

G. H. (Geoffrey Harry) Wells:

An Inventory of His Collection at the Harry Ransom Center

Descriptive Summary

Creator:	Wells, G. H. (Geoffrey Harry), 1900-
Title:	G. H. (Geoffrey Harry) Wells Collection
Dates:	1921-1960, undated
Extent:	2 boxes (.84 linear feet)
Abstract:	Includes mainly letters received by the English writer, biographer, and bibliographer G. H. Wells who adopted the pseudonym Geoffrey West when writing a biography of H. G. Wells. Correspondents include Rhys Davies, T. S. Eliot, Ford Madox Ford, Arthur Machen, Somerset Maugham, A. A. Milne, John Middleton Murry, Claude Houghton Oldfield, Upton Sinclair, and Virginia Woolf among many others.
Call Number:	Manuscript Collection MS-4464
Language:	English
Access:	Open for research

Administrative Information

Processed by:	Joan Sibley and Michael Ramsey, 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

Letters:

TccL to Esher, Oliver Sylvain Balliol Brett, 3rd Viscount, 9 May 1940.

Container
1.1

TccL to Fausset, Hugh I'Anson, 20 April and 25 April 1939.

2 TccL to Murry, John Middleton, 7 February and 5 March 1926.

TccL to Nicolson, Harold George, Sir, 16 September 1931.

3 TccL to Oldfield, Claude Houghton, 1938.

3 TccL to Palmer, Herbert Edward, 1931-1932.

TccL to Sinclair, Upton Beall, 23 November 1931.

4 TccL to Straus, Ralph, 1921-1922.

2 TccL to Swinnerton, Frank Arthur, 31 March and 4 April 1931.

Recipient:

- Action. 2 TLS editor Harold Nicolson to Wells, G. H., 17 September and 23 September 1931. **Container**
1.2
- Bartlett, Vernon, 1894- . TLS to Wells, G. H., 12 January 1934.
- Bates, Herbert Ernest, 1905-1974. 6 ALS, 11 ALI, 3 APCI to Wells, G. H., 1932-1936. **Container**
1.3
- Bates, Herbert Ernest, 1905-1974. 15 ALS, 4 APCS to Wells, G. H., 1933-1935.
- Benson, Stella, 1892-1933. 2 ALS to Wells, G. H., 8 July 1924, 1 April 1932. **Container**
1.2
- Beresford, John Davys, 1873-1947. 6 ALS, 2 ALI, Christmas card to Wells, G. H., 1932-1939, undated.
- Beresford, John Davys, 1873-1947. 5 ALS, 2 APCS to Wells, G. H., 1940-1942.
- Binyon, Laurence, 1869-1943. ALS to Wells, G. H., 16 August 1922.
- Birrell, Francis, 1889- . ALS to Wells, G. H., 3 September 1928.
- Bottomley, Gordon, 1874-1948. ALS to Wells, G. H., 20 August 1923.
- Boyd, Douglas. ALS to Wells, G. H., 31 January 1934.
- Braybrooke, Patrick, 1894- . ALS to Wells, G. H., 28 December 1933.
- Bridson, D. Geoffrey. TLS to Wells, G. H., 26 February 1934.
- Brittain, Vera Mary. TLS to Wells, G. H., 15 July 1938.
- Britton, Lionel, 1887- . 10 ALS, APCS to Wells, G. H., 1931-1932, undated.
- Brooks, Van Wyck, 1886-1963. ALS to Wells, G. H., 26 May 1922.
- Buchanan, George. ALS to Wells, G. H., 16 February 1934.
- Calder-Marshall, Arthur, 1908- . 3 TLS, TLS/ incomplete to Wells, G. H., undated.
- Calverton, Victor Francis, 1900-1940. 2 TLS, TLI to Wells, G. H., 1935-1936, undated.
- Darwin, Leonard, 1850-1943. 2 ALS to Wells, G. H., 30 September and 1 October 1937.

