

Frederic Prokosch:

An Inventory of His Collection at the Harry Ransom Center

Descriptive Summary

Creator:	Prokosch, Frederic, 1908-1989
Title:	Frederic Prokosch Collection
Dates:	1917-1989 (bulk 1930-1967)
Extent:	26 boxes (10.92 linear feet), 5 galley folders (gf)
Abstract:	The Frederic Prokosch Collection includes handwritten manuscripts of thirty-one of Prokosch's novels and seventeen of his poems, as well as correspondence from approximately 35 correspondents (mostly fellow writers), including several letters each from T. S. Eliot, Stephen Spender, and Hugh Walpole.
Call Number:	Manuscript Collection MS-03343
Language:	English and German
Access:	Open for research. Researchers must create an online Research Account and agree to the Materials Use Policy before using archival materials.
Use Policies:	Ransom Center collections may contain material with sensitive or confidential information that is protected under federal or state right to privacy laws and regulations. Researchers are advised that the disclosure of certain information pertaining to identifiable living individuals represented in the collections without the consent of those individuals may have legal ramifications (e.g., a cause of action under common law for invasion of privacy may arise if facts concerning an individual's private life are published that would be deemed highly offensive to a reasonable person) for which the Ransom Center and The University of Texas at Austin assume no responsibility.

Administrative Information

Preferred Citation	Frederic Prokosch Collection (Manuscript Collection MS-03343). Harry Ransom Center, The University of Texas at Austin.
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Processed by: Joan Sibley and Richard Workman, 2018 **Note:** Part of 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:

- Age of thunder (novel), signed Ams, April-September 1944, includes slipcase **Container**
1.1-5
- The Asiatics (novel), signed Ams with extensive handwritten revisions and initialed handwritten note, 571 pages, 1934, includes 2 slipcasses **Container**
1.6, 2.1-5
- The balcony (poem), Ams, undated **Container** 3.1
- The balcony (poem), galley proof with ANS from Prokosch to Roberts, Kilham, 20 September 1937. On page with this: The festival (poem). **Container**
3.2
- A ballad of love (novel), signed Ams with heavy handwritten revisions, 442 pages, 1963 **Container**
3.3-6
- The beautiful merciless lady (poems), signed Tms bound booklet with ANS on front page and illustrations, August 1958, No. 1. Poems included: Mountain's voice, Willow country, Throwback, Talisman, It shall not matter, Dark season, Half-wisdom, Old terror, Northern woods, Last gesture, Trilogy, Reversion, Not mountain ash, Islander, In two voices, Starlit dawn. **Container**
3.7
- The black hart (poems), signed Tccms bound booklet with handwritten dedication note and illustrations, 1931. Poems included: Follow this path, The lonely unicorn, Rime for a swimmer, The visit to the wood, Jungle lady, Death by water, The black hart, The stranger, The beautiful merciful lady, Nereid's funeral. From Hanley II. **Container**
3.8
- Boat song (poem), Ams with handwritten revisions, 3 pages, undated, tipped in a copy of a printed special edition of the poem **Container**
3.9
- Boat song (poem), Ams with handwritten revisions and workings, 1 page, undated, laid in a copy of a printed special edition of the poem, 'Special copy in paper from Urbino.' **Container**
3.10
- The captive (poems), signed Tms bound booklet with AN on front page, signed handwritten dedication note, and illustrations, 1931. Poems included: The stranger, The black journey, Death by water, The forsaken orchard, The green Daphne, The swamp, The captive, Jungle lady, Follow this path, Rime for a swimmer. **Container**
3.11
- The Chaucerian apocrypha (Ph.D. dissertation), signed Tccms, 480 pages bound, 1932. **Container**
3.12
- The conspirators (novel), signed Ams with extensive handwritten revisions and handwritten initialed note, 262 pages, 1942, includes 2 slipcasses **Container**
4.1-4
- The dark dancer (novel), signed Ams with heavy handwritten revisions, 356 pages, 1964-1965 **Container**
5.1-2

