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Guide to the

**George William Russell collection of papers**

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## Summary

**Creator:** Russell, George William, 1867-1935

**Title:** George William Russell collection of papers

**Date:** 1891-1935

**Size:** 318 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, financial documents, and portraits.

**Access:** Restricted access.

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## Creator History

George William Russell was an Irish poet, essayist, playwright and novelist who wrote under the pseudonym AE.

## Custodial History

Previous owners include Padraic Colum, Lady Gregory, W. T. H. Howe, John Quinn, and Owen D.

Young.

## Scope and Content Note

This is a synthetic collection consisting of manuscripts and typescripts, correspondence, financial documents, and portraits. The manuscripts and typescripts include poems, essays, reviews, and articles by the author, as well as typescripts of poems relating to the author, by James Stephens, and manuscript essays by Humbert Wolfe. The correspondence consists of letters from the author, many signed with his pseudonym, AE, dating from 1891 to 1935, to Padraic Colum, Anne Fremantle, Alfred Perceval Graves, Lady Isabella Augusta Persse Gregory, W. T. H. Howe, Thomas Joseph Kiernan, Edward Harry William Meyerstein, Thomas Moulton, James M. Pryse, James Stephens, William Butler Yeats, and others. Also included are letters relating to the author, dating from [1918] to [1921], between various correspondents, including Padraic Colum, Lady Gregory, W. T. H. Howe, Sir Shane Leslie, Diarmuid Russell, and others. There are letters to Russell from Padraic Colum, Paul Gregan, Lady Gregory, Thomas Moulton, Bernard Shaw, and others, dating from 1905 to 1932.

## Key Terms

### Genre/Physical Characteristic

Correspondence

### Names

Russell, George William, 1867-1935  
Colum, Padraic, 1881-1972  
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Fremantle, Anne, 1909-2002  
Graves, Alfred Perceval, 1846-1931  
Gregan, Paul  
Gregory, Lady, 1852-1932  
Gregory, Lady, 1852-1932  
Howe, W. T. H. (William Thomas Hildrup)  
Howe, W. T. H. (William Thomas Hildrup)  
Kiernan, T. J. (Thomas Joseph), 1897-  
Leslie, Shane, 1885-1971  
Meyerstein, Edward Harry William, 1889-1952  
Moulton, Thomas  
Pryse, James M. (James Morgan), 1859-  
Quinn, John, 1870-1924  
Russell, Diarmuid, -1973  
Shaw, Bernard, 1856-1950  
Stephens, James, 1882-1950  
Wolfe, Humbert, 1885-1940  
Yeats, W. B. (William Butler), 1865-1939  
Young, Owen D., 1874-

## Container List

### Manuscripts and Typescripts

#### Manuscripts and Typescripts written by Russell

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| Manuscript box   | Autograph material. Miscellaneous. One envelope addressed to W. T. H. Howe n.d. (1 item) (1 item)<br>H.  |
| Inserted in:<br>Russell, George<br>W. Homeward<br>songs by the way.<br>Dublin, 1894.<br>Copy 2 | Answer. Holograph poem n.d. (1 p) (1 p)  |
| Manuscript box. In<br>his: Collected<br>poems, London,<br>1926, p. 97                          | Babylon. Holograph poem n.d. (1 p) (1 p)<br>Signed "A. E."; Removed from his: The divine vision, London, 1903. Lady Gregory's copy   |
| Manuscript box   | Dark weeping. Holograph poem n.d. (3 p) (3 p)<br>H.  |
| Manuscript box   | Earth breath, The. Typescript of poem with the author's ms. Corrections<br>n.d. (1 p) (1 p)<br>Signed "A. E."  |
| Manuscript box   | Evanescence. Typescript of poem with the author's ms. corrections.<br>Deleted title: "The masque of time" n.d. (1 p) (1 p)<br>Signed "A. E."; Accompanying letter to James [M. Pryse] Dec. 9, 1924. Published with title<br>"Time" and with slight textual variations in his: Voices of the stones. London: Macmillan, 1925,<br>p. 7-8. B. |
| Manuscript box   | Foreword to book [Living India] by Savel Zimand. Holograph 1928 Aug. 10 (4<br>p) (4 p)<br>H.   |
| Manuscript box   | Hour of destiny, The. Early holograph draft of poem n.d. (1 p) (1 p)<br>Published as "Germinal". H.  |
| Manuscript box   | Impression of America, An. Holograph n.d. (8 p) (8 p)<br>H.  |
| Manuscript box   | Literature and life: Standish O'Grady. Holograph 1928 May (6 p) (6 p)<br>H.  |
| Manuscript box   | Literature and life: This American world [review of the book by Edgar Ansel<br>Mowrer] Holograph 1928 Oct. (6 p) (6 p)<br>Signed "Y. O."; H.   |
| Manuscript box   | Literature and life: Yellow journalism [review of John K. Winkler's "William<br>Randolph Hearst"] Holograph 1928 Nov. (5 p) (5 p)<br>Signed "Y. O."; H.  |
| Cased  | Mask of Apollo [and other stories], The. Holograph pages and clippings n.d.<br>(43 p) (43 p)<br>H.   |
| Cased  | Michael. Typescript (carbon) of poem with the author's ms. corrections n.d.<br>(9 p) (9 p)<br>Signed. With his: Michael. Dublin: For the author, 1919. Copy 2. John Quinn copy; W. T. H.<br>Howe bookplate. Gift of John Fleming   |
| Manuscript box   | Nationality and imperialism. Holograph essay n.d. (10 p) (10 p)<br>Signed "A. E."; Sent to Lady Gregory and published in her Ideals in Ireland, 1901   |

