

LITERARY LETTERS, MANUSCRIPTS AND PORTRAITS COLLECTION

Dates of creation:

1784 – 1974

Physical description:

.9 m of textual records and graphic materials.

Scope and content:

The Osborne Collection is home to a number of letters, manuscripts and portraits pertaining to literary figures of the 18th to the 20th centuries and the education of children. Letters range from single brief notes to correspondence over several years. Some have been tipped into copies of books. The collection contains manuscript material, including legal documents, a list of books from a 19th century school-room, and receipts for the sale of copyright. A collection of images including etchings, lithographs and photographs of literary figures, is also included.

The collection has been arranged by the archivist into three series:

1. Letters
2. Manuscripts
3. Portraits

Immediate source of acquisitions: The material has accumulated through the years through gifts and purchases. Information on provenance is available on request.

SERIES ONE: LETTERS

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.7 m of textual records

Scope and content:

Series contains cards and letters written by literary figures important in the world of children's literature. In three cases, Marshall Saunders, Charles Welsh, and J.R.R. Tolkien, letters have been written to these authors. The letters range widely in length and significance but in most cases they illuminate something about the personality or career of the writer. Material sent as enclosure have been left with the letters. In a number of cases both writer and recipient are important figures (Walter Crane to Edmund Evans, Randolph Caldecott to Kate Greenaway, George Cruikshank to George Routledge, and others).

The series has been arranged by the archivist in an alphabetical sequence by author.

FROM:	TO:	CONTENTS	DATE	BOX
Aikin, Lucy		See the Aikin/Barbault Collection		
Ardizzone, Edward Jeffrey Irving, 1900-1979	Mr. [Frederick] Davies	Letter written on one side of Edward Ardizzone's personal letterhead, in response to a letter sent by Mr. Davies, the translator of Alphonse Daudet's <i>Letters from My Windmill</i> , for which Ardizzone provided the illustrations, expressing his pleasure that Mr. Davies liked the illustrations	August 5, 1975	1
Ardizzone, Edward Jeffrey Irving, 1900-1979	Miss Jane Douglass	Aerogramme in response to a query about a poem by Eleanor [Farjeon?] and Philippa Pearce.	July 17 1962	1
Ardizzone, Edward	Mr. Taylor	Printed Christmas card with Ardizzone design, and a short letter written in ink around the edges and signed by Ardizzone.	Undated	1
Armstrong, Harry		Final sheet, written both sides, of a letter, discussing Miss Blanton, a visit to the doctor, etc.	Undated	1
Ballantyne, Robert Michael, 1825-1894	My dearest Jeanie	1 folded sheet, written on 3 sides and tipped onto the front paste-down of the Osborne copy of <i>Red Rooney</i> . A letter to his wife while he traveled in Egypt.	April 5 1892	Osborne SA

Ballantyne, R.M.	E.P. Pilkington	1 folded sheet, written on one side only, discussing the publication of <i>Blown to Bits</i> . Tipped onto the front free endpaper of the Osborne copy of this book.	June 29 1889	Osborne SA (copy 1)
Barbault, Anna Laetitia		See the Aikin/Barbault Collection		
Batten, John Dickson, 1871-1932	Dear Ashbee	1 sheet, written on both sides, from the illustrator of <i>Indian Fairy Tales</i> and tipped onto the verso of the front free endpaper of the Osborne copy of this book. The content of the letter concerns the use of mosaic in ancient societies.	September 11 1926	Osborne Fairy Tales
Bayes, Alfred Walter, 1832-1909	Mr. Dalziel	1 folded sheet, written on 2 sides, thanking Mr. Dalziel for his inscribed book, and for bringing him to London many years ago to work for him. The letter is tipped onto the verso of the frontispiece of the Osborne copy of <i>A Picture History of England for the Young</i> by H.W. Dulcken, illustrated by the Dalziel brothers from designs by A.W. Bayes. The book is also inscribed to 'Amy Dalziel from Papa Dec. 1865'.	October 14 1902	Osborne Biography

Baynes, Pauline, 1922-2008.	Jerry [Bentley]	1 sheet, written on 2 sides, to Jerry Bentley, offering him some books in thanks for the Struwwelpeter that he sent to her many years previously, memories of illustrators who served in World War II and of Dick Powell Perry who ran a book shop in Aldershot.	Easter [April 15] 2001	1
Baynes, Pauline, 1922-2008.	Jerry [Bentley]	Card written to Jerry Bentley thanking him for an edition of Munhausen illustrated by Gustave Doré, discussing her favourite book Struwwelpeter	April 24, 2001	1
Betham-Edwards, Mathilda Barbara, 1836-1919	Grant Richards	Folded sheet with letterhead, written 3 sides, discussing the financial terms of the publication of <i>What to see in France</i> .	March 9 1902	1
Binyon, Laurence 1869-1943	Edgar Osborne	File contains 25 letters as well as 2 printed programs from a puppetry show produced by Binyon's daughters, and an offprint inscribed by Binyon.	1930-1942	1
Boyle, Eleanor Vere 1825-1916	Mr. [William] Morris	2 folded sheets, written all sides, replying to Morris' request to lend her name in support of an ornithological cause.	Feb 10 [after 1885]	1
Brooke, Leonard Leslie, 1862-1940	Grace Hogarth (children's editor, Oxford University Press)	1 small sheet with printed letterhead, written both sides, with a discussion of <i>Little Tim</i> .	October 23 1936	1

