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Summary Information

Repository:	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
Creator:	Firbank, Ronald, 1886-1926
Creator:	Nevinson, C. R. W. (Christopher Richard Wynne), 1889-1946
Title:	Ronald Firbank papers
ID:	4078757
ID:	MS#0422
Date [inclusive]:	1896-1976
Physical Description:	3 linear feet 6 boxes
Language of the Material:	English .

Preferred Citation

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

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Biographical / Historical

English novelist, dramatist, and essayist.

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Summary

Correspondence, manuscripts, photographs, art work, and printed material of and concerning Ronald Firbank. Included are nine letters from poet Alfred Douglas, seven from artist Albert Rutherston, four from Rollo Talboys, then schoolmaster at Wellington College, and forty-two letters from Firbank himself to his publisher Grant Richards and his manager George Wiggins.

There are four letters from his mother, Lady Harriet, to the publisher and one letter from his father, Joseph Thomas Firbank, while serving in the House of Commons, 1897. Manuscripts include drafts and notebooks for his works: THE ARTIFICIAL PRINCESS, A DISCIPLINE FROM THE COUNTRY, THE RYTHUM, PRANCING N***, THE PRINCESS ZOUBAROFF, TRUE LOVE, and VAINGLORY. There is an inscribed photograph of Firbank from 1904; a pen-and-ink drawing by C.R.W. Nevinson used as a book illustration; and Albert Rutherston's watercolor drawing for the dust jacket of Firbank's novel, INCLINATIONS (London, 1916). There are also cataloged correspondence and manuscripts collected collected by Ifan Kyrle Fletcher for his book, RONALD FIRBANK; A MEMOIR.. (London, 1930).

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Arrangement

Selected materials cataloged remainder arranged.

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Processing Information

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Processing Information

RF letter to Robson Cataloged HR 06/24/92.

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 Archival Materials

Five notebooks for Firbank's THE FLOWER BENEATH THE FOOT in the Ms Coll\Samuels, JH.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Publishers and publishing
- English literature -- 20th century
- Book illustrations
- Book jackets
- Auction catalogs
- Drafts (documents)
- Drawings (visual works)
- Manuscripts (documents)
- Notebooks
- Paintings (visual works)
- Photographs
- Photographic prints
- watercolors (painting)
- Authors, English
- Dramatists, English
- Douglas, Alfred Bruce, 1870-1945
- Rutherston, Albert, 1881-1953
- Talboys, Rollo
- Richards, Grant, 1872-1948
- Wiggins, George
- Firbank, Harriet, Lady
- Firbank, Joseph Thomas
- Great Britain. Parliament. House of Commons
- Wellington College

Other Finding Aids

Collection inventory is available as [a PDF file](#). Collection can be requested through [CLIO](#).

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