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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
<b>Creator:</b>	Hearn, Lafcadio, 1850-1904
<b>Title:</b>	Lafcadio Hearn letters
<b>ID:</b>	4078878
<b>ID:</b>	MS#0576
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1893-1894
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.4 Linear Feet 1 manuscript box (15 items)
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English .

### Preferred Citation

Identification of specific item; Date (if known); Lafcadio Hearn letters; Box and Folder; Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Columbia University Library.

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## Biographical / Historical

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Teacher at the government college at Kumato.

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## Summary

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A group of fifteen letters from Hearn to Basil Hall Chamberlain (1850-1935), professor of Japanese and Philology at the Imperial University in Tokyo and Hearn's closest Western friend in Japan. The letters cover a tremendously varied range of subjects including Hearn's opinion of his own writing, his methods of work and use of language; his discontent as a teacher at the government college at Kumamoto; his views on religion, philosophy, and music; Japanese

customs, mythology, art, and language; the Oriental character vs. the Occidental; and critical opinion of Paul Boerget's LE DISCIPLE and of Lewis Carroll.

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## Arrangement

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The letters are bound in six Japanese bindings of wrappers and cloth.

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## Administrative Information

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### Revision Description

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Source of acquisition--35634S. Method of acquisition--Purchase by means of the Friends' book fund; Accession number--M-59.

### **Processing Information**

Cataloged Christina Hilton Fenn 06/--/89.

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## **Related Materials**

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SEE ALSO: Hearn notebooks (X812 H35T) listed in mss card catalog.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Japanese language -- Study and teaching
- Japanese philology
- Mythology, Japanese
- Japanese literature
- Religion
- Philosophy
- Music
- Art, Japanese
- Universities and colleges -- Japan -- Tokyo
- Universities and colleges -- Japan -- Kumamoto
- Japan -- Social life and customs
- College teachers
- Chamberlain, Basil Hall, 1850-1935
- Carroll, Lewis, 1832-1898
- Bourget, Paul, 1852-1935
- Tōkyō Teikoku Daigaku

## Collection Inventory

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### Lafcadio Hearn letters, 1893-1894

Title/Description	Instances
Hearn, Lafcadio (1850-1904), [Kumato, Japan], To Basil Hall Chamberlain	box 1
<b>Scope and Contents</b>	
Seven letters, bound in Japanese binding.	
19 Jan 1893	box 1
<b>Scope and Contents</b>	
a.l.s., 4 p. (with envelope)	
23 Jan 1893	box 1
<b>Scope and Contents</b>	
a.l.s., 9 p. (the postscript is signed L. H.)	
26 Jan 1893	box 1

**Scope and Contents**

a.l.s., 4 p. (with envelope)

28 Jan 1893

box 1

**Scope and Contents**

a.l.s., 1 p. (with envelope)

4 Feb 1893

box 1

**Scope and Contents**

a.l.s., 10 p. (with envelope; the postscript is signed L. H.)

5 Feb 1893

box 1

**Scope and Contents**

a.l.s., 13 p. (with envelope)

6 Feb 1893

box 1

**Scope and Contents**

a.l.s., 6 p. (with envelope)

Hearn, Lafcadio (1850-1904), [Kumato, Japan], To Basil Hall Chamberlain, 23 Sept 1893

box 1

**Scope and Contents**

a.l.s., 6 p. (with envelope). One letter, bound in Japanese binding.

Hearn, Lafcadio (1850-1904), [Yokohama, Japan], To Basil Hall Chamberlain, 15 July 1894

box 1

**Scope and Contents**

a.l.s., 6 p. (with envelope). Bound in Japanese binding.

Hearn, Lafcadio (1850-1904), [Kumato, Japan], To Basil Hall Chamberlain, 10 June 1894

box 1

**Scope and Contents**

a.l.s., 8 p. (with envelope). Bound in Japanese binding.

Hearn, Lafcadio (1850-1904), [Kumato, Japan], To Basil Hall Chamberlain

box 1

**Scope and Contents**

Two letters, bound in Japanese binding.

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14 June 1893

box 1

**Scope and Contents**

a.l.s., 8 p. (with envelope)

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15 June 1893

box 1

**Scope and Contents**

a.l.s., 10 p. (the letter bears two signatures)

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Hearn, Lafcadio (1850-1904), [Kumato, Japan], To Basil Hall Chamberlain

box 1

**Scope and Contents**

Three letters, bound in Japanese binding.

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30 May 1893

box 1

**Scope and Contents**

a.l.s., 4 p. (with envelope; there is a note in French on the envelope)

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1 June 1893

box 1

**Scope and Contents**

a.l.s., 4 p. (with envelope)

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9 June 1893

box 1

**Scope and Contents**

a.l.s., 4 p. (with envelope)

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Matsue 1990 Centennial Festival of Lafcadio Hearn's Arrival in Japan, 1990

box 1

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