Manuscripts and Typescripts (cont.)

Manuscripts and Typescripts written by Russell (cont.)

- Manuscript box Pictures at Ballsbridge. The Hibernian Academy. Typescript (carbon) of two reviews n.d. (2 p) (2 p)  
With a typescript (carbon) review of an art show by Frank Rutter, May 3 [n.y.]; Published in The Irish Statesman, Aug. 16, 1924 and Chicago Tribune Sunday Magazine, May 18, 1924. Came with Padraic Colum papers
- Manuscript box Poems. I. Blight. II. Germinal. Holograph n.d. (2 p) (2 p)  
Signed "A. E."; H.
- Manuscript box Promise. Typescript of poem with the author's ms. corrections n.d. (1 p) (1 p)  
Signed "A. E."; Accompanying letter to James [M. Pryse] Dec. 9, 1924. Published with a variation in his: Voices of the stones. London: Macmillan, 1925, p. 18-19. B.
- Manuscript box To Ulster in Ireland. Holograph draft of article n.d. (7 p) (7 p)
- Cased 27 poems. Holograph 1912? (43 p) (43 p)  
Y.

Manuscripts and Typescripts relating to Russell

- Cased Stephens, James. [Poem] The mighty mother for A. E. Typescript 1935 (1 p) (1 p)  
With marginal ANS to W. T. H. Howe, July [18] 1935; With his: ALS to W. T. H. Howe, Aug. 6, 1935
- Manuscript box Stephens, James. Poems: The mighty mother. [For A. E.] 7 holograph and typewritten drafts, numbered 1-7, with author's ms. corrections and additions. Two dated 1935 July (7 p) (7 p)  
H.
- Manuscript box Wolfe, Humbert. The mysticism of A. E. Holograph n.d. (9 p) (9 p)  
Signed. With ms. note: "Aryan path. 23-8-39"

Correspondence

Outgoing Correspondence

- Manuscript box Colum, Mary Maguire. ALS to 1917 Jan. 20 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box Colum, Padraic. 10 ALS, 5 TLS to 1916 Jan. 27 - [1930?] Apr. 19 (15 letters in 3 folders) (15 letters in 3 folders)
- Manuscript box Dunsany, Lord. AL to 1933 Oct. 14 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)  
With original crayon sketch at head of letter. B.
- Manuscript box Fremantle, Anne. 6 AL to 1926 Nov. 12 - 1935 May 21 (6 letters) (6 letters)
- Manuscript box Gill, Thomas Patrick. ALS to 1899 June 13 (1 p) (1 p)  
Came with Lady Gregory's papers
- Manuscript box Graves, Alfred Perceval. ALS to 191-? (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box Graves, Alfred Perceval. TLS to 1925 Dec. 1 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box Graves, Alfred Perceval. TL to 1926 Feb. 24 (1 p) (1 p)  
Signed "A. E."
- Manuscript box Graves, Alfred Perceval. ALS to n.d. (3 p) (3 p)
- Manuscript box Gregory, Lady. 118 ALS, 16 TLS, 1 postcard to. Correspondence contains numerous references to W. B. Yeats and other members of his family. Letters of [Aug. 1902] and [Nov. 25, 1902] relate to James Joyce. Letters beginning May 20, 1924 re Lane pictures 1897 Oct. 19 - [1931 Oct. 23 (135 letters in 138 folders) (135 letters in 138 folders)  
Review [of Lady Gregory's Visions and beliefs...] in letter of Sept. 9, 1920; Gregory, Lady. AL for G. W. Russell to the Times literary supplement in his ALS of [March 21, 1921]; Review [of Gregory's Hugh Lane's life...] in ALS of March 2, 1921
- Manuscript box Howe, W. T. H. LS to. Refers to James Stephens 1926 Mar. 30 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)  
H.