- Davies, Rhys. 61 ALS, ALI, APCS to Wells, G. H., 1931-1941, undated. **Container**
1.4
- Davies, Rhys. 4 ALS, Christmas card to Wells, G. H., 1940-1942, undated.
- Dennis, Geoffrey Pomeroy, 1892- . 9 ALS, 3 TLS, APCS, telegram to Wells, G. H., 1934-1937. **Container**
1.5
- Dent, Guy H. B. 2 ALS to Wells, G. H.. 12 September 1933, 13 June 1934. **Container**
1.2
- de Selincourt, Hugh, 1878-1951. ALS to Wells, G. H., 27 December 1934.
- Dobrée, Bonamy, 1891- . ALS to Wells, G. H., 18 April 1930.
- Eliot, Thomas Stearns, 1888-1965. 2 TLS to Wells, G. H., 30 March and 22 June 1932. **Container**
1.6
- Esher, Oliver Sylvain Balliol Brett, 1881-1963. ALS to Wells, G. H., 7 May 1940.
- Fausset, Hugh I'Anson, 1895- . 2 ALS, 11 ALI, APCI to Wells, G. H., 1934-1939, undated. **Container**
1.7
- Ford, Ford Madox, 1873-1939. TLS, ANS to Wells, G. H., 24 July 1934, undated. **Container**
1.6
- Fry, Anna Ruth, 1878- . 3 ALS, 2 TLS to Wells, G. H., 1938.
- Hanley, James, 1901- . 2 ALS to Wells, G. H., 19 May and 16 July 1934.
- Heinemann (William) Ltd. TLS chairman C. S. Evans to Wells, G. H., 21 June 1933.
- Heppenstall, Rayner, 1911- . 5 ALS to Wells, G. H., 1934-1935.
- Hyde, Laurence. ALS, 4 ALI, TLI to Wells, G. H., 1934-1939.
- Jackson, Lydia. 2 ALS to Wells, G. H., 30 June and 2 July 1934. **Container**
1.8
- Joad, Cyril Edwin Mitchinson, 1891-1953. 3 ALS, 2 TLS, ANI, 3 APCS, APC to Wells, G. H., 1930-1932.
- Lehmann, John, 1907- . ALS, APCS to Wells, G. H., 5 March and 14 May 1934.
- Lindsay, Jack, 1900- . 2 ALS to Wells, G. H., 6 June 1934, 9 April 1935.
- Lunn, Hugh Kingsmith, 1889- . TLS to Wells, G. H., 11 March 1934.

- Lytton, Victor Alexander George Robert Lytton. TLS secretary R. Allen to Wells, G. H., 3 May 1940.
- Macaulay, Emilie Rose, Dame, 1881-1958. ALS to Wells, G. H., 6 March 1937.
- Machen, Arthur, 1863-1947. 26 ALS, TL / copy to Wells, G. H., 1923-1933, undated. **Container**
1.9
- MacKenzie, Orgill. 2 ALS to Wells, G. H., 22 June and 3 July 1934. **Container**
1.8
- Manning, Olivia Mary. 5 ALS to Wells, G. H., 1933-1934, undated.
- Marr, Diana Julia Johnson, 1908- . ALS to Wells, G. H., 24 January 1934.
- Montagu, Ivor. TLS to Wells, G. H., 23 December 1929.
- Morgan, Charles, 1894- . ALS to Wells, G. H., 8 April 1936.
- Morris, Edna. TLS to Wells, G. H., 4 June 1934.
- Muir, Edwin, 1887-1959. ALS to Wells, G. H., 2 July 1932.
- Murry, John Middleton, 1889-1957. 33 ALS, 8 ALI, AL, 8 TLS, APCS, 4 APCI to Wells, G. H., 1923-1938, undated. **Container**
1.10
- New English weekly. 2 ALS editor A. R. Orage to Wells, G. H., 3 April and 22 June 1932. **Container**
1.8
- News chronicle. TLS Robert Lynd to Wells, G. H., 24 January 1934.
- Nicholson, Hubert. TLS to Wells, G. H., 3 June 1934.
- Oldfield, Claude Houghton, 1889-1961. 23 ALS, 4 TLS, 5 APCS, APCI to Wells, G. H., 1931-1940, undated. **Container**
2.1
- Oldfield, Claude Houghton, 1889-1961. 10 TLS, APCS to Wells, G. H., 1940-1942.
- Palmer, Herbert Edward, 1880-1961. 2 ALS to Wells, G. H., 21 July and 31 July 1932. **Container**
2.2
- Post, Mary Brinker, 1906- . 2 ALS to Wells, G. H., 10 February 1934, 9 December 1936.
- Ratcliffe, Katie M. ALS to Wells, G. H., 22 January 1928.

