Stuart B. Schimmel Collection of A. J. A. Symons Papers 13403639

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Summary Information

Repository:	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
Creator:	Schimmel, Stuart B
Title:	Stuart B. Schimmel Collection of A. J. A. Symons Papers
ID:	13403639
ID:	MS#1939
Date [inclusive]:	1922-1941, 1996
Physical Description:	0.43 Linear Feet 1 manuscript box
Language of the Material:	English .
Abstract:	A small group of materials, chiefly consisting of English writer and bibliographer A. J. A. Symons' correspondence and records related to the First Edition Club, which Symons founded in 1922. Stuart B. Schimmel collected the materials.

Preferred Citation

Identification of specific item; Date (if known); Stuart B. Schimmel Collection of A. J. A. Symons Papers; Box and Folder; Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Columbia University Library.

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Biographical Note

Stuart B. Schimmel (1925-2013) was a prominent book and manuscript collector who lived in Greenwich, Connecticut. He joined the Grolier Club, a private society for New York City bibliophiles, in 1961, and served on its Council from 1972 until 1986.

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Biographical Note

A. J. A. (Alphonse James Albert) Symons (1900-1941) was an English writer, book collector, and bibliographer. He is best known for his experimental biography of the writer Frederick Rolfe, "The Quest For Corvo." He founded the First Edition Club, which published limited editions of literary works and exhibited rare books and manuscripts, in 1922. He also established the "Book Collectors Quarterly" in 1930. Symons was an expert on English writers and literary publications of the 1890s, such as Oscar Wilde.

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Summary

The collection is a small group of materials, chiefly consisting of A. J. A. Symons' correspondence and records related to the First Edition Club, which Symons founded in 1922.

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Arrangement

This collection is arranged in one series.

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Administrative Information

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Revision Description

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Processing Information

Processed by PTL, 2017

Conditions Governing Access

This collection is located on-site.

Conditions Governing Access

This collection has no restrictions.

Processing Information

Reprocessed by CLB, July 2018

Processing Information

Finding aid written by PTL and CLB.

Processing Information

This collection was processed in 2017 as an addition to the Arthur and Rhoda Symons Correspondence (MS#1222). It was redescribed as a separate collection in July 2018 when A. J. A. Symons was identified as a different person from Arthur Symons.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

The collection was given to the Rare Book and Manuscript Library by Caroline Schimmel in 2013.

Accruals

No additions are expected.

Accruals

Materials may have been added to the collection since this finding aid was prepared. Contact rbml@columbia.edu for more information.

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Related Materials

Related Material

A.J.A. Symons, literary papers and correspondence with some related material: Another small collection of A. J. A. Symons' papers, at the University of Leeds, U.K.

Related Material

Stuart B. Schimmel collection of Frederick Rolfe papers, 1892-1980: A collection of materials by and about Frederick Rolfe, subject of A. J. A. Symons' best-known work, which includes a lecture typescript by Symons and several letters written to Symons about Rolfe. Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Columbia University.

Related Material

Stuart B. Schimmel collection of Augustus Hare papers and drawing, 1854-1909: Another collection of manuscripts collected by Stuart B. Schimmel and subsequently given to the Rare Book and Manuscript Library at Columbia University.

Related Material

Stuart B. Schimmel - Oliver Wendell Holmes letters and documents, 1860-1946: Yet another of Schimmel's manuscript collections at the Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Columbia University.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Correspondence
- Photographs
- Manuscripts (documents)
- Private presses -- Great Britain
- Bibliographers
- Symons, A. J. A (Alphonse James Albert), 1900-1941
- First Edition Club (London, England)

Collection Inventory

Stuart B. Schimmel Collection of A. J. A. Symons Papers, 1922-1941, 1996

Scope and Contents

In a brown cloth covered portfolio box, with leather tooled label on spine "A.J.A. Symons Misc." With Maggs Bros. Ltd catalog, 1996

Title/Description	Instances
British Passport of A. J. A. Symons	box 27
Visitors' Book of The First Edition Club, 17 Pall Mall East, London, 1922-1925	box 27
Letter to Walter de la Mare, 29 April 1939	box 27
Tennant biography. A.Ms., 15pp	box 27
Edith Watson to Mr. Fisher, 8 August 1941	box 27
Cyril Connolly to Symons on Wilde, 22 April 1941	box 27
J.E. Agate to Symons, 9 June 1939	box 27
J.A. to Symons, 9 June 1929-17 July 1939	box 27
First Editions Club, 31 December 1930	box 27
Symons to George Macy, 9 March 1931-4 October 1933	box 27
Oscar Wilde Mss.	box 27
A.D. Peters Royalty Accounts, 1935	box 27
G.R. Renier to A.J.A. Symons, 2 June 1927	box 27
Wilde Contract, 1934/35	box 27
Symons to E. V. Rieu, 13 May 1935	box 27
Copies of letters from Oscar Wilde to Leonard Smithers	box 27
Photographs (2) of windmill and house	box 27
Miscellaneous letters by A.J.:	
TLS, April 10 1941. 5pp. To "Darling Hook" i.e. Natalie Sieveking	box 27
Retained carbon of TLS, 5 March 1941, to Dr. Purdon Martin, 5 March 1941	box 27
TLS, 3pp. Feb 20 1941 to "Mater darling", Feb 20 1941	box 27
TLS, April 19 1941. Unsigned (unsent?, draft?) to "David"	box 27

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