Correspondence (cont.)

Outgoing Correspondence (cont.)

- Manuscript box Howe, [W. T. H.]. ALS to 1929 Jan. 9 (2 p) (2 p)  
With original crayon sketch; H.
- Manuscript box Howe, W. T. H. LS to 1929 Feb. 19 (3 p) (3 p)  
H.
- Manuscript box Howe, [W. T. H.]. ALS to 1930 Jan. 3 (1 p) (1 p)  
H.
- Manuscript box Howe, [W. T. H.]. ALS to 1930 Oct. 2 (1 p) (1 p)  
H.
- Manuscript box Howe, [W. T. H.]. ALS to 1932 Jan. 1 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)  
H.
- Manuscript box Howe, [W. T. H.]. ALS to 1932 Feb. 18 (4 p) (4 p)  
H.
- Manuscript box Howe, [W. T. H.]. ALS to 1932 Feb. 18 (3 p) (3 p)  
H.
- Manuscript box Howe, [W. T. H.]. ALS to 1933 June 5 (2 p) (2 p)  
H.
- Manuscript box Howe, [W. T. H.]. ALS to 1934 June 20 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)  
With original crayon sketch. H.
- Manuscript box Kiernan, Thomas Joseph. 7 ALS, 13 TLS to 1923 July 26 - 1930 May 16 (20  
letters in 4 folders) (20 letters in 4 folders)
- Manuscript box [MacKenna], Stephen. ALS to 1931 Jan. 2 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)  
H.
- Manuscript box Meyerstein, Edward Harry William. 26 ALS to 1920 Feb. 7 - 1932 Feb/ 17 (26  
letters in 5 folders) (26 letters in 5 folders)
- In: Moulton,  
Thomas.  
Mimeographed  
letter to George  
William Russell.  
Jonathan Cape,  
publisher, London  
[1923]
- Manuscript box Moulton, Thomas. AN to. Written on margin 1923 (1 letter) (1 letter)  
Signed "A. E."
- Manuscript box Moulton, Thomas. TLS to 1925 Nov. 10 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box Moulton, Thomas. ALS to 1926 Nov. 25 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box Moulton, Thomas. ALS to 1930 July 3 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box O'Grady, Mrs. Standish. TL to 1929 Jan. 29 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)  
Signed "A. E."
- Manuscript box O'Leary, [John?]. ALS to 1891 Jan. 12 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)
- Manuscript box Oppenheim, James. AL to. Mentions Bernard Shaw 1925 Aug. 5 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
- Manuscript box Pilkington, Mrs. ALS to. Relates to Edward Harry William Meyerstein and  
mentioned in George William Russell's correspondence with him. Mentions  
James Stephens 191-? (3 p) (3 p)
- Manuscript box [Pryse], James [M.]. ALS to 1919 July 24 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)  
B.
- Manuscript box [Pryse], James [M.]. AL to 1923 Oct. 16 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)  
Signed "A. E."; B.
- Manuscript box [Pryse], James [M.]. AL to 1923 Nov. 29 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)  
Signed "A. E."; B.

Correspondence (cont.)

Outgoing Correspondence (cont.)

