

Clifford Bax:

An Inventory of His Collection at the Harry Ransom Center

Descriptive Summary

Creator:	Bax, Clifford, 1886-1962
Title:	Clifford Bax Collection
Dates:	1904-1962, undated
Extent:	2 boxes (.84 linear feet)
Abstract:	Includes manuscripts and letters written by the English playwright, poet, critic, and editor Clifford Bax. However, the bulk of the collection is made up of letters received from a variety of notable correspondents, including Arnold Bax (his brother, a composer), Edmund Blunden, Aleister Crowley, T. S. Eliot, Aldous Huxley, J. B. Priestley, Terence Rattigan, Siegfried Sassoon, George Bernard Shaw, Evelyn Waugh, and W. B. Yeats, among many others.
Call Number:	Manuscript Collection MS-0271
Language:	English, French, and Italian
Access:	Open for research

Administrative Information

Processed by:	Joan Sibley and Jamie Hawkins-Kirkham, 2011 Note: 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.
Repository:	Harry Ransom Center, The University of Texas at Austin

Works:

- Midsummer madness; a play for music, printed book with additional typescript dialogue pasted in, 99 pages, 1923. Signed by Marjorie Dixon, Hubert Eisdéll, Frederick Ranalow and Marie Tempest, actors, and Nigel Playfair, producer, of the Lyric Theatre production of this play. Also pasted in are 3 newspaper clippings and announcements of this play. Removed from TEMP B33inc 1923a HRC. **Container**
1.1
- Speech of introduction for Herman Ould, carbon typescript with handwritten addition, 4 pages, undated. **Container**
1.2
- Valiant ladies, proof copy with handwritten emendations and deletions, 320 pages, 1931. **Container**
1.3

Letters:

2 ALS, APCS, 2 TLS to Looker, Samuel Joseph, 1936-1938.

Container 1.4

TNS to Pinker, James B., 20 March 1923.

ALS to Strauss, Ralph, 16 May 1924. Removed from 61-8091.

ALI to Thomas, Edward, 18 July 1915.

Recipient:

- Unidentified author Jessica. APCS to Bax, 19 September 1962. **Container**
1.5
- Abercrombie, Lascelles, 1881-1938. 3 ALS, 1 TLS to Bax, 1931-1937.
- Agate, James Evershed, 1877-1947. 2 ALS, 1 ALI, 2 TLS to Bax, 1936-1945.
- Archer, Charles, 1861-1941. ALS to Bax, 26 November 1931. Removed from TEMP IB75ib 1890 5v. HRC.
- Arlott, John. ANS to Bax, undated. Written on typescript / copy of poem Portrait of Mr. W.S.
- Arlott, John, 1914- . ALS to Bax, 16 November 1944. Removed from PR 6001 R718 O43 HRC.
- Arter, C. N. TLS to Bax, 6 October 1953. Letterhead: House of Commons.
- Baring, Maurice, 1874-1945. ALS to Bax re Fraulein Kafka, 29 December 1933.
- Bax, Arnold, 1883-1953. 47 ALI, 2 AL, 1 APCI to Bax, Clifford, 1910-1944, undated. Some letters initialed W. M. for William Morris, a joking name for Arnold. **Container**
1.6
- Bell, Clive, 1881- . 2 APCS to Bax, 14 and 17 December 1934. **Container**
1.5
- Bennett, Arnold, 1867-1931. TLS, ANS, ANI to Bax, 1924-1930.
- Berkeley, Cheyne Reginald, 1890- . ALS / incomplete to Bax, undated.
- Binyon, Laurence, 1869-1943. 2 ALS to Bax, 30 July and 6 October 1938.
- Blunden, Edmund Charles, 1896- . 3 ALS to Bax, 1947-1950.
- Bottomley, Gordon, 1874-1948. 38 ALS, ALI, ALI / incomplete, 2 APCI to Bax, 1921-1941, undated. **Container**
1.7
- Bottomley, Gordon, 1874-1948. ALS to Bax, 21 December 1922. Removed from TEMP B659vi 1922 HRC copy 1. **Container**
1.5
- Braddock, Joseph, 1902- . ALS to Bax, 20 February 1946. Removed from PR 5003 R14 S9 HRC.
- Bragdon, Claude Fayette, 1866-1946. TLS to Bax, 12 June 1911. Removed from NA 2500 B8 HRC.

Brown, Ivor John Carnegie, 1891- . ALS, ALI to Bax, 20 August no year, 17 November no year. Letterhead: The Observer.