- Ratcliffe, Samuel Kerkham, 1868-1958. 2 ALS, TLS, APCI to Wells, G. H., 1928-1932.
- Rathbone, Irene. 3 ALS to Wells, G. H., 1934, undated.
- Richards, Ivor Armstrong, 1893- . 2 ALS to Wells, G. H., 25 March 1930, undated.
- Riley, A____. ALS to Wells, G. H., 28 December 1928.
- Roberts, Michael, 1902-1948. ALS, APCS to Wells, G. H., 6 December and 11 December 1931. Includes typescript re proposed magazine, 4 pages, undated. **Container**
2.3
- Roberts, Richard Ellis, 1879-1953. ALS to Wells, G. H., 14 February 1934. **Container**
2.2
- Robins, Elizabeth. TLS to Wells, G. H., 31 January 1937.
- Rosenblatt, Benjamin. ALS to Wells, G. H., 31 May 1934.
- Royden, Agnes Maude, 1876- . 4 TLS to Wells, G. H., 1934.
- Sadleir, Michael, 1888-1957. TLS to Wells, G. H., 20 September 1926.
- Sheppard, Richard. 2 TLS to Wells, G. H., 31 October 1934, 15 October 1935.
- Sinclair, Upton Beall, 1878-1968. 6 TLS to Wells, G. H., 1927-1935.
- Strachey, John, 1901-1963. ALS to Wells, G. H., 30 October 1932.
- Straus, Ralph, 1882-1950. 20 ALS, 8 ALI, ANI, 9 TLS to Wells, G. H., 1921-1935, undated. **Container**
2.4
- Straus, Ralph, 1882-1950. 8 ALS, 3 ALI, 4 TLS to Wells, G. H., 1927-1935.
- Swinnerton, Frank Arthur, 1884- . 5 ALS, 13 TLS, APCI to Wells, G. H., 1930-1937, undated. **Container**
2.2
- Tilsey, Frank. 2 TLS to Wells, G. H., 28 November and 20 December 1936. **Container**
2.5
- Time and tide. ALS Thomas Bosanquet to Wells, G. H., 18 November 1937.
- Tracy, Henry C. 2 ALS, 12 TLS, 6 TLI, 2 APCI to Wells, G. H., 1931-1940, undated. **Container**
2.6
- Twentieth century. TLS, TLI editor Jon Randell Evans to Wells, G. H., 29 December 1933, 6 January 1934. **Container**
2.5

Woolf, Hal. ALS to Wells, G. H., 13 June 1934.

Worsley, Thomas Cuthbert. ALS to Wells, G. H., undated.

Wyatt, Woodrow, 1918- . 9 ALS, 2 TLS to Wells, G. H., 1940-1941, undated.

Miscellaneous:**Container**
2.7

Bolitho, Hector, 1898- . ALS to O'Brien, Edward J., 7 December 1933?

Brophy, John, 1899- . TLS to O'Brien, Edward J., 10 January 1933.

Cooke, Charles, Sir. 2 TLS to O'Brien, Edward J., 10 February and 30 March 1934.

Croft-Cooke, Rupert, 1903- . 2 ALS to O'Brien, Edward J., 18 November no year.

Halward, Leslie G., 1905- . TLS to O'Brien, Edward J., 4 June 1934.

Hampson-Simpson, John Frederick Norman, 1901- . 6 ALS to O'Brien, Edward J., 1933-1934.

Hanley, James, 1901- . ALS to O'Brien, Edward J., 20 March 1934.

Lavrin, Janko, 1887- . ALS to O'Brien, Edward J., 12 August 1933.

