John Rowland:

An Inventory of His Collection at the Harry Ransom Center

Descriptive Summary

Creator: Rowland, John, 1907-1984

Title: John Rowland Collection

Dates: 1931-1957, undated

Extent: 4 boxes (1.68 linear feet), 2 galley folders (gf)

Abstract: Includes manuscripts by and letters to the English biographer and

writer on science and criminology, John Herbert Shelley Rowland. Letters from H. E. Bates, A. E. Coppard, T. S. Eliot, E. M. Forster, Julian Huxley, C. S. Lewis, Jack Lindsay, W. S. Maugham, Eden Phillpotts, John Cowper Powys, Dorothy Sayers, George Bernard

Shaw, H. G. Wells, Virginia Woolf, and others are present.

Call Number: Manuscript Collection MS-3641

Language: English

Access: Open for research

Administrative Information

Processed by: Joan Sibley and Sara Saastamoinen, 2012 **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:

Ambassador for oil: The life of John, first Baron Cadman, by John Rowland and Container Basil, Second Baron Cadman, typed manuscript with handwritten revisions and 1.1 typed inserts, 252 pages, undated. Atoms, electrons and rays, galley proofs, 18 pages, 1947. Container gf 1 Bernard Shaw on rationalism, galley proofs with handwritten revisions by Shaw, 2 pages, undated. Criminal files, typescript with handwritten emendations, 272 pages, undated **Container** (published 1957). 1.2 The critic looks at the world, galley proofs with handwritten emendations, 1 page, Container undated. gf 1 Epics of invention, carbon typescript with handwritten printer's notes, 165 pages, Container undated (published 1957). 1.3 Container Epics of invention, galley proofs, 51 pages, undated (published 1957). gf 1 Ernest Rutherford, atom pioneer, carbon typescript with handwritten emendations, Container 199 pages, undated (published 1955). 1.4 The future of rationalism: A forecast by Julian Huxley, galley proofs with Container handwritten emendations by Huxley, 1 page, undated. gf 1 H. G. Wells discusses rationalism, galley proofs with handwritten emendations by Wells, 3 pages, undated. More criminal files, carbon typescript with handwritten emendations, 226 pages, Container undated (published 1958). 1.5 - 2.1A novelist on tradition, galley proofs with handwritten emendations by Tennyson Container Jesse, 1 page, undated. gf 1 Portrait of an engineer: The life of George Stephenson, typescript / incomplete with **Container** handwritten revisions, approximately 332 pages, undated. 2.2 - 3Portrait of an engineer: The life of George Stephenson, galley proofs, 75 pages, **Container** undated. gf 2

Recipient:

Armstrong, Terence Ian Fytton, 1912- . ALS to Rowland, 9 January 1942.

Container 2.4

Bates, Herbert Ernest, 1905-. 3 ALS to Rowland, 1934-1935.

Bates, Herbert Ernest, 1905- . 2 ALS to Rowland, 10 January and 10 February 1936.

Bentley, Edmund Clerihew, 1875-1956. TLS to Rowland, 2 December 1937.

Bentley, Phyllis Eleanor, 1894-. TLS to Rowland, 12 October 1949.

Bronowski, Jacob, 1908- . ALS to Rowland, 26 May 1951.

Brown, Ivor John Carnegie, 1891- . ALS, TLS to Rowland, 18 June 1947, 28 September no year.

Bullett, Gerald. ALS, APCS to Rowland, 11 January 1935, 27 January 1941.

Bullock, Alan Louis Charles, 1914-. TLS to Rowland, 7 February 1955.

Burge, Milward Rodon Kennedy, 1894- . 2 ALS to Rowland, 28 January and 1 February 1938.

Burke, Thomas, 1887-1945. 9 TLS, 5 TLI, ANI, TPCS to Rowland, 1937-1942.

Container 2.5

Butts, Mary, 1892-1937. ALS to Rowland, 26 October 1935.

Container 2.4

Causley, Charles, 1917-. TLS to Rowland, 24 November 1951.

Church, Richard, 1893-. ALS to Rowland, 2 November 1945.