Brooke, L.L.	Grace Hogarth	1 small sheets, as above, written on 3 sides, thanking her for the book about Lucy Brown and discussing its contents.	November 13 1937	1
Brooke, L. L.	Miss Allen (Grace Hogarth)	3 small sheets, the first with printed letterhead, thanking her for the promised Carol book, with an analysis of its contents.	Dec 14 1935	1
Burrage, Edwin Harcourt	My dear young friend	1 small sheet apparently written to accompany a photograph	May 3 1896	1
Caldecott, Randolph, 1846-1886	My dear cousin	1 folded sheet with letterhead, written on 3 sides, discussing plans to meet	July 5 1885	1
Caldecott, R	My dear cousin	1 folded sheet with the embossed address of the 'Arts Club, Hanover Square', containing an invitation to visit on Monday 13 th , with Stapleton.	Marcy 31 1885	1
Caldecott, R.	My dear Stapleton	1 folded sheet with letterhead, written 2 sides, giving direction to his house.	May 29 1883	1
Caldecott, R.	Miss [Kate] Greenaway	1 folded sheet, written 2 sides. Compliment on <i>Under the Window</i> and on the original drawings she showed him	Oct 14 1879	1
Caldecott, R.	My dear Miss Gatty [Juliana Horatia Ewing]	1 folded sheet with letterhead, written 1 side, discussing the cover design for <i>Lob [lie-by-the-fire]</i> .	June 28 1885	1
Caldecott, Randolph	Master Fred Caldecott, Montreal	Greeting card with addressed envelope, unsigned, with stamp cancellation dated 1874	1874	1

Cleaver, Elizabeth.	Dear Miss St. John [Judith St. John]	2 folded sheets on marbled paper, discussing Cleaver's recent visit to Toronto Public Library's Boys & Girls House	undated	1
Cleaver, Elizabeth.	Dear Ann Keller	Christmas card with illustration of deer on gold foil. Inside contains both Christmas greeting and message of thanks to Keller.	1973	1
Cleaver, Elizabeth.	[Ann Keller]	Collage Christmas card depicting owl from Canadian Wonder Tales. Signed Elizabeth Cleaver. Keller card dated 1974 in pencil and has collaged signed "E.C." in pen.	1974	1
Cleaver, Elizabeth.	[Janet Lunn]	Collage Christmas card depicting owl from Canadian Wonder Tales. Signed Elizabeth Clever. Lunn card undated and has collaged signed "Elizabeth Cleaver" in pencil.	[1974?]	1
Cleaver, Elizabeth.	Dear Ann and Jim [Ann Keller and Jim Harper]	Collage Christmas card depicting nativity scene.	undated	1
Cox, Palmer, 1840-1924	William N. Seaver	1 sheet with letterhead of the Bay State House, Worcester Mass, inviting Mr. Seaver for a visit.	April 18 1896	1
Cox, Palmer	William N. Seaver	1 folded sheet, written 2 sides, discussing the "Brownies" and his plan to include a "Negro Brownie" that was discouraged by the publisher.	Feb 20 1888	1

Cox, Palmer,	Master William N. Seaver, Templeton Mass.	2 sheets with letterhead, discussing his work and the contents of a letter written by Seaver. Envelope enclosed.	April 18 1889	1
Crane, Lionel	Mr. Harkness	1 typed sheet, signed by Walter Crane's son, in response to a query about the title of the oil painting done by his late father, Walter Crane when he was 16 (now in the Osborne Collection)	March 3 1933	1
Crane, Walter, 1845-1915	Edmund Evans	1 folded sheet with Crane's printed letterhead, written on 3 sides. Crane discusses the royalties owing from a book published by Warne and objects to the proposal to reduce the price.	Feb 9 1900	1
Crane, Walter	Mr. Spicer Simson	1 sheet, written on both sides. Crane had been sent sketches by a friend of Mr. Simson's upon which he comments and suggests possible publishers.	February 2 1908	1
Cruikshank, George, 1792-1878	George Routledge, in response to a letter from his publisher	Letter from George Routledge addresses the issue of permission to allow an optician to adopt designs from the <i>Fairy Library</i> . Cruikshank's reply on a small sheet of paper, written on both sides, grants permission, with some stipulations.	September 6 & 7, 1866.	1

Dalby, Thomas	Master Dalby Blunt	1 folded sheet, written on 2 sides, addressed to 'My dear nephew Dalby', and tipped onto the front pastedown of Mrs. Thomas Dalby's <i>Dutch Tiles</i> (1842). The letter accompanies a copy of the book, sent by Mrs. Dalby's husband after his wife's death.	February 7 1842	Osborne Bible Stories
Davis, Mary Gould	Muriel K. Robertson	File of correspondence, including 4 letters from the American librarian, educator and editor, and 2 letters to Miss Robertson from Franklin Hopper of the New York Public Library, making arrangements for Miss Robertson to work there over the summer of 1940 where she met Mary Davis.	1940-1942	1
De la mare, Walter John, 1873-1956	My dear Charles	1 blue sheet with printed letterhead, typed with a short hand-written addendum and initial. Discussion of his wife's illness.	January 6 1936	1
De la mare, Walter	My dear Charles	1 blue sheet with printed letterhead, typed both sides and signed by the author. Discussion of a visit, and the completion of a story of the two little boys in church.	Jan 9 1936	1
De la mare, Walter	Dear Grubb	Carbon copy of a typed letter thanking the recipient for forwarding a review of 'The Riddle'.	June 20 1923	1

