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CALL NUMBER: YCAL MSS 638

CREATOR: Ford, Julia Ellsworth, 1859-1950

TITLE: Julia Ellsworth Ford papers

DATES: 1874-1951

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 4.17 linear feet (16 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The collection consists of correspondence, writings, scrapbooks, printed material, photographs, and other papers, documenting aspects of the life and work of Julia Ellsworth Ford and her relationships with literary and artistic figures of the early 20th century, including, among others, John Butler Yeats and William Butler Yeats.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Bequest of Julia Ellsworth Ford, 1951.

Conditions Governing Access

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Julia Ellsworth Ford (1859-1950)

Julia Ellsworth Ford was a New York socialite, art collector and patron, and author of children's books. She was married to Simeon Ford, a financier and co-owner of the Grand Union Hotel in New York. Ford presided over a salon that included the Lebanese mystic Kahlil Gibran, Irish poet W. B. Yeats, and American dancer Isadora Duncan. Her published works include: Simeon Solomon: An Appreciation (1908), Imagina (1914), and Snickerty Nick (1919), among others.

Scope and Contents

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Arrangement

Organized into four series: I. Correspondence, 1902-1949. II. Writings, circa 1874-1951. III. Scrapbooks, 1903-1951. IV. Other Papers, 1881-1950.

Collection Contents

Series I: Correspondence, 1902-1949

1.25 linear feet (3 boxes)

Arranged alphabetically by correspondent.

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| b. 1, f. 1 | Addams, Jane | 1927 December 28 |
| b. 1, f. 2 | Alma-Tadema, Lawrence, Sir | 1912-1913 |
| b. 1, f. 3 | Augell, Norman | 1917-1919, undated |
| b. 1, f. 4 | Bangs, John Kendrick | 1902-1915 |
| b. 1, f. 5 | Barnard, George Grey | 1911-1916 |
| b. 1, f. 6 | Barrie, J. M. | 1915 January 1 |
| b. 1, f. 7 | Beaux, Cecilia | 1914 June 8 |
| b. 1, f. 8 | Binyon, Lawrence | 1913 September 13 |
| b. 1, f. 9 | Bragdon, Claude Fayette | [19--] January 1 |
| b. 1, f. 10 | Buck, Pearl S. | 1944 January 10 |
| b. 1, f. 11 | Byner, Witter | 1913-1919 |
| b. 1, f. 12 | Carman, Bliss | 1916 January 8 |
| b. 1, f. 13 | Canaan, Gilbert | 1919-1920 |
| b. 1, f. 14 | Chaplin, Charlie | 1936 February 16 |
| b. 1, f. 15 | Chiang, May-ling Soong | 1940 February 6-April 19 |
| b. 1, f. 16 | Churchill, Winston | [19--] December 3 |
| b. 1, f. 17 | Coburn, Mr. and Mrs. | undated |
| b. 1, f. 18 | Colum, Padraic | 1914 November 11 |
| b. 1, f. 19 | Colvin, Sidney | 1903 March 26 |
| b. 1, f. 20 | Craig, Edward Gordon | 1951 |
| b. 1, f. 21 | Dargan, Olive | 1915-1948 |
| b. 1, f. 22 | De la Mare, Walter | 1916-1917 |
| b. 1, f. 23 | De Lanux, Pierre | 1919 December 19 |