Clemo, Jack R., 1916-. 3 ALS, 8 TLS to Rowland, 1950-1956.

Container 2.6

Cockcroft, John Douglas, 1897- . TLS to Rowland, 27 May 1957. Letterhead: Container United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority.

Coppard, Alfred Edgar, 1878-1957. ALS to Rowland, 26 October 1934.

Coppard, Alfred Edgar, 1878-1957. 2 ALS to Rowland, 19 October 1935, 10 January 1936.

Cox, Anthony Berkeley, 1893- . 3 TLS, 3 APCS to Rowland, 1934-1935, undated.

Container

Cox, Anthony Berkeley, 1893- . TLS to Rowland, 18 September 1935.

Container 2.4

Davies, Rhys, 1903-. 2 ALS to Rowland, 21 May and 5 July 1937.

Dudley, Ernest. 3 TLS, 2 APCI to Rowland, 1950-1952.

Eliot, Thomas Stearns, 1888-1975. 2 TLS to Rowland, 7 December 1940, 13 February 1941. Letterheads: The Criterion; Faber & Faber.

Elwin, Malcolm, 1902- . 5 ALS to Rowland, 1945-1948.

Foot, Isaac, 1880-. 2 ALS, 3 TLS to Rowland, 1931-1933.

Container 2.8

Forster, Edward Morgan, 1879-. TLS to Rowland, 23 June 1947.

Gibbons, Stella, 1902- . ALS to Rowland, 1 May 1934.

Goldman, Emma, 1869-1904. FLS to Rowland, 29 January 1936. Enclosed with this: TL / photocopy Maurice Browne to Goldman, 18 December 1935.

Graham, Winston. 3 ALS, 2 TLS to Rowland, 1946-1948.

Gregory, Alyse. 13 ALS, APCS to Rowland, 1935-1944.

Container 2.9

Grylls, Rosalie Glynn, 1905-. 2 ALS, 3 TLS, 3 APCI to Rowland, 1953-1953, undated.

Container 2.8

Gunston, Derrick W. TLS to Rowland, 18 February 1931.

Henderson, Philip Prichard, 1906-. TLS to Rowland, 14 August 1935.

Hoult, Norah, 1901-. TLS to Rowland, 27 January 1948.

Huxley, Julian Sorrell, Sir, 1887-. 2 ALS to Rowland, 11 November and 27 December 1940.

Jesse, Fryniwyd Tennyson, d. 1958. 15 TLS, TPCI to Rowland, 1940-1952, undated.

Container 2.10

Joad, Cyril Edwin Mitchinson, 1891-1953. 7 TLS, APCS, 2 TPCS to Rowland, 1950-1953, undated.

Container 2.11

Lewis, Clive Staples, 1898-1963. 3 TLS, APCS to Rowland, 1944-1952.

Container 2.8

Lindsay, Jack, 1900-. 18 ALS, TLI, APCI to Rowland, 1935.

Container 3.1

Lindsay, Jack, 1900 51 ALS, 31 ALI, 16 TLS, 3 TLI, APCS, APCI, 1935-1945 undated.	, Container 3.2-3
Lindsay, Philip, 1906-1958. 2 ALS, 13 TLS to Rowland, 1935-1944.	Container 3.4
Long, Gabrielle Margaret Vere Campbell, 1888-1952. 8 ALS to Rowland, 1940-1941, undated.	Container 3.5
Low, David, 1891 TLS to Rowland, 13 February 1940.	Container 2.8
Machen, Arthur, 1863-1947. 5 ALS, APCI to Rowland, 1941-1943.	Container 3.6
Maugham, William Somerset, 1874-1965. ALS to Rowland, 12 August 1940.	
Murray, John Middleton, 1889-1957. TLS to Rowland, 3 January 1946.	
Newman, Ernest, 1868-1959. ALS to Rowland, 25 January 1941.	
Palmer, Herbert Edward, 1880-1961. ALS to Rowland, 19 July 1935.	
Palmer, Herbert Edward, 1880-1961. ALS to Rowland, 22 July 1941.	
Phillpotts, Adelaide. ALS to Rowland, 20 November 1934.	
Phillpotts, Adelaide Eden, 1896 2 ALS to Rowland, 17 December 1938, 10 August 1957.	
Phillpotts, Eden, 1862-1960. 7 ALS, 4 APCI to Rowland, 1933-1935.	Container 3.7
Phillpotts, Eden, 1862-1960. 17 ALS, 56 ALI, 15 APCI to Rowland, 1935-1957, undated.	Container 3.8-4.1
Powys, John Cowper, 1872-1963. ALS to Rowland, 12 April 1934.	Container 4.2
Powys, John Cowper, 1872-1963. 17 ALS to John Rowland, 1936-1952, undated.	Container 4.3
Powys, Littleton Charles, 1874-1955. 25 ALS, 2 APCS to Rowland, 1952-1954, undated.	Container 4.4
Powys, Llewelyn, 1884-1939. 7 ALS, ALI, 2 APCS to Rowland, 1935-1939, undated.	Container 4.5