De la mare, Walter	Dear Lady Grey	2 small sheets with printed letterhead, written on 4 sides, discussing a manuscript story about a parrot, and poetry by Barker Fairley	Aug 29 1924	1
Dodgson, Charles Lutwidge, 1832-1898	Dear Ladies	1 folded sheet with black edging, written on 2 sides. A letter to children, thanking them for giving him a copy of their Rules, and the offer to buy copies if they decide to print them.	March 27 1875	1
Doyle, Richard, 1824-1883	My dear Papa [John Doyle]	1 folded sheet, written on 3 sides, with ink drawings interspersed with text, relating to the descriptions of birds and animals. The top of the sheet is chipped badly, with some loss of text.		4
Doyle, Richard	My Dear Papa	1 folded sheet, written on 3 sides, with detailed drawings of soldiers and military life and a small self-portrait. 3 edges of the sheet are badly damaged, with some loss of text.	June 5 1842	4
Doyle, Richard	My Dear Father	1 folded sheet, written on 3 sides, with ink drawings interspersed with text, relating to concerts and music, and a trompe l'oeil device surrounding his signature. Badly worn along 3 edges, with some loss of text.		4
Duvoisin, Roger 1904- 1980	Merry Christmas and Happy New Year	Greeting card featuring a penguin, signed inside		1

Edgeworth, Maria	Madam	1 sheet, written on 3 sides, mentions <i>The Parent's Assistant</i> . Also discusses the character Rosamond from "The Purple Jar".	March 14 1809	7
Ewing, Juliana Horatia Gatty, 1841-1885	My dear Miss Thring	1 folded sheet and 1 small single sheet, written on all (6) sides. Reply to a letter from a young fan, with a discussion of Toots, and other characters from her stories.	March 25 1876	1
Ewing, Juliana Horatia Gatty	My dear Agatha	1 folded sheet, written on 4 sides, sent with the gift of Caldecott's <i>Babes in the Woods</i> , which she discusses.	July 23 1880	1
Ewing, Juliana Horatia Gatty,	Dear Madam	1 folded sheet, written 4 sides, asking for information about South country places. Mrs. Gatty's youngest sister, in poor health, was advised by her doctor to stay in the country for a time.	Nov 23 1865	1
Farjeon, Eleanor 1881-1965		See the Eleanor Farjeon Collection.		
Farjeon, Eleanor		3 sheets, typed on 3 sides. Instructions to singing game, "Wayland, Wayland, Shoe Me My Mare!"	July 18 1911	7
Farrar, Frederic William, 1831-1903	Rev. & Dear Sir	1 folded sheet with printed letterhead (Harrow-on-the-Hill), written on 2 sides, discussing the translation of his "Essays on a Liberal Education".	June 18 [18--]	1

Fenn, Lady Eleanor, 1743-1813	Mr. Tabart, Bookseller {London}	1 folded sheet, written on 3 sides, written to her publisher and discussing various business matters	Thursday evening	1
Fryer, Alfred C.	Dear Willie	1 folded sheet, written on 3 sides. Note to a young friend, enclosing 2 fairy tale books.	June 17 1884	1
Garnett, Eve 1900-1991	Edgar Osborne	File contains 2 letters on her personalized stationery, a postcard, an aerogramme, and a photograph inscribed on the back.	1964-1965	1
Gatty, Margaret	My dear Mrs. Smith	Bound book containing 19 letters from Margaret Gatty to Mrs. Smith, written from Ecclesfield on a variety of topics	1861-1874	1
Gatty, Margaret	Mr. [Charles] Dodgson	1 folded sheet, written on 4 sides, written as editor of a children's magazine, <i>Aunt Judy's Magazine</i> , asking him to contribute and thanking him for the photograph of Mrs. Woolner.	March 10 1866	1
Goddard, Julia d. 1896	Dear Cousin Sam [Rev. Samuel May of Leicester Mass.]	1 folded sheet and 1 small sheet, written on all sides, discussing her writing, Mr Gladstone, and financial matters.	December 27 1887	1
Graham, Margaret Bloy, 1920-2015.	Leslie McGrath	1 egg-shaped card with an image from <i>No Roses for Harry</i> , writing that she would be in Toronto in November	October 26, 1998	1
Graham, Margaret Bloy, 1920-2015	Pat [Brückmann]	1 sheet folded 2 times to form a Christmas card with an image designed by Margaret Bloy Graham, wishing Pat Brückmann happy holidays and congratulating her on her new degree	Christmas 2002	