Buchan, John, 1875-1940. TLS to Bax, 8 December 1931.

Bullett, Gerald William, 1894-1958. 2 ALS to Bax, 30 August 1927, 29 August 1930.

Chatfield-Taylor, Hobart Chatfield, 1865-1945. ALS to Bax, 10 October no year.

Container
1.8

Church, Richard, 1893- . 2 ALS, 3 ALI, TLS to Bax, 1919-1943. ALS 16 July 1919 in form of poem and signed Dick and Caroline; ALI 18 August 1922 in form of poem.

Colum, Padraic, 1881- . 4 ALS to Bax, 1907-1958, undated.

Connard, Philip. ALS to Bax, 24 September 1937.

Cornford, Frances Darwin, 1886-1960. 3 ALS, APCS to Bax, 1943-1954, undated.

Coward, Noel Pierce, 1899-1973. ALS to Bax, 28 February no year. Tipped into PR 6005 O85 C3 1932.

Crackanthorpe, Blanch Alethea Holt. ALS to Bax, 31 May 1905.

Container
1.8

Craig, Edward Gordon, 1872- . ALS, TLS to Bax, 5 February and 2 December 1930.

Crowley, Aleister, 1875-1947. 2 ALS to Bax, 4 August no year, 8 December no year.

De la Mare, Walter John, 1873-1956. 5 ALS, 5 TLS to Bax, 1919?-1953.

Denson, Alan. ALS to Bax, 9 January 1953.

Drinkwater, John, 1883-1937. ALS, TLS to Bax, 13 June 1920, 9 July 1921.

Eliot, T. S., 1888-1965. TLS to Bax, 6 February 1922.

Ellis, Havelock, 1859-1939. 3 ALS to Bax, 1924-1932.

Ford, Ford Madox, 1873-1939. ALS, TLS to Bax, 10 December 1920, 26 March 1922.

Fry, Charles Burgess, 1872-1956. ALI to Bax, 23 April 1954.

Fry, Christopher, 1907- . 5 ALS, TLS to Bax, 1948-1955.

Galsworthy, John, 1867-1933. 5 ALS to Bax, 1923. Text of 3 letters in the hand of Ada Galsworthy.

Gardiner, Wrey, 1901- . ALS to Bax, 11 November 1944.

Gibbs, Armstrong. ALS to Bax, 11 July 1925.

Ginsburg, Norman, 1925- . ALS to Bax, 21 March 1950.

Griggs, Fred L. ALS to Bax, 24 September 1937.

Gubsky, Nicolai, 1889- . ALS to Bax, undated. Letterhead: Arnold Haskett Ltd.

Hamilton, George Rostrevor, 1888- . ALS to Bax, 22 September 1946.

Henderson, Keith, 1883- . ALS to Bax, undated.

Henderson, Keith, 1883- . 2 ALS to Bax, 13 February 1932, 30 October 1933.

Herbert, Alan Patrick, 1890- . ALS to Bax, undated.

Hodgson, Stuart, 1877- . ALS to Bax, 8 August 1930. Letterhead: Daily News.

Housman, Laurence, 1865-1959. ALS to Bax, 13 March 1945.

Huxley, Aldous, 1894-1963. 2 ALS to Bax, 25 November 1936, 10 April 1954.

Jepson, Edgar, 1863-1938. 2 ALS to Bax, 28 March and 27 April 1930.

Jessner, Leopold. ALS to Bax, 21 February 1935.

Johnson, May Murray. ALS to Bax, 14 August no year.

Keith, Arthur, 1866-1955. AN to Bax, directed to Mrs. Humphreys, 30 June 1934.

Keynes, John Maynard, 1883-1946. TLS to Bax, 30 October 1941.

Knight, Laura Johnson, Dame. ALS to Bax, 31 October 1932.

Langdon-Davies, John, 1897- . ALS to Bax, 4 June 1936.

Laver, James, 1899-1975. ALS to Bax, 10 December 1937. Removed from AC-L L388tas 1937a

Lindsay, Jack, 1900- . ALS to Bax, 29 October 1928.

Linklater, Eric, 1899- . ALS to Bax, 5 April no year.