4.2

Powys, Theodore Francis, 1875-1953. 2 ALS to Rowland, 31 March and 9 May **Container** 1935.

Powys, Theodore Francis, 1875-1953. 2 ALS to Rowland, 18 October 1935, 22 April 1937.

Priestley, John Boynton, 1894-. TPCI to Rowland, 12 January 1940.

Raglan, FitzRoy Richard Somerset, Baron, 1885-1964. 7 TLS to Rowland, 1936-1940.

Read, Herbert Edward, Sir, 1893-1968. ALS to Rowland, 10 April 1943.

Rowse, Alfred Leslie, 1904-. 2 ALS, 3 ALI, ANS, 2 APCI to Rowland, 1949-1954, Container undated. 4.6

Salmon, Arthur L., 1865- . 4 TLS, APCI to Rowland, 1934.

Container 4.2

Sayers, Dorothy Leigh, 1893-1957. ALS to Rowland, 31 March 1931.

Shaw, George Bernard, 1856-1950. FL, 2 ANI, 2 APCI to Rowland, 1939-1941. Both ANI written on TLS Rowland to Shaw.

Shiel, Matthew Phipps, 1865-1947. 8 ALS, 2 APCS to Rowland, 1935-1941, undated.

Container 4.7

Still, Colin, 1888- . 2 ALS, TLS, APCI to Rowland, 1935-1937.

Container 4.2

Strong, Leonard Alfred George, 1896-1958. 3 TLS to Rowland, 1931-1934.

Strong, Leonard Alfred George, 1896-1958. 5 ALS, 21 TLS to Rowland, 1935-1955.

Container 4.8

Symons, Julian, 1912-. TLS to Rowland, 22 April 1944.

Container 4.2

Walmsley, Leo, 1892- . ALS to Rowland, 25 January 1938.

Watts, Charles A. ALS to Rowland, undated.

Wedgwood, Josiah Clement Wedgwood, Baron, 1872-1943. ALS to Rowland, 19 October 1940.

Wells, Herbert George, 1866-1946. 2 ALS, 2 TLS to Rowland, 1940-1944.

Woolf, Virginia Stephen, 1882-1941. TLS to Rowland, 17 October 1940.

Young, Francis Brett. ALS to Rowland, 6 August 1934.

Miscellaneous:

Lindsay, Jack, 1900-:

Again Moloch, handwritten manuscript, 2 pages, undated.

Container 4.9

A plea for concrete thinking, signed handwritten manuscript with emendations and note to Rowland, 4 pages, undated. Letter to editor of The literary guide.

Poems, handwritten manuscript with emendations and AN to Rowland, 5 pages, undated. Titles: Oath to the earth; A ballad; Anger in autumn; Salvation; Song of money; Good for trade or Chinoiserie up-to-date; Labour of Hercules; This hour also; From the downs.

The rescue, signed handwritten manuscript with emendations, 13 pages, undated.

Spinoza, typescript with ANI to Rowland, 5 pages, undated.

Rowland, John, 1907-. Wedding announcement, FN, 10 April 1937.

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.

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