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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
<b>Creator:</b>	Housman, A. E (Alfred Edward), 1859-1936
<b>Title:</b>	A. E. Housman letters
<b>ID:</b>	4078912
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<b>Physical Description:</b>	2 boxes 2 boxes
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English .

### Preferred Citation

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

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## Biographical / Historical

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English poet, classical Latin scholar. A.E. Housman's brother was Laurence Housman (1865-1959), a poet and playwright.

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## Summary

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Correspondence by and relating to Housman and to his brother, Laurence Housman. Nearly all of the letters were written to Cyril Clemens, who was working on a proposed biography of A.E. Housman. The collection includes six letters from A.E. Housman and an important group of 94 letters from Laurence Housman, which contain comments on his brother's life and activities,

religious beliefs, reading, and manuscripts. There are 45 letters from relatives and persons closely related to A.E. Housman, among them his sisters, Clemence Housman and Katharine E. Symons, his publisher, Grant Richards, and his associates at Oxford University, James T. Nance and Alfred W. Pollard. Also included in the collection are twelve manuscripts, the most noteworthy of which are two signed poems by Laurence Housman and a 4-line verse in Lord Dunsany's holograph entitled "A. E. Housman."

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## Arrangement

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### **Processing Information**

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### **Accruals**

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## **Controlled Access Headings**

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- Families -- England
- Dramatists, English
- Literature publishing -- England
- English literature -- 20th century
- Publishers and publishing -- England
- Scholarly publishing
- England -- Religious life and customs
- Poems
- Poets, English
- Poets, English
- Classicists
- Housman, Laurence, 1865-1959
- Clemens, Cyril, 1902-1999
- Housman, Clemence
- Symons, Katharine E. (Katharine Elizabeth)

- Richards, Grant, 1911-1963
- Nance, James T
- Pollard, Alfred W (Alfred William), 1859-1944
- Dunsany, Lord, 1878-1957
- University of Oxford
- Housman family

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## Collection Inventory

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### Series I: Correspondence

#### Subseries I.1: A. Letters of A. E. Housman (6)

Title/Description	Instances
6 letters from A.E.H. to Cyril. Clemens, 1927-34	box 1

#### Subseries I.2: B. Letters of Laurence Housman (94)

Title/Description	Instances
94 letters from L.H , mostly to Cyril Clemens, but including a few to others, 1922-58	box 1

#### Subseries I.3: C. Other letters (45)

Title/Description	Instances
3 letters, E.H. Blakeney to Cyril Clemens, 1937	box 1
1 letter, L.P. Brown to Cyril Clemens, 1937	box 1
1 letter, R. Gleadowe to [Cyril Clemens?], 1936	box 1
1 letter,W.H. Hamilton to Cyril. Clemens, 1936 (postcard), 1936	box 1
1 letter, E.S.P. Haynes to Cyril Clemens, 1937	box 1
1 letter, Robert Hillyer to Cyril Clemens, 1936	box 1
1 letter, E. O. Hoppe to Cyril Clemens, 1936	box 1
2 letters, Clemence Housman (sister of A. E. H.) to Cyril Clemens, 1936 and 1943 (letter is a postcard), 1936, 1943	box 1
1 letter, Anita Loos to Cyril. Clemens, no date [December 7, 1936]	box 2
1 letter, Leonard Mackall. to Cyril Clemens, 1936	box 2
6 letters, J. T. Nance to Cyril Clemens, 1936-37	box 2
1 letter, Henry W. Nevinson to Cyril Clemens, 1936	box 2

1 letter, A. W. Pollard to Cyril Clemens, 1937	box 2
1 letter, A. L. (?) Poole to Cyril Clemens, 1936	box 2
7 letters, Grant Richards to A. E. Housman, 1898-1904	box 2
2 letters, Grant Richards to Cyril Clemens, 1936 + 1942	box 2
1 letter, J. C. Squire to Cyril. Clemens, 1936	box 2
9 letters, Katharine E. Symons (Sister of A. E. H.) to Cyril Clemens, 1936-42 (including 3 postcards)	box 2
3 letters, Percy Withers to Cyril. Clemens, 1936-37	box 2

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## Series II: Other Materials

### Subseries II.1: D. Manuscripts (12)

Title/Description	Instances
Clemens, Cyril. "Death" (chapter of projected biogr. of A. E. H.) With corrections and notes by Katharine E. Symons--see correspondence)	box 2
Clemens, Cyril. "Oxford" (chapter of projected biography of A. E. H.) With corrections by J. T. Nance and attached notes by Katharine E. Symons-see correspondence).	box 2
Dunsany, Lord. "A. E. Housman". 4 line verse.. author's holograph.	box 2
Housman, A. E. [List of numbers (pages?, copies?)	box 2
Housman, Laurence. Galley proof, with author's ms. Corrections, signed	box 2
Housman, Laurence. List of books	box 2
Housman, Laurence. Tear-sheet of auction catalog, with L.D's notes, Signed	box 2
Housman, Laurence. "The Mote and Beam" 12.line poem, Signed	box 2
Housman, Laurence. "The Shropshire Lad". Year and After, signed	box 2
Housman, Laurence. "There is no Death" 12 line poem, signed	box 2
Rothenstein, Sir William. [excerpt] From Men and Memories. Handwriting of Percy Withers?	box 2
Whicher" George Meason. "An Interview with Housman". Signed by author	box 2

**Subseries II.2: E. Miscellaneous (4 primary pieces)**

Title/Description	Instances
Photograph" A. E. Housman in Laurence Housman's rose garden	box 2
Photograph, A. E. Housman's grave and plaque	box 2
Printed piece: Percy Withers" "A.. E. Housman"" July", 1936	box 2
Printed piece: Katharine Symons "More Memories of A.E.H.", 1936	box 2
General: 4 items, mainly sent to Cyril Clemens by Laurence Housman	box 2
Clippings and Folders, various	box 2

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