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| b. 1, f. 24 | Deutsch, Babette | 1941 April 21 |
| b. 1, f. 25 | Earhart, Amelia | 1931 March 30 |
| b. 1, f. 26 | Ford, Lauren | 1941-1950 |
| b. 1, f. 27 | Frost, Robert | 1916 January 15 |
| b. 1, f. 28 | Galsworthy, John | 1919 April 18, undated |
| b. 1, f. 29 | Gibran, Kahlil | 1914 April 8 |
| b. 1, f. 30 | Graham, Stephen | 1920 |
| b. 1, f. 31 | Granville-Barker, Harley | 1915 February 20 |
| b. 1, f. 32 | Gregory, Lady | 1911 November 19 |
| b. 1, f. 33 | Hacker, Arthur | 1902, circa 1916 |
| b. 1, f. 34 | Hampden, Walter | 1933 April 1 |
| b. 1, f. 35 | Hill, Anne | 1911-1914 |
| b. 1, f. 36 | Holmes, John Haynes | 1945 February 13 |
| b. 1, f. 37 | Hossain, Syud | 1924 October |
| b. 1, f. 38 | Housman, Laurence | 1916-1930 |
| b. 1, f. 39 | Huneker, James | 1914 |
| b. 1, f. 40 | Hurst, Fannie | 1945 March 2 |
| b. 2, f. 41 | Kingston, Gertrude | 1914-1916 |
| b. 2, f. 42 | Kreymborg, Alfred | 1920 |
| b. 2, f. 43 | Lamont, Thomas W. | 1907-1938 |
| b. 2, f. 44 | La Motte, Ellen Newbold | 1924 April 22 |
| b. 2, f. 45 | Leslie, Shane | 1912 March 22 |
| b. 2, f. 46 | Littell, Philip | 1918 February 6 |
| b. 2, f. 47 | Locke, William John | 1909-1910 |
| b. 2, f. 48 | Long, Haniel | 1918-1931 |
| b. 2, f. 49 | Lowell, Amy | 1916-1920 |
| b. 2, f. 50 | MacKaye, Percy | 1909-1949 |
| b. 2, f. 51 | MacMonnies, Frederick William | 1915 |
| b. 2, f. 52 | Markey, Alexander | 1942-1943 |

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| b. 2, f. 53 | Markham, Edwin | 1919 April 20 |
| b. 2, f. 54 | Masefield, John | 1916-1926 |
| b. 2, f. 55 | Masters, Edgar Lee | 1915 December 31 |
| b. 2, f. 56 | Matthison, Edith Wynne | 1909-1942 |
| b. 2, f. 57 | Meynell, Alice | 1914, undated |
| b. 2, f. 58 | Meynell, Francis | 1913-1914 |
| b. 2, f. 59 | Morel, E. D. | 1923-1925 |
| b. 2, f. 60 | Mosher, Thomas Bird | 1909 |
| b. 3, f. 61 | O'Neill, Rose Cecil | 1921 |
| b. 3, f. 62 | Page, Walter Hines | 1913 November |
| b. 3, f. 63 | Peabody, Josephine Preston | 1911-1916 |
| b. 3, f. 64 | Pound, Ezra | 1911 February 24 |
| b. 3, f. 65 | Pyle, Howard | 1902 |
| b. 3, f. 66 | Rackham, Arthur | 1912-1916 |
| b. 3, f. 67 | Reed, John | no year April 14 |
| b. 3, f. 68 | Robinson, Edwin Arlington | 1916-1917 |
| b. 3, f. 69 | Rolland, Romain | 1925 |
| b. 3, f. 70 | Rossetti, William Michael | 1903, 1914 |
| b. 3, f. 71 | Rothenstein, William | undated |
| b. 3, f. 72 | Russell, Bertrand | 1924 |
| b. 3, f. 73 | Sassoon, Siegfried | 1920 February 16 |
| b. 3, f. 74 | Sharp, Elizabeth A. | 1911 |
| b. 3, f. 75 | St. Denis, Ruth | 1910, undated |
| b. 3, f. 76 | Stuck, Franz, Ritter von | 1902, 1906 |
| b. 3, f. 77 | Teasdale, Sara | 1912, 1919 |
| b. 3, f. 78 | Terry, Ellen, Dame | 1915-1921 |
| b. 3, f. 79 | Waterhouse, John William | 1903 |
| b. 3, f. 80 | Wells, H. G. | 1916 November 2 |
| b. 3, f. 81 | Willcox, Louise Collier | 1907 July 15 |

