

# Lord Alfred Bruce Douglas:

## An Inventory of His Collection at the Harry Ransom Center

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### Descriptive Summary

<b>Creator:</b>	Douglas, Alfred Bruce, Lord, 1870-1945
<b>Title:</b>	Lord Alfred Bruce Douglas Collection
<b>Dates:</b>	1895-1946, undated
<b>Extent:</b>	3 boxes (1.05 linear feet)
<b>Abstract:</b>	Includes manuscripts and letters written by the British author and poet best known as Bosie, the intimate friend and lover of Oscar Wilde. Present are poems and works concerning Wilde, as well as a large number of letters from Douglas to publisher Martin Secker.
<b>Call Number:</b>	Manuscript Collection MS-1201
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Access:</b>	Open for research

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### Administrative Information

<b>Processed by:</b>	Joan Sibley and Jamie Hawkins-Kirkham, 2011 <b>Note:</b> This finding aid replicates and replaces information previously available only in a card catalog. Please see the explanatory note at the end of this finding aid for information regarding the arrangement of the manuscripts as well as the abbreviations commonly used in descriptions.
<b>Repository:</b>	<a href="#">Harry Ransom Center, The University of Texas at Austin</a>

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**Works:**

- Ah woe to us who look for asphodel (sonnet), handwritten manuscript with comments by Douglas, 1 page, undated. **Container** 1.1
- All's well with England! (sonnet), handwritten manuscript with comments by Douglas, 1 page, 1916.
- Autobiography, typescript with extensive handwritten revisions, 460 pages, 6 November 1927. **Container** 1.2-3
- A Christmas sonnet, 2 signed handwritten manuscripts, one with initialed handwritten note, 1 page each, Christmas 1924, undated. **Container** 1.1
- Class war (poem), signed typescript, January 1944.
- Dies amara valde (sonnet), handwritten manuscript with comments by Douglas, 1 page, undated.
- The Duke of Berwick, handwritten manuscript with many revisions, 15 pages, undated. **Container** 3.1
- Forgetfulness (sonnet), handwritten manuscript, 1 page, undated. **Container** 1.1
- Oscar Wilde, typescript / copy with handwritten corrections, 34 pages, August 1895. **Container** 1.4
- The Rossiad, handwritten manuscript / first draft, 10 pages, undated. From the Hanley Collection. **Container** 1.5
- The Rossiad, handwritten manuscript / second draft, 6 pages, January 1916. From the Hanley Collection.
- To a certain judge (sonnet), handwritten manuscript, 1 page, circa 1924. **Container** 1.1
- The Wilde myth, carbon typescript, 251 pages, undated. **Container** 1.6
- The Wilde myth, page proofs with signed typed note by Martin Secker, 225 pages, 1916. **Container** 1.7

**Letters:**

ALS to Bowers, Miss, 8 August 1933.

**Container 1.8**

ALS to Curtis Brown, Ltd., 18 May 1925.

ALS to Ellis, 7 May 1918.

ALS to Ellis, 4 November 1919.

2 ALS to Fletcher, Stuart, 21 July and 26 July 1938.

ALS to Gamble, Peter, 16 March 1940.

ALS to Glass, 5 October 1932.

ALS to Hamilton, Gerald, 8 February 1944.

33 ALS, AL / incomplete to Harris, Frank, 1900-1930.

**Container 1.9**

4 ALS to Harris, Frank, 1925-1927. From the Hanley Collection.

2 ALS, APCS to Harris, Helen O'Hara, 1925.

**Container 1.8**

2 ALS to Howe, Percival Presland, 23 November and 21 December 1919. From the Hanley Collection.

ALS to Maurice, 31 May 1933.

ALS to Merrill, Stuart, 17 February 1896. Enclosed with this: A sonnet dedicated to those French men of letters (Messrs. Zola, Coppée, Sardou and others) who refused to compromise their spotless reputations, or imperil their literary exclusiveness, by signing a merciful petition in favor of Oscar Wilde, February 1896.

6 ALS to Osborn, E. B., 1935-1936.

TccL / copy to Ross, Robert Baldwin, 19 June 1895. Comment by Frank Harris in margin. Stationery of Union Square Book Shop.

2 ALS to Rupert, 7 January and 9 November 1925. (Rupert = Rupert Croft-Cooke?)

ALS to Sabatini, 31 January 1917. From the Hanley Collection.

346 ALS to Secker, Martin, 1910-1944:

1910-1915.