Container
1.9

- Lion, Leon M., 1879-1947. ALS to Bax, 6 August 1930.
- Lucas, Edward Verrall, 1868-1938. ALS, 6 ALI to Bax, 1934-1937.
- MacCarthy, Desmond, 1878-1952. ALS, mimeo FLS to Bax, October 1945, undated. Letterhead mimeo FLS: P.E.N. **Container**
1.10
- Machen, Arthur, 1863-1947. ALS to Bax, 7 February 1945.
- Mackenzie, Compton, 1883- . ALS, 4 ALI, TLI to Bax, 1945-1952.
- Maddolena, S. ALS to Bax, 13 October 1929. In Italian.
- Marriott-Watson, R. B. ALS to Bax, 23 November 1915.
- Marsh, Edward Howard, 1872- . ALS to Bax, 17 January 1952.
- Mathers, Edward Powys, 1892-1939. ALS to Bax, undated. Tipped into PJ 418 M3.
- Mavor, Osborne Henry, 1888-1951. 7 ALS, TLS, AN James Bridie (pseudonym) to Bax, 1947-1950, undated. **Container**
1.11
- Mayne, Ethel Colborn, 187?-1941. 2 ALS to Bax, 23 December 1921, 4 June 1924. **Container**
1.10
- Mead, George Robert Stow, 1863-1933. ALS to Bax, 20 June 1929. Letterhead: The Quest.
- Megroz, Rodolphe Louis, 1891- . ALS to Bax, 7 June 1922.
- Monro, Harold, 1879-1932. 5 ALS, TLS to Bax, 1920-1930.
- Moore, T. Sturge, 1870-1944. 4 ALS to Bax, 25 March, 1930, undated. Not described in card catalog.
- Morgan, Charles Langbridge, 1894-1958. 5 ALS to Bax, 1930, undated.
- Munro, Charles Kirkpatrick, 1889- . 8 ALS to Bax, 1929-1932. **Container**
1.12
- Murray, Gilbert, 1866-1957. TLS to Bax, 2 December 1929. **Container**
1.10
- Nevinson, Henry Woodd, 1856-1941. TLS to Bax, 6 July 1934. **Container**
2.1
- Nicoll, Allardyce, 1894- . ALS to Bax, 12 February 1932.

Noguchi, Yoné, 1875-1947. ALS to Bax, circa 1928. Signed with Japanese brush signature.

Ollivier, Marcel. ALS to Bax, 24 September 1946. In French.

Orage, Alfred Richard, 1873-1934. ALS to Bax, 25 January 1934.

O'Riordan, Conal O'Connell, 1874-1948. ALS to Bax, 1 April 1930.

Parker, Louis Napoleon, 1852-1944. ALS to Bax, 20 February 1922.

Phillips, Stephen, Jr. 3 TLS to Bax re his father, 1950-1951.

Playfair, Nigel Ross, 1874-1934. ALS, ALI to Bax, 28 April 1930, undated.

Container
2.2

Priestley, John Boynton, 1894- . 3 TLS to Bax, 1938, undated.

Container
2.1

Purdom, Charles Benjamin, 1883- . ALS to Bax, directed to Mrs. M. C. Humphreys, 25 June 1934.

Ransome, Arthur, 1884- . ALS to Bax, 22 November 1945.

Rattigan, Terence Mervyn, 1911- . 2 ALS, TLS to Bax, 1949, undated.

Rhys, Ernest, 1859-1946. ALS to Bax, 10 November 1932. Letterhead: Everyman's Library.

Robertson, Walford Graham, 1866-1948. 15 ALS to Bax, 1931-1937, undated.

Container
2.2

Robinson, Esme Stuart Lennox, 1886-1958. TLS to Bax, 15 March no year.

Container
2.1

Rothenstein, William, 1872-1945. 2 ALS to Bax, 14 November 1934, 18 November no year.

Rubinstein, Harold Frederick, 1891- . ALS to Bax, 14 July 1920.

Russell, George William, 1867-1935. 11 ALS, 2 ALI to Bax, 1905-1933, undated.

Container
2.3

Sackville-West, Victoria Mary, 1892-1962. 2 ALS to Bax, 14 December 1946, St. Valentine, no year.

Container
2.4

Sassoon, Siegfried Lorraine, 1886- . ALS to Bax, 12 June 1944.

Scott-Sutherland, Colin. ALS to Bax, 6 April 1962. Written on cover of reprint of his article The Symphonies of Arnold Bax from The Music Review, February 1962.

Shairp, Mordaunt, 1887- . ALS to Bax, 13 February 1932.