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| b. 3, f. 82 | Wong, Anna May | 1933 April 1 |
| b. 3, f. 83 | Wylie, Elinor | 1924 |
| b. 3, f. 84 | Yale University Library | 1951 |
| b. 3, f. 85 | Yeats, Elizabeth Corbet | 1906-1939 |
| b. 3, f. 86 | Yeats, Georgie | 1920 January 29, undated |
| b. 3, f. 87 | Yeats, Jack Butler | 1904 April 22 |
| b. 3, f. 88 | Yeats, John Butler | 1911-1921 |
| b. 3, f. 89 | Yeats, W. B. | 1908 |

Series II: Writings, circa 1874-1951*0.83 linear feet (2 boxes)*

Organized into two subseries: Writings of Julia Ellsworth Ford, arranged alphabetically by title, and Writings about Julia Ellsworth Ford by Francis H. Bangs.

Writings of Julia Ellsworth Ford

Akhnaton: Pharae and Prophet

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| b. 4, f. 90 | Published version | 1926 |
| b. 4, f. 91 | Typescript | undated |
| b. 4, f. 92 | Revised typescript | 1950 |
| b. 4, f. 93 | "A Delightful Discovery," typescript | undated |
| b. 4, f. 94 | "E. D. Morel, M. P.," typescript | undated |
| b. 4, f. 95 | "The Gift of the Spirit," typescript Includes hand printed manuscript, illustrated with vine and flower border motif by Charles Braithwaite. | undated |
| b. 4, f. 96 | "Inner Vision," typescript | undated |
| b. 4, f. 97 | "Julia's Novel," autograph manuscript | circa 1874 |
| b. 4, f. 98 | "Julia's Novel," typescript | circa 1874 |
| b. 4, f. 99 | "A National Menace," typescript Includes Ford's correspondence, clippings, and booklets about hayfever and ragweed. | 1918-1945 |
| <i>Snickerty Nick</i> | | |
| b. 4, f. 100 | Publication Material Includes book announcements and portfolio of color plate illustrations for <i>Imagina</i> , illustrated by Ford's daughter, Lauren Ford, and <i>Snickerty Nick</i> , illustrated by Arthur Rackham. | 1914-1919 |
| b. 4, f. 101 | Plays, typescript Includes: Snickerty Nick and the merry-go-round horses, a play in 5 scenes by Julia Ellsworth Ford and Muriel Smith. Snickerty Nick conquers the dragon, a play in 3 scenes by Julie Ellsworth Ford and Jean Muir. Snickerty Nick and Buzzy the pirate bee, a play in 5 scenes by Julia Ellsworth Ford. Snickerty Nick and the 3 bears, a play in 5 scenes by Julia Ellsworth Ford. | undated |
| b. 4, f. 102 | "Temple of the Universal Spirit," typescript | undated |
| b. 5, f. 103 | "Walt Whitman, Seer and Poet," typescript | undated |

Writings of Julia Ellsworth Ford (continued)

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| b. 5, f. 104 | Walt Whitman, typescript Untitled work about the relationship between Walt Whitman and Anne Burrows Gilchrist. Also includes correspondence from Ford to Grace Gilchrist, Anne Burrows Gilchrist's daughter with 2 photographs of Walt Whitman. | undated |
| b. 5, f. 105 | "Discarded notes" Includes autobiographical material, "Looking Forward: the Memoirs of Julia Ellsworth Ford," and essays about Ellen Terry and Isadora Duncan. | 1896-1951 |
| b. 5, f. 106-107 | Unpublished writings, typescript Includes: Birth of the white rose. Blind in the sunlight, a play in 4 acts. Mystery on the mountain. And some have pets thrust upon them. The three little bears, Goldenlocks, Admiral T-Wee and the monkees. Also includes the cover title, Precious. | undated |
| b. 5, f. 108 | Unpublished writings, typescript Includes: Magic Innerland. Narneen and her playthings. Little Loneleaf, belle of the maple tree. Princess Butterfly and Buzzy the pirate bee. King Nautilus Nole. | undated |
| Writings about Julia Ellsworth Ford by Francis H. Bangs | | |
| b. 5, f. 109 | "Julia Ellsworth Ford, an appreciation, by Francis H. Bangs," typescript | circa 1950 |
| b. 5, f. 110 | "Julie Ellsworth Ford, personality and patron of the arts, an appreciation, by Francis H. Bangs," typescript | circa 1950 |

