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Guide to the

**Noel Coward collection of papers**

1919-1972

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## Summary

**Creator:** Coward, Noel, 1899-1973

**Title:** Noel Coward collection of papers

**Date:** 1919-1972

**Size:** 28 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 by the author, and legal documents.

**Access:** Restricted access.

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## Creator History

Noel Coward was an English novelist, playwright, poet, satirist, and short-story writer.

## Custodial History

Previous owners include the American Play Company and the literary agency J. B. Pinker and Son.

## **Scope and Content Note**

This is a synthetic collection consisting of manuscripts, correspondence by the author, and legal documents. The manuscripts include essays about the author in the hands of Arnold Bennett and Sean O'Casey. The correspondence, dating from 1919 to 1972, includes letters from the author to Sir Edward Howard Marsh, Beverley Nichols, Peggy Wood, and others.

## **Key Terms**

### **Genre/Physical Characteristic**

Correspondence

### **Names**

Coward, Noel, 1899-1973

Bennett, Arnold, 1867-1931

Marsh, Edward Howard, Sir, 1872-1953

Nichols, Beverley, 1898-1983

O'Casey, Sean, 1880-1964

Wood, Peggy, 1892-1978

American Play Company

James B. Pinker and Son

## Container List

### Manuscripts related to Noel Coward

- Manuscript box Bennett, Arnold. Introduction (Noel Coward's plays). Holograph. Dated "Le Torquet 8-8-28" and "Le Torquet 12-8-28" 1928 (3 p) (3 p)  
B.
- In his: Holograph notebooks. Vol. 7, p. [119-124] O'Casey, Sean. [Topics. Coward, Noel]. The Amazing Mr. Coward. Holograph draft (1 item) (1 item)

### Outgoing Correspondence

- Manuscript box Ashbrook, Harriette. Telegram to 1931 May 16 (1 item) (1 item)  
B.
- Manuscript box (Marsh) Marsh, Sir Edward Howard. ALS to 1919 Dec. 18 (1 item) (1 item)
- Manuscript box (Marsh) Marsh, Sir Edward Howard. 11 ALS to 1928 - 1943 (11 items in 2 folders) (11 items in 2 folders)
- Manuscript box Nichols, Beverley. 2 ALS, 3 TLS to. One dated 1958 July 28 (5 items) (5 items)
- Manuscript box Wood, Peggy. 2 ALS, 3 TLS to 1941 Nov. 15 - 1972 June 15 (5 items) (5 items)
- Manuscript box (Coward, N.) Loraine, Lorn. ALS to [--?]. Written as secretary for Noel Coward 1928 May 25 (1 item) (1 item)  
Came with J. B. Pinker, firm, correspondence; B.

### Legal Documents

- Manuscript box (Coward) Agreements, correspondence, forms, statements from various theatrical agencies concerning Noel Coward (1 folder) (1 folder)  
From the files of the American Play Co.
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From the files of the American Play Co., No. 10