Shaw, George Bernard, 1856-1950. APCS to Bax, 10 May 1931. Removed from Bax's copy of St. Joan, London, 1924 (PR 5363 S3 1924 copy 4). With a snapshot of Shaw and Geoffrey Whitworth pasted on title page.

Shaw, George Bernard, 1856-1950. TLS, ANI, APCS, 4 APCI to Bax re Florence Farr letters, 1940-1941.

Snaith, John Collis, 1876- . ALS to Bax, 14 March 1912. Removed from TEMP S 12c 1921 HRC.

Snaith, John Collis, 1876- . ALS to Bax, 9 May 1917. Removed from TEMP Sn12sa 1916 HRC.

Snaith, John Collis, 1876- . 2 ALS to Bax, 26 December 1921, 12 June 1924.

Snaith, John Collis, 1876- . ALI to Bax, 20 January 1922. Removed from TEMP Sn12he 1906.

Spare, Austin Osman, 1888- . ALS, ALI to Bax, undated.

Squire, John Collings, 1884-1958. 11 ALS, 6 ALI to Bax, 1926-1953, undated.

Container
2.5

Stern, Gladys Bronwyn, 1890- . ALS to Bax, 19 October no year.

Container
2.4

Strong, Leonard Alfred George, 1896- . 2 ALS to Bax, 6 September 1936, 12 April 1945.

Sutton, Eric. ALS to Bax, 10 September no year.

Swinnerton, Frank Arthur, 1884- . TLS to Bax, directed to Mrs. M. C. Humphreys, 23 June 1934.

Symons, Arthur, 1865-1945. ALS to Bax, 22 June 1925.

Taylor, Rachel Annand. ALS to Bax, 1 January 1932.

Container 2.6

Thomas, Philip Edward, 1878-1917. 3 ALS, AL to Bax, 1911-1914.

Trewin, John Courtenay, 1908- . ALS to Bax, 15 July 1953.

Turner, John Hastings, 1891- . ALS to Bax, 6 March 1932.

Turner, Walter James, 1889-1946. ALS to Bax, 15 November no year.

Van Druten, John William, 1901-1957. 5 ALS, TLS to Bax, 1930-1954, undated.

Vansittart, Robert Gilbert Vansittart, 1881-1957. ALS to Bax, 20 September no year.

Waddell, Helen Jane, 1889- . ALS to Bax, 27 October 1932.

Waley, Arthur David, 1889- . ALS to Bax, 2 November no year.

Walpole, Hugh, 1884-1941. ALS to Bax, 30 November 1921.

Waugh, Alec Alexander Raban, 1898- . ALS to Bax, 16 November 1936.

Waugh, Evelyn, 1903-1966. ALS to Bax, undated.

Whelen, Christopher. ALS to Bax, 22 April 1955.

Wilde, Muriel. ALS to Bax, 18 August 1939.

Wise, Ernest George, 1894- . TLS to Bax, 21 April 1929.

Yeats, William Butler, 1865-1939. ALS to Bax, 22 January 1930. Body of letter in the hand of Annie Horniman.

Young, Andrew, 1885- . ALS to Bax, 6 November 1943. Removed from TEMP Y84c 1936 HRC.

Younghusband, Francis Edward, 1863- . ALS, TLS to Bax, 11 June 1936, 20 March 1942. Letterhead: World Congress of Faiths.

Miscellaneous:

Archer, William, 1856-1924. ALS to Bax, Miss, 16 October 1904.

Container
2.7

Bax, Arnold Edward Trevor, 1883-1953. ALS to Bax, Charlotte Ellen Lea ("Mother"), 27 April 1933.

Farquharson, Robert, 1836- . 23 ALS, APCI from "Robin" or "Marionette" to Emery, Florence Farr, Mrs., "Dectora," 1905-1909, undated. Included with these: handwritten manuscript of French song, words and music.

Container
2.8

Hankin, St. John Emile Clavering. 5 ALS to Watkins, 1904, undated.

Container
2.7

Rhys, Ernest, 1859-1946. Revenant (sonnet), typescript with handwritten emendations and addition, 1 page, undated. Inscribed to C. B.

Shaw, George Bernard, 1856-1960. Memorandum of agreement by Shaw, Clifford Bax, and Mrs. W. B. Yeats with Home and Van Thal Limited, signed carbon typescript document, 3 pages, 31 December 1945.

Spear, Hilda D., ed. The English poems of Charles Stuart Calverley, carbon typescript with handwritten notes and inscription to Bax, October 1953.

Container
2.9

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