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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
<b>Creator:</b>	Kempner, Alan H.
<b>Title:</b>	Alan H. Kempner papers
<b>ID:</b>	4078412
<b>ID:</b>	MS#0700
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1809-1981
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.5 linear feet 1 box
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English .

### Preferred Citation

Identification of specific item; Date (if known); Alan H. Kempner papers; Box and Folder; Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Columbia University Library.

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## Biographical sketch

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Alan Kempner (Columbia A.B., 1917) was a stockbroker, publishing executive, book collector and philanthropist who donated books, manuscripts and drawings to Columbia University Libraries.

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## Scope and Content

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A collection of letters and manuscripts of English and American authors, including one item from each of the following: Pearl S. Buck, Samuel Taylor Coleridge, Thomas De Quincey, Thomas Frognall Dibden, Charles Dickens, William Ewart Gladstone, Edmund Gosse, Hester

Thackeray Ritchie Fuller, Rockwell Kent, Charles Kingsley, Edward George Bulwer Lytton, John Masefield, Clinton Scollard, William Wordsworth and Walt Whitman. In addition, there are 8 letters from Samuel Rogers (1763-1855) to Mr. and Mrs. Horace Twiss (Annie Sterky Greenwood Twiss), photographs of Alan and Margaret Kempner and miscellaneous Kempner items.

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## Arrangement

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Selected items cataloged; remainder arranged.

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## Administrative Information

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### Revision Description

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### Restrictions on Access

This collection is located on-site.

### Restrictions on Access

This collection has no restrictions.

### **Alternate Form Available**

Pearl S. Buck letter is on: microfilm.

### **Terms Governing Use and Reproduction**

Readers must use microfilm of materials specified above.

### **Terms Governing Use and Reproduction**

Permission to publish materials must be obtained in writing from the Librarian for Rare Books and Manuscripts.

### **Terms Governing Use and Reproduction**

Reproductions may be made for research purposes. The RBML maintains ownership of the physical material only. Copyright remains with the creator and his/her heirs. The responsibility to secure copyright permission rests with the patron.

### **Immediate Source of Acquisition**

Literary letters and mss: Source of acquisition--Kempner, Alan H. Method of acquisition--Gift; Date of acquisition--1975. Accession number--M-1975.

### **Immediate Source of Acquisition**

Literary letters and mss: Source of acquisition--Kempner, Margaret L. Method of acquisition--Gift; Date of acquisition--01/02/86. Accession number--M-86-01-02.

### **Immediate Source of Acquisition**

4 books: Source of acquisition--Kempner, M.L. Method of acquisition--Gift; Date of acquisition--01/02/86. Accession number--M-86-01-02.

### **Ownership and Custodial History**

Gift of Alan H. Kempner, 1975; Gift of Margaret L. Kempner, 1986.

### **Processing Information**

Literary letters and mss Processed BRC 06/--/86.

### **Processing Information**

Literary letters and mss Processed BRC 06/--/86.

## Processing Information

4 books Processed HR 02/12/93.

## Accruals

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Authors, English
- Authors, American
- Catalogs
- Certificates
- Lists (document genres)
- Sheaf catalogs
- Manuscripts (documents)
- Notes (documents)
- Photographs
- Photographic prints
- Artists
- Novelists
- Poets
- Politicians
- Prime ministers
- Statesmen
- Women authors, American
- Adler, Elmer, 1884-1962
- Blore, Edward, 1787-1879
- Buck, Pearl S (Pearl Sydenstricker), 1892-1973
- Canton, William, 1845-1926
- Coleridge, Samuel Taylor, 1772-1834
- De Quincey, Thomas, 1785-1859
- Dibdin, Thomas Frognall, 1776-1847
- Dickens, Charles, 1812-1870
- Gladstone, W. E (William Ewart), 1809-1898
- Gosse, Edmund, 1849-1928
- Kennedy, William Sloane, 1850-1929
- Kent, Rockwell, 1882-1971
- Kingsley, Charles, 1819-1875