Grahame, Kenneth, 1859-1932	F.A. Forbes	1 folded sheet on Bank of England letterhead, written on 1 side, tipped onto the front free endpaper of <i>Dream Days</i> (1899). The author thanks Mr. Forbes for his trouble in writing a king note of appreciation for the book.	August 16 1900	Osborne SA
Greenaway, Kate, 1846-1901	[Edmund] Evans	1 folded sheet written on all 4 sides. 2 notes, one signed K Greenaway, the other, in pencil, is initialed. Discusses Christmas cards, Marigold gardens and Under the window.	Undated	1
Greenaway, Kate, 1846-1901	Mr. [Frederick] Locker-[Lampson]	1 folded sheet written on 4 sides, discussing portraits.	April 14 1884	1
Greenaway, Kate	My dear Lady	1 folded sheet, written on 2 sides, enclosed with 'the baby' (a new book?), discussion of a new project of 80 drawings to be exhibited at her studio, and encouraging her to see the Burne-Jones exhibit.	January 21 1893	1
Greenaway, Kate	Mr. M.H. Spielmann	1 folded sheet with printed address written on 3 sides. She makes an appointment to see Mr. & Mrs. Spielmann about a new project.	February 21 1900	1
Hanway, Jonas, 1712-1786	Rev. Mr. Spicer.	1 folio sheet folded, written on 2 sides, discussing his intention to continue devoting himself to good purposes as he nears the end of his life and his Naval County free schools	November 13 1784	4

Hardie, E	Miss Bale	1 small folded sheet, written on 3 sides, as an enclosure with the gift of a velvet bag.	Undated	2
Harnett, Cynthia	Edgar Osborne	File contains 2 letters from the author on her letterhead, and a letter from Eleanor Graham of Methuen with information about Harnett.	1952	2
Hendry, Hamish		2 personal cards, one printed 'Mrs. Hamish Hendry', the other 'Ralph D. Hendry'.		2
Hofland, Mrs. Barbara 1770-1844	Mr. Jewitt, (Editor of the Northern Star, Sheffield)	1 large sheet, written on both sides, with a 5 x 4 cm 'bite' from the right edge. The letter discusses her intention to send a story for publication and other matters	November 24 [1817]	2
Holling, Clancy Holling, 1900-	Friends of Brant Street School	Carbon copy on onion-skin paper of a 6-page typed letter to students who wrote an admiring letter to him via his publisher	June 18 1944	2
Hood, Dora, 1885-	Nancy [Joy]	Christmas card to a cousin? With a note referring to their grandfather, Alexander Primrose.	Undated	2
Houghton, Frank	[Donald] Morin [d'Equilly]	1 sheet with the letterhead of the Department of National Defence, Office of the Vice Chief of the Naval Staff, written by hand to accompany a gift of his 'boy's book' [<i>The Blue Circle Gang</i>] for which Morin drew the endpapers.	September 26 1949	2

Howitt, Mary Botham, 1799-1888	Charles Gilpin	1 folded sheet, written on 4 sides, discussing a young girl they are trying to save from a woman of bad character	Undated	2
Howitt, William	Mr. M. Rankin, Halifax	1 large folded sheet, written on 3 sides.	April 10 1847	2
Jaques, Faith Heather, 1923-	[Heather McCallum]	11 Christmas cards with short notes to a friend in Toronto. All but one of the cards are Faith Jaques design.	1963, 1967, 1968, and 1972 and undated	2
Jamison, Cecilia Viets, 1837?-1909	Miss Elsie Leslie	2 small sheets written 1 side each, accompanying a gift of <i>Lady Jane</i> and asking for Miss Leslie's opinion. Her card (Mrs. Samuel Jamison Sr.) is enclosed.	November 19 1991	2
Kingsley, Charles, 1819-1875	Captain Murray	1 folded sheet, written on 4 sides, with a humorous drawing at the top, concerning education by private tutor. The final leaf is written vertically and horizontally.	Sept 1	2
Kingsley, Charles	Chester	1 folded sheet, written on 2 sides, expressing sympathy to the family of Mark Lemon	May 30 1870	2
Kingston, William Henry Giles, 1814-1880	My dear Madam	1 folded sheet, written both sides, to the editor of a periodical who has requested a story.	July 10? 1877	2
Kingston, W.H.G.	My dear Madam	1 folded sheet with repaired, written on 2 sides, regarding the publication of Kingston's Magazine for Boys.	February 23 1859	2

Kinross, Sheila	Leslie McGrath	Small greeting card, a handmade book titled "The Story of Little Timmy Kitten mailed to Leslie McGrath, along with the typewritten transcription.	October 18, 2007	2
Lang, Leonora Blanche, (Mrs. Andrew Lang)	Mrs. Both- Hendriksen	10 letters, beginning shortly after Andrew Lang's death, on folded sheets edged in black, including one letter written on Mrs. Lang's behalf by her housekeeper. The letters, to an American collector, concern a number of books that the collector is sending to Mrs. Lang as they are not present in her own collection.	September 2 1912 to October 6 1913	2
Lawrence, John.	John	Printed Christmas card with design by John Lawrence, with handwritten message, signed "Myra & John"	undated	2
Lawrence, John.	Hazel and John	Printed Christmas card with design by John Lawrence and handwritten message "With very best wishes for Christmas & the New Year from Myra & John"	undated	2