- Evening (poem), signed Ams, 1 page, undated. Removed from TEMP P9435car 1938e, copy 1. **Container** 5.3
- The festival (poem), signed Ams with few handwritten revisions, 3 pages, undated. See also The balcony. **Container** 5.4
- The ghost city (poem), Ams with handwritten corrections, 1 page, 1959. Removed from TEMP P9435gh 1959, copy 4. **Container** 5.5
- The ghost city (poem), signed page proofs, 4 pages, 1959. Removed from: TEMP P9435gh 1959, copy 5. **Container** 5.6
- The heel of Achilles (novel), signed Ams with heavy handwritten revisions and handwritten initialed note, 488 pages, 1950, includes 2 slipcasses **Container** 5.7-9, 6.1
- Idyll (poem), Ams, 1 page, undated **Container** 6.2
- Idyll (poem), galley proof with handwritten revision, 1 page, 20 September 1937 **Container** 6.3
- Island song (poem), signed Ams / fair copy, 4 pages, 1956. Removed from: TEMP P9434is 1956, copy 4. **Container** 6.4
- Jungle song (poem), signed Ams / fair copy, 4 pages, 1957. Removed from: TEMP P9435is 1956, copy 4. **Container** 6.5
- Maerchen (story), Ams with signed handwritten note, 12 pages, approximately 1917, in German **Container** 6.6
- The Missolonghi manuscript (novel):
- Signed Ams with heavy handwritten revisions, 481 pages, 1966-1967 **Container** 6.7-10
- Signed galley proofs with handwritten corrections, 150 sheets, 1 September 1967 **Container** gf 1
- Signed page proofs on uncut galley sheets with handwritten corrections, 175 sheets, 3 October 1967 **Container** gf 2
- Night of the poor (novel, early version), signed Ams with extensive handwritten revisions and notes and handwritten initialed note, 647 pages, 1937-1938, includes 2 slipcasses. Several pages written on verso of poetry workings. **Container** 7.1-5, 8.1
- The panther (poems), Tccms bound booklet with handwritten dedication to A. E. C. and illustrations, 1933. Poems included: The last volume, The flamingoes, The panther, The swan, The somnambulists, The grotto, Water poem, Actaeon, The harpsichord, The huntress, The tomb, Cruelty of words, Andromeda, Solitude, The piazza, The gipsy, The wave, The spinners, Arctic, The rose, Castor and Pollux. **Container** 8.2

Phantom song (poem), Ams / incomplete, 1952. Removed from: TEMP P9435ph 1952, copy 4. **Container**
8.3

Poems (poems), signed Tms bound book with illustrations by the author, 97 pages, 1930. Loosely laid in: Signed handwritten note. Boxed with this: The somnambulists. Includes slipcase. Poems included: Tristis, Follow this path, Aegean idyll, The green Daphne, Warning to a traveler, Nereid's funeral, Mountain's voice, Island poem, The black journey, Rime for a swimmer, Love sonnet, It shall not matter, Puritan autumn, Reversion, Dark season, Old orchard, Throwback, Ghost story, Northern woods, New Englander, Gray geese flying, Etching at dusk, Gnostic verse for October, White words, Hunt morning, Nightfall on Inverness, Ghost in the field, Red fox, Brief landscape, Autumn's end, Do not sing, Half wisdom, Confession of frailty, Formula for a jeweler, Gone is the laurel, The lonely unicorn, Undelivered valentine, Be still, loud heart, I have seen the snow, Talisman, Rocking chair, Second tryst, Into exile, Pilgrim's return, Old Timothy, Portrait of a young savage, The homecoming, Sea born, Forest legend, Mountain oread, Death in autumn, Dead men beneath the trees, Epitaph for no churchyard, On the skull of a horse, Prairie elegy, Call to arms, Under these birches, Farewell to a horse, Cornwall is dead, Ritual murder. **Container**
8.4, 8.6

Seven sisters / also titled Water music (novel), signed Ams with heavy handwritten revisions, 540 pages, 1962-1963 **Container**
9.1-6

The seven who fled (novel), signed Ams with handwritten revisions, 736 pages, 1935-1936, includes 3 slipcases **Container**
9.7-9,
10.1-4,
11.1-2