**Container 1.10**

1916.	<b>Container 2.1</b>
1917.	<b>Container 2.2</b>
1918.	<b>Container 2.3</b>
1919.	<b>Container 2.4</b>
1920-1923.	<b>Container 2.5</b>
1924.	<b>Container 2.6</b>
1925.	<b>Container 2.7</b>
1926-1928.	<b>Container 2.8</b>
1929.	<b>Container 2.9</b>
1930.	<b>Container 2.10</b>
1931.	<b>Container 2.11</b>
1932.	<b>Container 2.12</b>
1933.	<b>Container 2.13</b>
1934.	<b>Container 2.14</b>
1935-1937.	<b>Container 2.15</b>
1938-1939.	<b>Container 2.16</b>
1940.	<b>Container 2.17</b>
1941-1943. Enclosed with 26 January 1943 ALS: 4 handwritten poems.	<b>Container 2.18</b>
1944.	<b>Container 2.19</b>

(Above from the Hanley Collection.)

ALS to Symons, Alphonse James Albert, 26 November 1926. Removed from PR 5823 D6 HRC copy 3.	<b>Container 1.8</b>
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ALS to Symons, Alphonse James Albert, 3 December 1928. From the Hanley Collection.

ALS / facsimile to Wilde, Oscar, 15 May 1895. Included with this: printed copy of same letter with comment by Frank Harris.

ALS to Williamson, George Charles, 22 February 1940.

ALS to Wyndham, George, 12 April 1910. Removed from D745Bd.so 1909.

**Miscellaneous:****Container**  
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Unidentified author. TLS to Green-Armytage, R. N., 23 May 1946.

Unidentified author. 2 handwritten envelopes to Millard, Christopher Sclater, 23 March and 28 March 1914. Removed from PR 6007 O86 R594 1914.

Carter and Bell. A and TLS to Douglas, 13 October 1916. From the Hanley Collection.

Chase, Lewis Nathaniel, 1873- . TLS to Douglas, 20 August 1918. From the Hanley Collection.

Dawson (Robert) & Son. APC, 2 printed bills with handwritten entries, one with signed handwritten note by Robert Dawson to Christopher Millard Sclater re Eve and the serpent, 1917. Removed from PR 6007 O86 E8. From Hanley II.

Douglas, Alfred Bruce, Lord, 1870-1945. Autograph and printed address torn from letter, undated. Removed from PN 4839 D683. From Hanley II.

Douglas, Alfred Bruce, Lord, 1870-1945. Memorandum of agreement between Lord Alfred Douglas and John Lane, the Bodley Head, re City of the soul, signed printed document, 2 February 1911.

The Evening News. Sudden death of Lord Alfred Douglas, typescript / copy of news story, 1 page, 4 February 1921. Removed from AC-L D745Gfr 1948a copy 2. From the Goldstone Collection.

First Edition Club. Typed list of Douglas books, 1 page, undated. Included with this: ALS / fragment Robbie to unidentified recipient, undated. Removed from a copy of Douglas' The Rossiad. From Hanley II.

Harris, Frank, 1855-1931. TccL / copy / incomplete to Douglas, 15 December 1925.

Harris, Frank, 1855-1931. The 'real case' against Lord Queensberry as alleged by Lord..., signed carbon typescript with ANS by Douglas, 1 page, undated.

Lewis, Lady. Calling card with handwritten note of thanks to Millard, Christopher Sclater, 3 September 1927. Removed from PR 6007 O86 S875 1919. From Hanley II.

Secker, Martin. TLS to Douglas, 14 May 1925.

## Explanatory Note Concerning Manuscript Collections Cataloged in the Card Catalog

Prior to 1990 when archival cataloging procedures were adopted at the Ransom Center, all manuscript collections were described in a card catalog.

### Organization of Collections:

- Manuscripts for each author collection were organized into four categories:
- **Works:** manuscripts by the author, arranged alphabetically by title;
- **Letters:** the author's outgoing correspondence, arranged alphabetically by recipient name;
- **Recipient:** the author's incoming correspondence, arranged alphabetically by the author of the letter; and
- **Miscellaneous:** all other manuscripts and correspondence, arranged alphabetically by creator.

Materials that did not fit into these categories, such as art, photographs, books, and near-print materials such as newspaper clippings, were dispersed to other Ransom Center collections for cataloging and storage.

### Abbreviations Used in Descriptions:

The symbols below were used in combinations. For example **ALS** means autograph letter signed; **Tccms** means typed carbon copy manuscript, etc.

- **A** = autograph (i.e., handwritten)
- **T** = typed
- **S** = signed
- **I** = initialed
- **Ms** = manuscript
- **Mss** = manuscripts
- **L** = letter
- **FL** = form letter
- **N** = note
- **D** = document
- **C** = card
- **PC** = post card
- **cc** = carbon copy
- **p** = page
- **pp** = pages
- **l** = leaf
- **ll** = leaves
- **nd** = no date
- **inc d** = incomplete date