Linder, Leslie	Mildred L. Batchelder, librarian	File of – letters, beginning with a carbon copy of Ms. Batchelder’s initial letter to Mr. Linder, one further copy of a letter to him and 22 letters from Linder. Also included is a photocopy of a letter from Linder to Susan Carr Hirshman of Macmillan. The correspondence with Ms. Batchelder began when she was Executive Secretary of the American Library Association. The final 2 letters in the file were written to her by Enid Linder, Leslie’s sister, after her brother’s death.	1956 – 1974	2
<i>Little Folks</i> , editor	Helena Gordon	Letter to Miss Helena Gordon from the editor of <i>Little Folks</i> (periodical), informing her that she had won the “Prize Story Competition”. The winner apparently won a bronze medal and ribbon, which is present with the letter, and a copy of Milton’s <i>Paradise Lost</i> .	January 25 1886	2
Low, Joseph, 1911-	Leonard	Short thank-you note, on the illustrator’s personal stationary.	Undated	2
Macdonald, Alastair K., fl. 1898-1947	Professor Richard Whiddington	An illustrated ms letter asking the question “Do the High Gods hearken to the whispers of mortals?” on behalf of a young boy.	Sept. 20, 1937	2

Macdonald, Alastair K., fl. 1898-1947	Professor Richard Whiddington	An illustrated ms letter thanking Prof. Whiddington for taking the time to answer the young boy's question.	Oct. 5, 1937	2
Manning, Caroline	Queen Mary	Short note on printed stationary asking permission to dedicate a book to Queen Mary	May 27 1946	2
Marcet, Jane Haldimand, 1769-1858	Sir (Longmans & Co.)	1 large folded sheet, written on 4 sides, consisting of a brief note, and a list of alternations for the second edition of the <i>Conversations in Natural Philosophy</i> .	January 23 1820	2
Martineau, Harriet, 1802- 1876	Dear Sir	1 folded sheet, written on 4 sides, discussion an exchange of books, and experiences with a Mesmerist	Monday night	2
Mayo, Isabella Fyvie, 1843- 1914	Elizabeth [Wilson]	1 folded sheet, written on all sides. A letter written from Aberdeen to a kinswoman in Canada, apparently enclosed with a copy of The Black Diamond by Edward Garrett, inscribed "To Joseph Wilson", Elizabeth's son and signed "Isabella Fyvie Mayo "Edward Garrett." The author wrote under her own name, and also as Edward Garrett. The inscribed book is in the Osborne Collection (<i>A Black Diamond</i> by Edward Garrett [Mayo- Canadiana Fiction])	August 8 1899	2

Milne, Alan Alexander, 1882-1956	Marjorie [Milne – his niece]	1 sheet written on 1 side, with printed address, discussing Marjorie's baby and his own son, Christopher, referred to as 'Moon'. With a black and white photograph of A.A. Milne, Christopher and Winnie-the-Pooh.	Undated [194-?]	2
Mogridge, George 1787-1854		File containing one letter to "My dear young friend" (1853), discussing his health.	1832-1853	2
Molesworth, Mary Louisa (Stewart), 1839-1921	George Lillie Craik (partner in Macmillans)	1 folded sheet, written on 3 sides. A warm and cordial letter discussing mutual friends and the sale of books at a charity event.	[186-?]	2
Montgomery, Lucy Maud, 1874-1942	Barbara Ballou	1 folded sheet, written on 3 sides, enclosing a printed card with a picture of her cat. The letter was written in response to a fan letter from a young girl in New Jersey and is signed 'L M Montgomery Macdonald' accompanied by a tiny sketch of a cat. Presented by the Friends of the Osborne and Lillian H. Smith Collections in honour of Chester Gryski, Friend and patron of Osborne.	November 30 1932	7

Montgomery, Lucy Maud	Helen Ballou	1 folded sheet, written on 3 sides, in response to a fan letter, and asking her to write to Hollywood requesting films be made of <i>Rita of Ingleside</i> and <i>Magic for Marigold</i> .	January 14 1936	7
Montgomery, Lucy Maud	Dear Girls	2 sheets, each written on one side, thanking them for their letter and announcing the completion of <i>Anne of Windy Poplars</i> .	January 14 1936	3
Montgomery, Lucy Maud	Phyllis	1 folded sheet to form 4 pages on which 3 are written, acknowledging the kind letter that was sent to Montgomery and how she has limited time to reply to all letters from kind readers, but that there will be a new Anne book in the fall (<i>Anne of Windy Poplars</i>), encouraging the recipient of the letter with her writing by describing the troubles she had at the beginning of her own writing career. Purchased with the assistance of the Osborne and Lillian H. Smith Trust Fund.	May 21 1936	7
Montgomery, Lucy Maud	Miss Hughes	1 folded sheet written on 4 sides, thanking her for a gift, sending condolences on the death of her father, and sending a copy of <i>Jane of Lantern Hill</i> .	November 18 1937	7

Montgomery, Lucy Maud	Miss Webber	One folded sheet written on 4 sides, thanking her for her letter, informing her of the publication of <i>Anne of Ingleside</i> , and asking her to write to 20th Century Fox to ask it to cast Shirley Temple in their film adaptation of <i>Magic for Marigold</i> . Purchased with the assistance of the Osborne and Lillian H. Smith Trust Fund.	August 3 1939	7
Montgomery, Lucy Maud	Patricia Robinson	1 folded sheet forming 4 pages on which 3 are written with the original envelope, replying to a fan from West Australia and including a complete list of her books that omits <i>Further Chronicles of Avonlea</i> , the last Page title, published without Montgomery's consent. She states that she gets a lot of fan letter but has little time to write back to fans. Includes a clipping mentioned in the letter. Purchased with the assistance of the Osborne and Lillian H. Smith Trust Fund.	March 25 1940	7
Montgomery, Lucy Maud	Gertrude	1 sheet written on both sides, discussing the character of Anne, her other books, and requesting a note to RKO in Hollywood asking for more Anne stories on the screen.	July 24 1940	3
More, Hannah, 1745-1833	Messrs. Cavile and Davies	1 sheet written on both sides, to her publisher?	June 16	3