- Manuscript box [Pryse], James [M.]. AL to 1924 Mar. 2 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)  
Signed A. E.; B.
- Manuscript box [Pryse], James [M.]. AL to 1924 Aug. 11 (3 p) (3 p)  
Signed "A. E."; B.
- Manuscript box [Pryse], James [M.]. AL to 1924 Dec. 9 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)  
Signed "A. E."; Enclosed typescripts of *Evanescence* and *Promise*. B.
- Manuscript box Pryse, James M. Letter to 1925 Feb. 12 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)  
Signed "A. E."; B.
- Manuscript box Pryse, James M. Letter to 1925 Mar. 10 (1 p) (1 p)  
Signed "A. E."; B.
- Manuscript box [Pryse], James [M.]. AL to 1925 Apr. 21 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)  
Signed "A. E."; B.
- Manuscript box [Pryse], James [M.]. AL to 1925 June 3 (2 p) (2 p)  
Signed "A. E."; B.
- Manuscript box [Pryse], James [M.]. AL to 1925 Sept. 4 (3 p) (3 p)  
Signed "A. E."; B.
- Manuscript box Pryse, James M. Letter to 1928 Jan. 27 (1 p) (1 p)  
Signed "A. E."; B.
- Manuscript box [Pryse], James [M.]. AL to 1930 Nov. 1 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)  
Signed "A. E."; B.
- Manuscript box [Pryse], James [M.]. AL to 1930 Nov. 24 (2 p) (2 p)  
Signed "A. E."; B.
- Manuscript box Rice, Dominick Spring. LS to 1924 May 20 (1 p) (1 p)  
Y.
- Manuscript box Sitwell, Edith. AL to 1935 Jan. 10 (2 leaves) (2 leaves)  
Signed "A. E."
- Manuscript box [Stephens], James. ALS to 1933 June 21 (3 p) (3 p)  
H.
- Manuscript box [Stephens], James. ALS to 191-? (1 leaf) (1 leaf)  
H.
- Manuscript box Stephens, Mrs. [James]. ALS to 191-? (1 p) (1 p)  
H.
- Manuscript box Stephens, Mrs. [James]. ALS to. On back of an envelope n.d. (1 item) (1 item)  
Followed by another ANS to Mrs. Stephens, signed "I. B."; H.
- Manuscript box Stephens, Mrs. [James]. ALS to n.d. (1 p) (1 p)  
H.
- Manuscript box Stephens, Mrs. [James]. ALS to n.d. (1 p) (1 p)  
H.
- Manuscript box Stephens, Mrs. [James]. ALS to n.d. (1 p) (1 p)  
H.
- Manuscript box Stephens, Mrs. [James]. ALS to n.d. (1 p) (1 p)  
H.
- Manuscript box Unwin, T. Fisher. 2 ALS to n.d. (1 p.; 2 p) (1 p.; 2 p)  
With reader's report by P. H. Warner
- Manuscript box Wyatt, Paul. 9 ALS to 1917 June 16 (9 letters in 2 folders) (9 letters in 2 folders)
- Manuscript box Yeats, William Butler. ALS to 1898? June (3 p) (3 p)  
Came with Lady Gregory's papers

Correspondence (cont.)

Outgoing Correspondence (cont.)

- Manuscript box Yeats, William Butler. ALS to 1898 Sept. 10 (3 p) (3 p)  
Came with Lady Gregory's papers
- Manuscript box Yeats, William Butler. TL (copy) to 1900 July 13 (2 p) (2 p)  
Came with Lady Gregory's papers
- Manuscript box Yeats, William Butler. ALS to. Mentions Lady Gregory's Ideals in Ireland,  
1901 1901? (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
- Manuscript box Yeats, William Butler. ALS to 1911 Sept. (3 p) (3 p)  
Came with Lady Gregory's papers
- Manuscript box. In: Gregory, Lady [Memoirs]  
Typewritten draft. Folder 25  
Yeats, William Butler. TL (copy) to 1913 May 3 (1 letter) (1 letter)
- Manuscript box Yeats, William Butler. 3 ALS to. Letters dated roughly between 1900 and  
1906, the time he lived at Coulson Ave. n.d. (3 letters) (3 letters)  
Came with Lady Gregory's papers
- Manuscript box Yeats, William Butler. ALS to 1904? ca. Jan (1 p) (1 p)  
Came with Lady Gregory's papers
- Manuscript box Yeats, William Butler. ALS to n.d. (2 leaves) (2 leaves)  
Came with Lady Gregory's papers