- Lytton, Edward Bulwer Lytton, Baron, 1803-1873
- Masfield, John, 1878-1967
- Ollier, Charles, 1788-1859
- Rogers, Samuel, 1763-1855
- Scollard, Clinton, 1860-1932
- Twiss, Horace, 1787-1849
- Whitman, Walt, 1819-1892
- Wordsworth, William, 1770-1850

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## Collection Inventory

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### Series I: Correspondence & Manuscripts

Title/Description	Instances
Buck, Pearl Sydenstricker To Alan H. Kempner, 9 November 1940. ( <u>Physical Description:</u> (Typed letter signed)	box 1
Coleridge, Samuel Taylor To J. P. Kennard, 13, August 1832 <u>Physical Description:</u> (Manuscript lter, 3 pages)  <b>Scope and Contents</b>  (copy, including signature, not in author's hand; note on page 4 concerning the original letter, by J. Wright Oxberry, who made the copy)	box 1
Dibden, Thomas Frognall To Edard Blore, 25 October 1923. <u>Physical Description:</u> (Autograph letter signed, 1 page)	box 1
Dickens, Charles To "Dear Madam", 13 December 1852. <u>Physical Description:</u> (Authgraph letter signed, 1 page)  <b>Scope and Contents</b>  (Fragment, middle of the page cut away)	box 1
De Quincey, Thomas Confessions of an English Opium Eater. <u>Physical Description:</u> (Autograph manuscript, 2 pages)  <b>Scope and Contents</b>  (Numbered "Cc")	box 1
Fuller, Hester Thackeray Ritchie To Anthony [Philip Martineau Walker] <u>Physical Description:</u> (Autograph letter signed, 4 pages)	box 1
Gladstone, William. [Irish Church Bill], 21, June 1869	

Physical Description: (Autograph manuscript, 1 page) box 1

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(Written on an envelope; note on Lord Gray's amendment in Gladstone's hand)

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Gosse, Edmund To William Canton, 23, March 1894 box 1

Physical Description: (Autograph letter signed, 2 pages)

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Kent, Rockwell To Elmer Adler, 1, July 1937 box 1

Physical Description: (Typed letter signed, 1 page)

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Kingsley, Charles To \_\_\_\_, 23, April 1850 box 1

Physical Description: (Autograph letter signed, 2 pages)

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Lytton, Edward George Bulwer To Charles Olliver, 5, December 1828 box 1

Physical Description: (Autograph letter signed, 3 pages)

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(Fregile, broken at the folds)

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Masefield, John To Mary Dowdall, 6, February 1920 box 1

Physical Description: (Autograph letter signed, 2 pages)

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Rogers, Samuel To Horace Twiss (1787-1849), [no date] and 1809-8 July 1944. box 1

Physical Description: (5 Autograph letters signed; 1 autographed letter; 3 autographed notes signed)

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Scollard, Clinton To Mrs de Lima, 5 July [n.y.] box 1

Physical Description: (Autographed letter signed)

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Whitman, Walt To William Sloane Kennedy, 11, August 1886 box 1

Physical Description: (Autographed post-card signed, with initials)

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Wordsworth, William To "My dear Sir", [no date] box 1

Physical Description: (Autograph letter, 1 page)

**Scope and Contents**

(Fragmant of letter, with manuscript note on verso in another hand)

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**Series II: Photographs, Memorabilia and Miscellaneous**



<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>
Photographs of Alan H. Kempner <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 folders	box 1
Photographs of Margaret L. Kempner <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 folders	box 1
Kempner, Margaret Loeb. 2 letters to her from Michael Sovern and Ernest W. Michel	box 1
Play Schools Association calligraphic broadside	box 1
Miscellaneous:	
List of the Alan H. Kempner Library <u>Physical Description</u> : (60 pages, 2 copies)	box 1
Prints from the Collection of Alan Kempner. Printed, 3 copies	box 1
Blank watermarked leaf by Thomar Prado	box 1
Envelope relating to Samuel Rogers purchase	box 1

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### **Series III: Books**

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>
Kempner, Alan H. The Lane <u>Physical Description</u> : (2 copies)	box 1
Kempner, Alan H. Recollection: a Personal Memoir of Alan H. Kempner <u>Physical Description</u> : (2 copies)	box 1
Michel, Ernest W. Promises To Keep	box 1

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