More, Hannah	Abr. Harford Battenby	1 folded sheet, written on 2 sides, sending thanks for [financial?] aid.	Undated	3
More, Hannah, 1745-1833	My dear Madam: Mrs. Janson	1 folded sheet, written on all sides, regarding illness in her family, her reading material, and her views on the Catholic Question. Two of the More sisters had already died while Sally was to die that year. Patty, the sister most likely to have been described as Hannah's "hand and eyes and feet" died in 1819.	April 15, [1816-17?]	3
Murray, Lindley, 1745-1826	Joseph Crosfield	1 folded sheet, written on 2 sides. The letter asks for Crosfield's comments on The English Reader.	July 15 1799	3
Nightingale, Florence, 1820-1910	My dear Sir: Wm. H. Lowe	1 folded sheet with printed address, written on 3 sides in pencil regarding the Board School Penny Bank and the importance of savings over sweets and petty gambling. This file also contains a partial envelope addressed to 'Miss Nightingale / Lea Hurst / Matlock', with stamp cancellation date of September 2- [18]70.	November 11 1895	3
Nightingale, Florence	Col. Charles Phipps	1 folded sheet, lacking a salutation, written on 2 sides, and asking Col Phipps for a "Queen's letter". This file also contains 7 letters to or pertaining to Col. Phipps	1849-1880	3

Opie, Amelia Alderson, 1769-1853	Anna Jameson	1 small sheet, written on both sides. A short note confirming a visit.	July 16 1841	3
Orleans, J.L. d'	Monsieur	1 sheet written both sides in French from 'Orleans house', regarding M. Renouard and a visit to a model farm in Windsor.	June 11 1855	3
Patmore, Coventry, 1823-1896	Mr. H.E. Wilberforce	1 folded sheet, written on 4 sides. Friendly letter regarding a holiday and a visit and a promise to send a copy of Jabberwocke.	January 24 1878	3
Potter, Beatrix		See the Beatrix Potter Letters		
Rackham, Arthur 1867-1939	Edgar Osborne	1 sheet, folded, with Rackham's letterhead on the first leaf which contains a short note. The other three sides contain accounts of Mr. Osborne's purchases of drawings and Christmas cards.	July 9 1936	3
Rands, William Brightly, 1823-1882	J. Greenwood	1 sheet, written both sides, with mentions of George Eliot, Charles Lamb, his work in progress, etc.	Postmarked October 8 [18]62	3
Ransome, Arthur, 1884-1967	My dear man	2 sheets, written on all sides. Congratulations to the recipient on the birth of his son, and a discussion of their respective children, and mutual friends	October 8 1909	3
Ransome, Arthur	Best beloved of men	4 lined sheets, written one side only, apparently lacking page 5. Discussion of the word 'miching', asking for a review, etc.	September 25 1910	3

Ransome, Arthur	Dear Man	2 lined sheets, written on 3 sides, discussing his daughter Tabitha, Leigh Hunt, etc.	November 27 1910	3
Ransome, Arthur	My dear man	3 sheets, written one side only, discussing a walking tour, during which he hopes to meet up with the recipient of this letter.	May 24 1911	3
Ransome, Arthur	Dearly beloved brother in criticism	2 sheets, written on 3 sides, with a small sketch on the final page. Ransome tells his friend that Secher has dropped him, and other news.	July 25 1911	3
Ransome, Arthur	Lascelles [Abercrombie?]	2 sheets, typed on 3 sides. Discussion of the importance of the reader for the writer, written from Latvia.	July 16 1922	3
Ransome, Arthur	Lascelles	1 sheet, typed on both sides, from Petrograd. Report on the writing of a romance about Marie Corelli and Stevenson.	April 12 1915	3
Rey, Hans Augusto, 1898-1977	Boys and girls of Class 3-217	Printed Christmas card, designed by the Reys, with a note and small sketch of Curious George on one leaf.	December 19 1961	3
Saunders, Marshall, 1861-1947	Saunders, Margaret Marshall	File of letters written to Marshall Saunders, from William Jarrold?, Placider Jaudet, Edward N. Read, the American Baptist Publication Society and Charles A. Eaton	1894-1935	3
Sendak, Maurice	Sybille Pantazzi	Aerogramme, enquiring about Miss Pantazzi's collection of Victorian bookbindings.	December 17 1968	4

Sendak, Maurice	Hugh Anson-Cartwright	Aerogramme, mentions upcoming event at Osborne Collection, and interest in Victoria children's book collecting. Includes Hugh Anson-Cartwright's correspondence file labelled "Sendak, Maurice."	November 10 1969	7
Sendak, Maurice	Hugh Anson-Cartwright	Aerogramme, mentions Boys and Girls House, and includes a list of books	November 22 1969	7
Dr. Seuss	Mrs. Dr. T (Cecilia Turullols)	1 sheet with Dr. Seuss' personal letterhead, typed on one side, discussing Mrs. Dr. T's Christmas book.	April 25 1972	3
Dr. Seuss	Mrs. Dr. T (Cecilia Turullols)	1 sheet with Dr. Seuss' personal letterhead, written on one side, includes a hand coloured illustration of The Cat in the Hat. Seuss expresses gratitude for a box of presents from Mrs. Dr. T.	May 18 1972	3
Dr. Seuss	Mrs. Dr. T (Cecilia Turullols)	2 sheets with Beginner Books letterhead, typed on one side. Seuss explains why Beginner Books avoids educational endeavors.	August 28 1972	3
Sherwood, Mary Martha, 1775-1851		1 small sheet, written on one side, containing the Biblical verse "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes, and there shall be no more death...", signed and dated.	January 9 1841	3

