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Guide to the

**Frank Swinnerton collection of papers**

1912-1978

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## Summary

**Creator:** Swinnerton, Frank, 1884-1982

**Title:** Frank Swinnerton collection of papers

**Date:** 1912-1978

**Size:** 524 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 a typescript, correspondence, legal documents, and a portrait photograph.

**Access:** Restricted access.

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## Creator History

Frank Swinnerton was an English novelist, short-story writer, and literary critic.

## Custodial History

Previous owners include Martin Secker.

## Scope and Content Note

This is a synthetic collection consisting of a typescript, correspondence by and about the author, legal documents, and a portrait photograph. The typescript is a contribution to a collection of tributes to Max Beerbohm. The bulk of the collection consists of letters from the author, dating from 1912 to 1978, to St. John Greer Ervine, Henry James Forman, Clayton Hoagland, Sir Edward Howard Marsh, Reginald Pound, Siegfried Sassoon, Martin Secker, Sylvia Hope Gibsone Secker, and others, as well as letters relating to the author, dating from 1924 to 1940, between various correspondents, including Carl Van Vechten, Hugh Walpole, and the literary agency James B. Pinker and Son. There are letters to Swinnerton from Herbert Mitgang, dating from 1967 to 1975.

## Key Terms

### Genre/Physical Characteristic

Correspondence

### Names

Swinnerton, Frank, 1884-1982  
Ervine, St. John G. (St. John Greer), 1883-1971  
Forman, Henry James, 1879-1966  
Hoagland, Clayton  
Marsh, Edward Howard, Sir, 1872-1953  
Mitgang, Herbert  
Pound, Reginald  
Sassoon, Siegfried, 1886-1967  
Secker, Martin, 1882-1978  
Secker, Martin, 1882-1978  
Secker, Sylvia Hope Gibsone  
Van Vechten, Carl, 1880-1964  
Walpole, Hugh, Sir, 1884-1941  
Walpole, Hugh, Sir, 1884-1941  
James B. Pinker and Son

## Container List

### Manuscripts and Typescripts

- Manuscript box (Beerbohm) 80th birthday album. Typescripts of 39 contributions, not listed separately, to a collection of tributes to Max Beerbohm. Contributors include Frank Swinnerton 1952 (83 items in 8 folders) (83 items in 8 folders)  
Includes carbon for each contribution

### Correspondence

#### Outgoing Correspondence

- Manuscript box "Conrad," Letter to the "Literary executor of the late Mr. Joseph" 1934 Aug. 9 (1 p) (1 p)  
Signed by secretary "M. S." B.
- Manuscript box Coppard, Alfred Edgar. TL (carbon) to 1951 June 25 (1 p) (1 p)  
With his: 88 ALS to Siegfried Sassoon. July 27, 1923-Dec. 30, 1963. Folder 10. Enclosed in letter of June 25, 1951
- Manuscript box Ervine, St. John Greer. 11 ALS, 1 TLS to 1922 May 26 - 1955 Nov. 14 (12 items in 2 folders) (12 items in 2 folders)  
With letter from his daughter Olivia, Dec. 18, 1955 and four snapshots of her enclosed in his letter of Feb. 19, 1940
- Manuscript box Forman, Henry James. 15 ALS, 17 TLS to 1925 Jan. 18 - 1962 Dec. 6 (32 items in 7 folders) (32 items in 7 folders)
- Manuscript box Greene, Louis C. ALS to. Relates to reviewing Rose Macaulay book 1924 Feb. 7 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box Hoagland, Clayton. 2 ALS, 2 TLS to 1964 Jan. 23 - 1969 Dec. 20 (4 items) (4 items)
- Manuscript box Lamont, Mrs. ALS to 1923 Nov. 1 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box Lea, Frank Alfred. 2 ALS, 1 TLS to. Relate to John Middleton Murry 1957 June 8 - 1957 Aug. 25 (3 items) (3 items)
- Manuscript box Macdonald, [--?]. ALS to 1932 Dec. 13 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box Marriott, R[--?] B[--?]. TLS to 1936 Feb. 29 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box Marsh, Sir Edward Howard. 2 ALS, 1 TLS, 1 postcard to 1919 Oct. 15 - 1937 Feb. 15 (4 items) (4 items)
- Manuscript box Pound, Reginald. 4 ALS to. Relates to Reginald Pound's Arnold Bennett; a biography 1948 Dec. 9 - 1952 June 13 (4 items) (4 items)
- Manuscript box Pound, Reginald. ALS to. Relates to Arnold Bennett 1951 Oct. 1 (1 item) (1 item)
- Manuscript box Sassoon, Siegfried. 88 ALS to 1923 July 27 - 1963 Dec. 30 (88 items in 18 folders) (88 items in 18 folders)  
In folder 10: TL (carbon) to Alfred Edgar Coppard. June 25, 1951. 1 p.; enclosed in letter of June 25, 1951
- Manuscript box Secker, Martin. 149 ALS, 106 TLS, 13 ANS to. Some letters jointly addressed to Martin and Sylvia Hope Gibsone Secker 1912 Aug. 6 - 1978 Apr. 4 (268 items in 52 folders) (268 items in 52 folders)  
In folder 11: photograph of Frank Swinnerton enclosed in letter of March 28, 1969
- In his: The Georgian literary scene. London, W. Heinemann [1935]
- Manuscript box Secker, Martin. ANS to 1935 Mar. 19 (1 p) (1 p)
- Manuscript box Secker, Martin. ALS to 1950 Jan. 28 (1 item) (1 item)  
Removed from his: The doctor's wife comes to stay. London, New York: Hutchinson [1949]

Correspondence (cont.)

Outgoing Correspondence (cont.)

Manuscript box      Secker, Sylvia Hope Gibsone. 5 ALS to 1965 Mar. 11 - 1967 May 10 (5 items) (5 items)

Manuscript box      Secker, Sylvia Hope Gibsone. 2 TLS to 1970 June 11, 1973 June 25 (2 items) (2 items)

Incoming Correspondence

Manuscript box      Mitgang, Herbert. Letters to Frank Swinnerton 1967 - 1975 (1 folder) (1 folder)  
(Swinnerton)      With replies and articles contributed to The New York Times

Related Correspondence

Manuscript box      Letters, ALS, telegrams, etc. from various publishers, etc. to the firm of  
(Pinker, J. B., firm)      James B. Pinker and son as literary agent for Frank Swinnerton 1928 - 1940  
(5 items) (5 items)

Manuscript box      Walpole, Hugh. ALS to Carl [Van Vechten]. Mentions Frank Swinnerton  
1924 Jan. 25 (1 item) (1 item)  
Accompanied by TLS from William Jepson to the Berg Collection, June 6, 1971

Legal Documents

Manuscript box      Agreement between Frank Swinnerton and Martin Secker, Ltd. 1926 Sept. 3 (1  
(Swinnerton)      item) (1 item)  
Signed by Frank Swinnerton. Came with the Frank Swinnerton-Martin Secker correspondence

Portraits

Manuscript box.      Photograph of Frank Swinnerton n.d. (1 item) (1 item)  
In: folder 11;  
enclosed in letter      With: Swinnerton, Frank A. 149 ALS, 106 TL...etc. to Martin Secker. Aug. 6, 1912-April 4, 1978.  
of March 28, 1969      52 folders