The Siamese cat / also titled The dark waters (novel), signed Ams with heavy handwritten revisions and handwritten initialed notes, 382 pages, 1949, includes slipcase **Container**
11.3-4,
12.1

The skies of Europe (novel), signed Ams with heavy handwritten revisions and handwritten initialed note, 827 pages, 1939-1940, includes 2 slipcases **Container**
12.2-5,
13.1-2

Snow song (poem), Ams with handwritten emendations, 3 pages, undated. Removed from: TEMP P9435sn 1949. **Container**
13.3

The somnambulists (poems), Tms bound book with illustrations by author, 101 pages, 1933. Boxed with this: Poems. Includes slipcase. Poems included: Warning to a traveler, The sorceress, The siesta, The lime tree, The cascade, The rose, The wilderness, Landscape of the Nile, The bridge, Forest and field, The death in the wood, The serpent, The flamingoes, The lake, Water moment, Solitude, The grotto, The wave, The lips of the drowned men, Arctic, The gull, The icicle, The last volume, Water poem, The spinners, The lonely unicorn, The nun, The sleeping beauty, The bathers, Madame Scarlatina, The dolls, The panther, The pursuit, The **Container**
8 5 6

harpichord, Dead poets, The stranger, The visitation, Two deaths, Secret poem, The sigh, The somnambulists, Geography, Northern death, The sanctuary, The black journey, The night's body, The witch of Tartary, The boar: Death, The outcast, Lament of the old magician, The wolves, The end, The looking glass, The burning tree, The piazza, Persian idyll, Storm over the Aegean, End of the world, The green Daphne, Actaeon, Andromeda, The cup-bearer, Jove and Semele, The swan, Birth of Venus, The centaur, Castor and Pollux.

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Storm and echo / also titled The human image (novel), Ams with heavy handwritten revisions, 350 pages, 1947, includes slipcase

Container
13.4-5,
14.1

Sylvius (poems), Tms bound book with illustrations by author, 30 pages, 1931. Poems included: The outcast, The solitary, Three in a cellar, The burning tree, Caucasus, The door, The foundling, Love's infiniteness, The sorceress, Silvius, Proverbs in mourning, The werewolf, The end of the world, The damosel, The body of Sir Lobelius, The looking glass, The night's body, The witch of Tartary.

Container
14.2

A tale for midnight / also titled The girl with the lute and Violence on the road (novel), Ams with heavy handwritten revisions and handwritten initialed note, 387 pages, 1954, includes slipcase

Container
14.3-5

The wilderness (novel), signed Ams with handwritten revisions and initialed handwritten note, 304 pages, 1932, includes slipcase

Container
15.1-3

Wood song (poem), Ams with handwritten revisions, 1 page, 10 December 1951. Removed from: TEMP P9435wo 1951, copy 10.

Container
15.4

Wood song (poem), page proof with handwritten corrections, 2 pages, 1951. Removed from: TEMP P9435wo 1951, copy 4.

The wreck of the Cassandra (novel), signed Ams with heavy handwritten revisions, 294 pages, 1965

Container
15.5-6

Ye mountains of Gilboa (novel), signed Ams with heavy handwritten revisions and handwritten initialed note, 397 pages, 1955, includes slipcase

Container
16.1-3

Young men, young mariners (novel), signed Ams with heavy handwritten revisions and handwritten initialed note, 412 pages, 1953, includes slipcase

Container
16.4-5,
17.1

Letters:

2 ALS 'Fritz' to Connolly, Cyril, undated

Container 17.2

ALS 'Fritz P.' to Covici, Pascal 'Pat,' 10 April 1953

ALS to Joiner, F. C., undated

Recipient:

- Armstrong, Martin Donisthorpe, 1882- . APCS to Prokosch, Frederic, 10 August 1930. **Container**
17.3
- Auden, Wystan Hugh, 1907- . ALS to Prokosch, Frederic, 29 January 1934.
- Auden, Wystan Hugh, 1907- . ALS to Prokosch, Frederic, 16 March 1937.
- Barker, George, 1913- . 2 ALS to Prokosch, Frederic, September 1934, July 1935.
- Campbell, Roy, 1901-1957. ALS to Prokosch, Frederic, undated.
- Coppard, Alfred Edgar, 1878-1957. 5 ALS to Prokosch, Frederic, 1930-1931.
- Davies, Rhys, 1903- . ALS to Prokosch, Frederic, 6 October 1930.
- Douglas, Norman, 1868-1952, ALS to Prokosch, Frederic, 12 December 1931.
- Dunsany, Edward John Moreton Drax Plunkett, baron, 1878-1957. ALS to Prokosch, Frederic, 8 September 1930.
- Durrell, Laurence, 1912- . ALS to Prokosch, Frederic, 30 July 1960.
- Eliot, Thomas Stearns, 1888-1965. 5 TLS to Prokosch, Frederic, 1935-1938.
- Galsworthy, John, 1867-1933. ALS to Prokosch, Frederic, 7 September 1930. **Container**
17.4
- Garnett, David, 1892- . 2 ALS to Prokosch, Frederic, 21 September 1930, 11 February 1932.
- Hampson-Simpson, John Frederick Norman, 1901- . ALS to Prokosch, Frederic, 13 July 1933.
- Hanley, James, 1901- . 2 ALS to Prokosch, Frederic, 15 March 1932, 28 August 1934.
- Hughes, Richard Arthur Warren, 1900- . ALS, TLS to Prokosch, Frederic, 9 October 1931, undated.
- Huxley, Aldous Leonard, 1894-1963. ALS to Prokosch, Frederic, 27 August 1930.
- Inge, William Motter, 1913- . TLS to Prokosch, Frederic, 4 August 1960.

Kaye-Smith, Sheila, 1887-1956. 2 TLS to Prokosch, Frederic, 11 September and 22 November 1930.

Masefield, John, 1878-1967. 2 ALS, 1 form note to Prokosch, Frederic, undated.

Maugham, William Somerset, 1874-1965. ALI to Prokosch, Frederic, undated.
Removed from: TEMP P9435ch 1947a, copy 3.

Maugham, William Somerset, 1874-1965. 2 ALS 'Willie' to Prokosch, Frederic, undated.

Moore, Marianne, 1887- . ALS to Prokosch, Frederic, 17 July 1960.

Morgan, Charles, 1894-1958. ALS to Prokosch, Frederic, 22 July 1933.

Powys, Theodore Francis, 1875-1953. ALS to Prokosch, Frederic, 30 July 1931.

Russell, George William, 1867-1935. ALS to Prokosch, Frederic, 1 January 1932. Illustrated.

Sackville-West, Victoria Mary, Hon., 1892-1962. ALS to Prokosch, Frederic, 6 September 1930.

Container
17.5

Sassoon, Siegfried Lorraine, 1886-1967. 2 ALS to Prokosch, Frederic, 8 September 1930, 16 October 1931. Enclosed with 1931 letter: In Sicily. No. 27 of Ariel Poems series.

Spender, Stephen, 1909- :

ALS to Prokosch, Frederic 20 April no year. Removed from: PR 6037 P47 A8 1935, copy 7.

Container
17.5

2 ALS to Prokosch, Frederic, 8 June 1936, 25 May 1938.

ALS, TLS to Prokosch, Frederic, 1 June and 11 July 1938.

Strong, Leonard Alfred George, 1896-1958. ALS to Prokosch, Frederic, 5 December 1931.

Stuart, Francis. ALS to Prokosch, Frederic, 24 August 1934.

Thomas, Dylan, 1914-1953. ALS to Prokosch, Frederic, 21 October 1935.

Tomlinson, Henry Major, 1873-1958. 2 ALS to Prokosch, Frederic, 5 January 1932.

Walpole, Hugh, Sir, 1884-1941. 9 ALS to Prokosch, Frederic, 1931-1936.

Container
17.6

Warner, Sylvia Townsend, 1893- . 3 ALS, 2 TLS to Prokosch, Frederic,
1930-1934.

Wilder, Thornton, 1897- . 3 ALS to Prokosch, Frederic, 23 and 27 September
1936, 27 January 1937.

Wilder, Thornton, 1897- . ALS to Prokosch, Frederic, 28 July 1960.