Sherwood, MM	Dear Sir	1 sheet, written both sides. Possibly a response to a request for an autograph.	January 28, 1841	3
Smith, Charlotte (Turner), 1749-1806	Gentlemen	1 sheet, written one side only and worn along the left margin. Appears to be a note to her publisher	February 2 1798	3
Smith, Sarah [Hesba Stretton], 1832-1911	Mr. Taylor	Small folded sheet, written on 2 sides, thanking him for his contribution to a sale to raise money for charity.	March 1 [1892]	3
Smith, Sarah [Hesba Stretton], 1832-1911	Miss Watson	1 sheet, written on both sides, expressing satisfaction with her current publisher.	No date	3
Stables, Gordon, 1840-1910	Dear Sir (unnamed publisher)	Indignant ALS to an unnamed publisher. One folded sheet, written on both sides. With a printed advertisement for the author's books.	September 27 1887	3
Takashima, Shizuye	Leslie Wasserman	Letter enclosed with a copy of her book, A Child in Prison Camp, and a copy of her cv.	September 30 1983	3
Tennyson, Alfred, Baron 1809-1892	Edmund Gosse	1 mourning sheet with printed letterhead, tipped onto the half title page of Jack and the Bean-Stalk, by Tennyson's son Hallam. The brief note states that a copy of the book has been sent by Lord Tennyson.	December 20 1886	Osborne Poetry
Thornley, Rose	Mrs. Couch	1 folded sheet with printed letterhead, written on 2 sides. An affectionate letter written before the recipient moved to Canada.	May 22 1914	LHS Aux

Tolkien, J.R.R.	Joy Hill	2 small sheets with printed letterhead, written on 3 sides. Instructions to his assistant on responding to a fan letter from imaginary King Ephedolos. Purchased with the assistance of the Osborne and Lillian H. Smith Trust Fund.	Undated	4
[Tolkien] Michael Blashka	J.R.R. Tolkien	4 sheets, written on 4 sides. Letter from Michael Blashka, interpreter of King Ephedolos, includes a map of the new kingdom of Eruidor, the King's message in a runic alphabet, with a supplied translation into English. Purchased with the assistance of the Osborne and Lillian H. Smith Trust Fund.	Undated	4
Uttley, Alison 1884-	Edgar Osborne	File contains 4 letters on her blue letterhead stationery and a post card, regarding Hans Christian Andersen, permission to quote from her books, thanks for the loan of a book and other matters	1946-1947	3
Uttley, Alison	My dear Teresa	1 short blue sheet, as above, written by hand on both sides, with thanks for a favourable review.	December 20	3
Wakefield, Priscilla Bell, 1751-1832	Howard & Felix [Wakefield]	1 folded sheet, written on all sides. A letter to her grandsons, with advice on handwriting, , behaviour, the weather, etc.	May 26 1814	3

[Welsh] Sir Henry Ponsonby	Welsh, Charles	1 folded sheet, written on one side only. Letter from the Queen's secretary, with thanks for the copy of <i>The Butterfly's Ball</i> 'sent for Her Majesty's acceptance'.	November 14 1883	3
Wood, [Rev.] John George, 1827-1889	Dear Sir	1 small sheet, written on both sides, apparently in response to a question about available books in the natural sciences.	August 29 1879	3
Yonge, Charlotte Mary, 1823- 1901	Mr. Biggs	1 folded blue sheet with printed address, written on 3 sides, with reference to material, possibly serialized manuscripts, to be sent to different addresses.	September 23 [18--]	3
Yonge, C.M.	Madam	1 folded blue sheet with letterhead and black edging, written on all sides. Her intention to publish a collection of children's classics in one volume is mentioned.	July 30 [18--]	3
Yonge, C.M.	Miss C. Hare	1 small sheet (half a mourning sheet) pasted onto the front paste-down of <i>The Girl's Little Book</i> , with a brief message as an enclosure with a gift of the book.	Undated	Osborne BI
Yonge, C. M.	Florence Wilford	1 folded blue sheet with printed address, written on all sides, discussing the best way to get in touch with a mutual friend and other friendly matters. Envelope enclosed.	November 25, 1875	3

SERIES TWO: MANUSCRIPTS:

Dates of creation:

1813-1973

Physical description:

.07 m of textual records

Scope and content:

Series contains legal documents, printed material, lists and cards relating to authors and their families, as well as groups and individuals relevant to the education of children.

The series has been arranged by the archivist into an alphabetical sequence.