Lowndes, Marie Adelaide Belloc, 1868-1947. TLS to O'Brien, Edward J., 12 December 1933.

Mamet, Louis. TLS to Pavey, L. A., 19 February 1934. ANI by Pavey.

Manhood, Harold Alfred, 1904- . 2 ALS to O'Brien, Edward J., 2 January 1933, 18 March 1934.

Mégroz, Rodolphe Louis, 1891- . 3 ALS to O'Brien, Edward J., undated.

New stories. TccLI from Arthur Calder-Marshall to unidentified recipients re first surrealist exhibition in London, circa 1936.

O'Donovan, Michael, 1903-1966. ALS to O'Brien, Edward J., circa 1934. Also signed Frank O'Connor (pseudonym).

Oldfield, Claude Houghton, 1889-1961. 4 ALS, TLS, APCI to Wells, Mollie, 1935-1960.

Southwold, Stephen, 1887- . ALS to O'Brien, Edward J., 9 December 1933.

Spender, Stephen, 1909- . ALS to O'Brien, Edward J., 3 January no year.

Swingler, Randall, 1909- . 2 ALS to O'Brien, Edward J., circa 1934.

Whitaker, Mary, 1895- . 2 ALS Malachi Whitaker (pseudonym) to O'Brien, Edward J., 1 February 1934, undated.

Miscellaneous I:

Wells, Geoffrey Harry, 1900- . Scrapbook with ALS, TLS and works pasted-in, unpaginated, circa 1934. Includes responses received for *The artist and the world today*, for *The Bookman*, May 1934. Contents include:

Baring, Maurice. TLS to Wells, 1 March 1934.

Container 2.8

Bax, Clifford. TLS to Wells, 6 March 1934.

Beresford, J. D. ALS to Wells, 6 March 1934.

The Bookman. 4 TLS editor William Ross Williamson to Wells, 13 February - 4 May 1934.

Bullett, Gerald. 2 ALS to Wells, 12 March 1934, undated.

Burke, Thomas. TLS to Wells, undated.

Coppard, A. E. TL to Wells, undated.

Coward, Noel. TLS to Wells, 1 March 1934.

Davies, Rhys. ALS to Wells, undated.

De la Mare, Walter. 2 TLS to Wells, 27 February and 8 March 1934.

Dennis, Geoffrey. ALS, TLS to Wells, 17 March 1934.

Gerhardi, William. TLS to Wells, 14 March 1934.

Golding, Louis. ALS Louis Golding to Wells, 21 March 1934.

Kennedy, Margaret. 2 ALS to Wells, undated.

Maugham, Somerset. ANS to Wells, undated.

Milne, A. A. ALS to Wells, undated.

Morgan, Charles. ALS, TLS to Wells, 1 March 1934.

Mottram, R. H. 2 ALS to Wells, 6 and 8 March 1934.

Oldfield, Claude Houghton. 4 ALS to Wells, 6 March - 4 April 1934.

Priestley, J. B. TLS to Wells, 5 March 1934.

Reid, Forrest. TLS to Wells, 7 March 1934.

Richardson, Dorothy. TLS, APCS to Wells, 4 and 8 March, 1934.

Richardson, Henry Handel. TLS to Wells, 1 March 1934.

Sackville-West, Victoria. 2 TLS to Wells, 28 March and 25 April 1934.

Swinnerton, Frank. TLS to Wells, 6 March 1934.

Walpole, Hugh. 2 ALS to Wells, 19 and 20 March 1934.

Wells, G. H. (Geoffrey Harry). The artist and the world today: a symposium in which various writers define their position in relation to the life and conditions of our time, printed article, 5 pages, 1934.

Wells, G. H. (Geoffrey Harry). TccFL to contributors, 5 March 1934.

Williamson, Henry. ALS, APCS to Wells, 28 February and 22 March 1934.

Wolfe, Humbert. 2 TLS to Wells, 28 February and 26 March 1934.

Woolf, Virginia. TLS to Wells, 27 February 1934.

Young, Francis Brett. TLS, 2 APCS to Wells, 6 March - 9 May 1934.

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