Incoming Correspondence

- Manuscript box Colum, Padraic. ALS to Russell 1930 Mar. 31 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box (Russell) Gegan, Paul. ALS to Russell. Relates to Patrick MacBride, husband (?) of  
Maud Gonne MacBride 1905 Mar. 28 (2 p) (2 p)
- Manuscript box. Removed from Gregory. Journal, vol. 21, p. 1992  
Gregory, Lady. ALS (copy) to Russell 1923 Jan. 1 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)
- Manuscript box Gregory, Lady. ALS to Russell. Relates to the Lane pictures 1926 July 24 (2 p)  
(2 p)  
With typescript of same. Also, her: [Lane pictures] Typewritten memorandum. 4 p.; On verso  
of p. 1 of typescript: Kiernan, T.J. ALS (fragment) to Lady Gregory. [1926] 1 p.; On verso of p.  
2 of typescript: Abbey theatre. Returns for week July 17, 1926
- Manuscript box Gregory, Lady. ALS to Russell 1930 Mar. 17 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)  
H.
- Manuscript box (Russell, G. W.) H[erbert?], K[--?] T[--?]. AL to A. E. [George William Russell] 1930 Mar. 30 (1  
leaf) (1 leaf)  
Signed with initials. H.
- Manuscript box Moul, Thomas. Mimeographed letter to Russell 1923 (1 p) (1 p)  
Signed. Includes: Russell, G. W. AN, signed "A. E." to Thomas Moul [1923] On margin
- Manuscript box Shaw, Bernard. Postcard to Russell 1932 Sept. 23 (1 card) (1 card)

Related Correspondence

- Manuscript box Colum, Padraic. LS to Rachel Annand Taylor. n.d. (2 leaves) (2 leaves)  
Signed by five other poets including Seumas O'Sullivan and G. W. Russell
- Manuscript box. In: Russell, G. W. 118 ALS, 16 TLS,  
1 postcard to Lady Gregory. With his  
ALS of [March 21, 1921]  
Gregory, Lady. AL (draft) for George William Russell to The Times literary  
supplement 1921 ca. Mar. 21 (1 p) (1 p)

Correspondence (cont.)  
Related Correspondence (cont.)

- Manuscript box Leslie, Sir Shane, bart. Postcard to Padraic Colum. Mentions George William Russell 1918 Oct. (1 card) (1 card)
- Manuscript box (Russell, G. W.) Russell, Diarmund. 2 ALS to W. T. H. Howe. Relates to G. W. Russell Jan. 10; Nov. 29 (2 letters) (2 letters)  
H.; Removed from: Russell, George W. Collected poems. London, 1926. 2nd ed.

Financial Documents

- Manuscript box (Russell) Checks (2) by Lady Gregory and made out by her to George William Russell 1897 Oct. 1, 1898 Dec. 29 (2 items) (2 items)  
Endorsed by Russell

Portraits

Portraits of Russell

- Oversize (+) (Russell, G. W.) MacDonald, Pirie. Portrait photograph of George William Russell. 25 x 16 cm., mounted to 39 x 24 cm. n.d. (1 item) (1 item)  
Inscribed by Russell Padraic Colum on cardboard mount
- Cased Yeats, Jack B. Original pencil drawing of George Russell n.d. (1 item) (1 item)  
H.
- Manuscript box. In his: ALS to [--?] Blake, July 18, 1914 Yeats, John Butler. [Russell, George William] Original pen and ink portrait 1914 July 18 (1 item) (1 item)  
Signed

Portraits drawn by Russell

- Manuscript box Pen-and-ink self portrait sketch. Includes pencil sketches of W. B. Yeats, John O'Leary, Edward Martyn, and G. K. Chesterton. 14 x 19 cm. n.d. (1 item) (1 item)  
Signed with initials. With unidentified pen-and-ink illustration on verso
- Manuscript box Original crayon portrait of James Stephens. 35 x 25 cm. 1920 Sept. 13 (1 item) (1 item)  
Signed by the artist with his initials. Presented by the artist to W. T. H. Howe
- Manuscript box Original crayon portrait of John Butler Yeats. 25 x 18 cm. n.d. (1 item) (1 item)  
Signed "A. E."; H.