Name	Contents	Date	Box No.
Bayley, Diana	Certified copies of Certificates of death for Diana Bayley (died 1843) and Frederick William Naylor Bayley (died 1852). Diana Bayley was the author of 4 books for children.	1973	5
[Blue Coat Boys]	Benevolent Society of Blues, for the relief of persons educated at Christ's Hospital, their widows and orphans. London: Printed for the Society, 1856. 1 folio sheet, folded, printed with lists of patrons, executive and trustees of the Society, signed by an officer of the Bank of England.	1856	5
Carus-Wilson, Mrs. W.	Elaborate, cut paper Victorian funeral card, sent to Mrs. Carus-Wilson as an invitation to the funeral of Jocelyn Willey Jr. together with Edgar Osborne's correspondence relating to the Carus-Wilsons.	Undated	5
Hofland, Mrs. Barbara	1 folded printed sheet, soliciting contributions to a memorial to Mrs. Hofland, subsequent to her death in 1845. The sheet contains a tribute, list of her publications, and a list of subscriptions received with 5 handwritten additions at the bottom	[1845?]	5
Mogridge, George	12 receipts selling the copyright to his various literary works to John Harris, for sums ranging from 4 guineas to 55 pounds.	1832-1844	5

Monson, Edmund J.	1 4to sheet, titled "List of Books belonging to the Honble Edmund J. Monson taken from the glass book-case in the school-room at Burton". Written by hand on both sides, the sheet contains a double column list of approximately 50 book. The school room was likely situated at Burton Hall, Lincolnshire, one of the homes of the Monson family.	July 30, 1853	5
Rutland, Elizabeth	1 4to sheet, written on both sides, containing a 26-line poem, signed and dated. The first line reads "Haddon I like thy time worn Tow'rs"	March 29, 1813	5

SERIES THREE: AUTHOR PORTRAITS

Dates of creation:

1823-1946

Physical description:

.13 m of graphic materials including photographs, etchings, engravings and lithographs

Scope and content:

Series contains visual images of children's authors of the 19th and 20th centuries. Included are photographs, in some cases inscribed, engraved plates removed from books, lithographs, engravings and photomechanical reproductions of works of art. Also included are copyright photographs received from institutions where portraits are held, and mounted photographs used as greeting cards.

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Author	Medium	Size	Date	Box No.
Belany, A.S. [Grey Owl]	Photograph, inscribed	12.5 x 18 cm, and 1 copy 20.5 x 25.5 cm	[1936]	6
Belany, A.S.	2 photographs	25.5 x 20.5	Undated	6
[Burnett, Frances Hodgson]	Photograph of Vyvian Thomas in the role of Little Lord Fauntleroy	12 x 8 cm	Undated	6
Carus-Wilson, H.	Lithograph	25.5 x 22 cm	1845	6
Carus-Wilson, Mrs. William	Lithograph	38 x 28 cm	1842	Oversize Portfolio
Crane, Walter	Lithograph by William Rothenstein	34.5 x 28 cm	1896	Oversize Portfolio
Cruikshank, George	Etched frontispiece	22 x 13.5 cm	1823	6
Edgeworth, Maria	Photograph of a daguerreotype	11 x 9 cm	[original dated 1941]	6
Edgeworth family	Photograph of a painting by H.J. (Edgeworth) Butler	16 x 21.5 cm	Undated	6
Greenaway, Kate	Photograph	10.5 x 6 cm	Undated	6
[Hawes, Charles Boardman] – sons Peter and Baldwin.	Photograph	10 x 9 cm	1923	6

Hemans, Felicia	Reproduction of a photograph	13.5 x 10 cm	Undated	6
Lamb, Charles	Etching	11 x 8.5 cm	Undated	6
Long, William J.	Signed photograph	17 x 12 cm	Undated	6
Macdonald, George	Print of a drawing by Harold Cox	20.5 x 15.5	Undated	6
Macdonald, George	Etching	25.5 x 18.5	Undated	6
Macdonald, George	Photograph	15 x 10 cm	undated	6
Macdonald, George	Engraving	12 x 9.5 cm	Undated	6
More, Hannah	Etching (frontis. from a book) – 2 copies	11 x 9 cm	Undated	6
More, Hannah	Photograph of a painted portrait	20.5 x 18.5	Undated	6
Parry, John Humphreys	Photograph, mounted	13.5 x 10.5	June 1894	6
Potter, Beatrix	Photograph	21.5 x 17 cm	Undated	6
Ransome, Arthur	Photograph, with a copy	20 x 25 cm	Undated	6
Robertson, Graham	Photograph postcard of the author with 2 sheepdogs	8.5 x 14 cm	1909	6
Robertson, Graham	Photograph postcard of 3 sheepdogs, inscribed 'The Graham Robertsons'	14 x 9 cm	1911	6
[Robertson, Graham]	Mounted photograph of 2 young men and a sheepdog	16.5 x 11	Undated	6
[Robertson, Graham]	Mounted photograph	10.5 x 8 cm	Undated	6
Robertson, Graham	Photograph postcard inscribed from Graham	13 x 8 cm	1924	6
Sherwood, Mrs.	Lithograph	34 x 24 cm	Undated	Oversize Portfolio
Traill, Catherine Parr	Photograph	8.5 x 6 cm, mounted on paper	Undated	6
Trimmer, Sarah	Copyright photograph from the National Portrait Gallery, reproducing a painting by H. Howard	18 x 14 cm	Undated	6
Walton, Mrs. O.F.	Photograph?	8 cm round	Undated	6
Walton, Mrs. O.F.	Photograph	21 x 18.5 cm	Undated	6
Walton, Mrs. O.F.	Photograph	23 x 16.5 cm	Undated	6