v) (1 v)
    - Four poems laid in. All but one unpublished in [The complete poems, London, Wingate, 1948] B.

#### Typescripts

- **Gotham Book Mart. Richard Aldington. Typescript of contribution to We moderns** n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
  - Published in Gotham book mart catalog, no. 41, New York, 1940

- **Lawrence, Frieda. Letters from Frieda Lawrence Ravagli. Typescript (carbon).** Relate to Norman Douglas and D. H. Lawrence 1954 (3 p) (3 p)
  - Lawrence d'Arabie. Typescript (carbon) of radio talk with the author's ms. corrections n.d. (3 p) (3 p)
    - With ms. note, "Radio France 25/11/54"

    - Signed Author's ms. note on title-page, signed and dated "Montpellier, 1955"
    - Pages 42, 356-359, 391 omitted in numbering n.d. (508 p) (508 p)
      - Published, London: Heinemann, 1950

- **Syrian dancer, The. Attributed to Vergil. Translated by Richard Aldington. Typescript** n.d. (1 p) (1 p)

### Financial Documents
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**Correspondence**

**Outgoing**

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**Inserted in his:**

**Death of a hero,** 1929. 1st American edition

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Roditi, [-?]. TL (carbon). Relates to Sir Winston Churchill and T. E. Lawrence 1954 Oct. 15 (1 item) (1 item)

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Russell, [-?]. TLS 1955 Mar. 13 (1 p) (1 p)

Manuscript box

Taylor, Rachel Annand. 2 TLS 1950 Jan. 6, 1952 July 2 (2 items) (2 items)
Gift of Miriam Benkovitz in memory of John D. Gordon

Manuscript box

Theis, Louise Morgan. 28 letters and 4 postcards 1929 - 1936 (37 p) (37 p)

Manuscript box

Woolf, Virginia. ALS 1923 Sept. 22 (1 p) (1 p)

Manuscript box

Greene, Graham. TL (copy) to Aldington 1954 May 18 (1 p) (1 p)
With TL (carbon) reply, May 30, 1954. 2 p.; with ms. note "not sent". Encloses: Lawrence, Frieda. TL (copy) to Aldington, Mar. 29, 1954. 1 p. Relates to Aldington's 'Pinorman' and D. H. Lawrence Originally an enclosure in a letter from Aldington or Roy Campbell to Rob Lyle

Manuscript box

Lawrence, Frieda. TL (copy) to Aldington. Relates to Aldington's 'Pinorman' and D. H. Lawrence 1954 Mar. 29 (1 p) (1 p)
Enclosed in TL (carbon) reply accompanying: Greene, Graham. TL (copy) to Richard Aldington. May 18, 1954

Manuscript box

Massignon, Louis. TLS to Aldington. Relates to T. E. Lawrence 1954 Dec. 9 (1 p) (1 p)

Manuscript box

Maugham, William Somerset. TL (copy) to Aldington 1954 Aug. 29 (1 p) (1 p)

Manuscript box

Sitwell, Sacheverell. 2 ALS to Aldington 1922 Nov. 26, 1923 Feb. 27 (2 items) (2 items)

Manuscript box


Manuscript box

Urnov, Mikhail. Postcard to Aldington 1917 Dec. 21 (1 item) (1 item)
With a copy of A Soviet Review of World Events, Apr. 7, 1965, where on p. 29 a review by the same author is printed

Manuscript box

Wolfe, Humbert. TL (carbon) to Aldington 1933 Feb. 21 (1 p) (1 p)

Manuscript box

Letters, ALS, TLS, etc. from miscellaneous correspondents, not listed separately, to Aldington. Relate to T. E. Lawrence 1954 - 1955 (5 items) (5 items)
Came with Aldington's correspondence with Rob Lyle

Related Correspondence

With 2 TL (carbon) replies; accompanied by: Livesey, Monica. TLS to Humbert Wolfe, Jan. 14, 1937. 1 p. Written as secretary to Michael Arlen
Manuscript box  Campbell, Roy. 2 ALS to Rob Lyle. Relate to a proposed pamphlet on Richard Aldington's Pinorman 1954 (2 items) (2 items) One letter is at bottom of: Cunard, Nancy. Postcard (copy) to William Heinemann, ltd. April 1954. 1 p. Relates to Norman Douglas

Manuscript box  Cunard, Nancy. 2 ALS to [J. B. Pinker and son]. Relate to Richard Aldington Feb. 17; May 28 (2 items) (2 items)

Manuscript box (Aldington)  Letters, ALS, TLS, etc. from miscellaneous correspondents to Alan Bird relating to research done for Richard Aldington's Lawrence of Arabia n.d. (35 items in 5 folders) (35 items in 5 folders)

Manuscript box (Aldington)  Letters, ALS, TLS, etc. from miscellaneous correspondents, not listed separately, to Rob Lyle. Relate to proposed pamphlet on Richard Aldington's Pinorman. Several letters mention Nancy Cunard 1954 - 1955 (11 items) (11 items)

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 Richard Aldington n.d. (11 items) (11 items)

Manuscript box  McGreevy, Thomas. 4 ALS to J. B. Pinker and son. Mentions Richard Aldington and John Rodker. Two letters undated 1930 Oct. 2 - 1930 Oct. 8 (4 items) (4 items)