Williamson, Henry, 1897- . 1 TLS, 2 TLI, 1 TPCI to Prokosch, Frederic,
1930-1933.

Wolfe, Humbert, 1885-1940. TLS to Prokosch, Frederic, 15 September 1930.

Young, Francis Brett, 1884-1954. 3 ALS to Prokosch, Frederic, undated.

Young, Jessica Hawkinson Brett. TLS to Prokosch, Frederic, 13 March 1931.

Miscellaneous:

Albatross Verlag, Memorandum of agreement with Frederic Prokosch re The seven who fled, TccDS, 2 pages, 6 December 1937. **Container**
17.7

Armstrong, Jessie Evan, 1883- . ALS to Sargent, E. Rotan, 18 February 1931.

Armstrong, Martin. ALS to Kurath, Mrs., 12 October 1931.

Armstrong, Martin. ALS to Sargent, E. Rotan, 7 April 1931.

Bates, Herbert Ernest, 1905- . 2 ALS to Kurath, Mrs., 11 September and 7 December 1931.

Machen, Arthur, 1963-1947. ALS to Skehan, Edison, 25 February 1925.

Mann, Thomas, 1875-1955. TLS to Harper and Brothers re Frederic Prokosch, 25 August 1941.

Prokosch, Frederic, 1908-1989. List of variant bindings of his edition of Two poems by T. S. Eliot, Ams, 1 page, undated. Removed from: PS 3509 L43 T86 1935.

Stuart, Francis. ALS to Kurath, Mrs., 15 June 1933.

Winter, John Keith, 1906- . TLS to Kurath, Mrs., 15 July no year.

Additional Works Not Listed in Card Catalog:

Unidentified holograph manuscript with corrections	Container 18.1-2
The Mermaid ["written in Grasse, 1976-1977"], holograph manuscript with corrections	Container 18.3-4
Tiger! ["Grasse, 1986"], holograph manuscript with corrections	Container 18.5-7
The Magic Carpet ["written in Grasse, 1985"], holograph manuscript with corrections	Container 19.1-4
The Inn of the Wolf ["1976"], holograph manuscript with corrections	Container 19.5-7
The Inn of the Wolf [continued]	Container 20.1-2
Voices in the Night	Container
Holograph manuscript with corrections ["written in Grasse, 1973-1974"]	Container 20.3-4
Carbon typescript with corrections, 391 p.	Container 20.5-6
The Eyes of Lily Beck	Container
Holograph manuscript with corrections ["written in Grasse, 1971-1973"]	Container 20.7
Holograph manuscript with corrections [continued]	Container 21.1
Typescript with corrections, Part I. 68 p., Part II. 82 p., Part III 78 p.	Container 21.2-3
The Sea ["Unpublished poems, written in Grasse, 1981"], holograph manuscript with corrections	Container 21.4
The Flying Carpet ["First version, Grasse, 1984"], holograph manuscript with corrections	Container 21.5
The Portfolio ["Later called Voices, published by Faber & Faber, written over a period of years. 1980"], holograph manuscript with corrections	Container 22.1-2
Voices ["First version, typescript, Grasse, 1983"], carbon typescript with corrections, 360 p.	Container 22.3-4

America, My Wilderness [published 1971]	Container
Carbon typescript with corrections, 459 p. ["This is the typescript of the first version of the novel"]	Container 23.1-3
Carbon typescript with corrections, 309 p. ["This is the typescript of the second version of the novel"]	Container 23.4-5
Arthur	Container
Holograph draft ["original first seven chapters & bibliography, later revised"]	Container 24.1
Holograph manuscript ["1989"]	Container 24.2-3
Typescript with corrections, 213 p. ["1989"]	Container 24.4-5
Typescript with corrections, 221 p. ["1989"]	Container 25.1-2
The Gypsy	Container
Holograph manuscript with corrections ["1989"]	Container 25.3-4
Typescript with corrections ["1989"]	Container 25.5
Voices; A Memoir [published 1983]	Container
Duplicated typescript with corrections, 499 p.	Container 26.1-3
Printer's typescript with corrections, 367 p.	Container 26.4-5
Galley proofs, three sets all with corrections	Container gf 3-5

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