

# Ann Thwaite

## A Preliminary Inventory of Her A. A. (Alan Alexander) Milne Collection at the Harry Ransom Center

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### Descriptive Summary

<b>Creator:</b>	Thwaite, Ann
<b>Title:</b>	Ann Thwaite Collection of A. A. (Alan Alexander) Milne
<b>Dates:</b>	1905-2004
<b>Extent:</b>	3 boxes (1.26 linear feet)
<b>Abstract:</b>	The Ann Thwaite Collection of A. A. (Alan Alexander) Milne contains materials almost entirely related to the development of Thwaite's <i>A. A. Milne: His Life</i> , including correspondence between Thwaite and Milne family, friends, acquaintances, and critics.
<b>Call Number:</b>	Manuscript Collection MS-05059
<b>Language:</b>	English
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## Scope and Contents

The Ann Thwaite Collection of A. A. (Alan Alexander) Milne contains materials almost entirely related to the development of Thwaite's *A. A. Milne: His Life* (Faber, 1990.) Over half of the collection is correspondence between Thwaite and Milne family, friends, acquaintances, and critics, documenting an exhaustive search by Thwaite from the very beginning of her research. Notable among this correspondence are over two dozen letters from Christopher Milne, a major, albeit ambivalent, source for the project. Thwaite's October 4, 1984 letter to Christopher documents her recognition of his reluctance, and although she won him over, later correspondence shows him to waver in his level of enthusiasm, at times sending source materials and at other times describing his home to be "extremely stoney" soil for further research. Additional correspondents include Barbara Milne, John Milne, Tony Milne, and Marjorie Murray-Rust, as well as dozens of others writing with various purpose, including research queries relating to topics regarding Milne's life and work, legal matters relating to publication, and later, relating to reception of the biography. Drafts of letters by Thwaite are located throughout the correspondence, as are approximately fifty pages of notes taken by Thwaite during interviews. Additional research materials include photocopied Milne family correspondence, photos, wills, and birth certificates, as well as many newspaper clippings and notices of Winnie the Pooh related events.

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## Related Material

Additional A. A. Milne materials at the Ransom Center are located in the A. A. (Alan Alexander) Milne Collection.

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## Separated Material

Three audio cassette tapes containing interviews of Milne's family and close friends were transferred to the Ransom Center Sound Recordings, and a copy of A. A. Milne *His Life* was transferred to the Ransom Center Book Collection.

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**Series I. Correspondence, 1982-2004, undated**

Christopher Milne, with interview notes, drafts of letters from Thwaite, 1984-1996	<b>Container</b> 1.1
Milne family, with family documents, 1986-1989, undated	<b>Container</b> 1.2
Marjorie Murray-Rust, with interview notes, 1985-1992, undated	<b>Container</b> 1.3
General correspondence, 1982-2004, undated	<b>Container</b> 1.4-2.5

**Series II. Materials related to *A. A. Milne: His Life***

Publishing and biography related materials, 1990, undated **Container 2.7**

Milne and Pooh related event materials, 1969-1989, undated **Container 2.8**

Research materials

Notes, photocopies of Milne family letters and photos, undated **Container 2.9**

Clippings, 1905-2002, undated **Container 2.10-3.3**