Series III: Scrapbooks, 1903-1951*0.63 linear feet (7 boxes)*

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| b. 6 | <u>"Yeats"</u> Includes clippings, photographs, reviews, printed material and notes related to William Butler Yeats. | 1903-1943 |
| b. 7 | The Mist Includes pamphlets, clippings, correspondence and miscellaneous material relating to "The mist; a little play in three scenes." | 1913 |
| b. 8 | "Matter concerning Imagina" Includes press notices, clippings, drawings, and correspondence from P. Mackaye and Olive Dargan related to Ford's book, <i>Imagina</i> . | 1913-1924 |
| b. 9 | <u>"Something to think about"</u> Includes: Correspondence regarding the role of the Japanese and of Japanese Americans in World War II, including a copy of Ford's letter to the President of the United States; correspondence from members of the United States Senate and Congress, state and local officials and religious, political and news organizations; a copy of Ford's pamphlets with "Supplement to Something to think about," and related clippings. | 1942-1944 |
| b. 10 | "Concerning The Julia Ellsworth Ford Foundation for the encouragement of Juvenile literature in America" Includes correspondence, clippings, a booklet and miscellaneous material. | 1934-1944 |
| b. 11 | "Julia Ellsworth Ford, a scrap-book of Disjecta Membra hinting at some of her doings, compiled by Francis Hyde Bangs" Includes: Correspondence, clippings, promotional material, brochures, pamphlets and photographs relating to Julia Ellsworth Ford, Ruth St. Denis, Walt Whitman, and Yeats. Also includes a copy of "Isadora Duncan, the dance of the future," signed by Isadora Duncan, a descriptive bibliography of books and pamphlets by Ford, and a summary of Ford's letters given to Yale University Library. | 1911-1951 |
| b. 12 | "Julia Ellsworth Ford, Scrap-book no. 2. Arranged by Francis Hyde Bangs" Includes: Pamphlets by Ford, book jackets illustrated by Arthur Rackham, offprints of Simeon Solomon's illustrations, an original drawing by John Butler Yeats, photographs of Ford, Walt Whitman and William Butler Yeats and signed photographs of British actress, Ellen Terry and Ruth St. Denis. | 1906-1951 |

Series IV: Other Papers, 1881-1950

1.46 linear feet (4 boxes)

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| b. 13, f. 111 | "Birthday Book," printed birthday record book completed in manuscript An illustrated "Emerson birthday book," including the names and birthdays of Ford's family, friends, acquaintances and other events. | 1881-1944 |
| b. 13, f. 112 | <i>Consequences</i> , clippings, ephemera and advertisements related to Ford's book | 1929-1930 |
| b. 13, f. 113 | Ford, Ellsworth and Lauren, clippings and materials related to their artwork | 1944-1949 |
| b. 13, f. 114 | Ford, Julia Ellsworth, clippings Includes Ford's obituary | 1915-1950 |
| b. 13, f. 115 | "Last Will and Testament of Julia Ellsworth Ford" Includes copies of Ford's will, legal correspondence, a letter from Ford's son Hobart, named as executor of Ford's estate. | 1947-1950 |
| b. 14, f. 116 | Poems and greeting cards by Julia Ellsworth Ford Includes poems by Julia Ellsworth Ford, "The Bird," "The Peacock," "The Two Voices," "Things," "The Tree," "What is Eternal?," and photographs of Julia Ellsworth Ford's paintings. Also includes a poem by Olive Dragan. | 1949, undated |
| | Simeon Solomon | |
| b. 14, f. 117 | Clippings about Simeon Solomon | undated |
| b. 14, f. 118-120 | Photographic reproductions of Simeon Solomon's artwork | 1887-1896 |
| b. 14, f. 121 | "Snickerty Nick," motion picture production photographs | undated |
| b. 14, f. 122 | "Snickerty Nick," clippings and promotional material Includes announcements for the musical production of Snickerty Nick, and advertisements for the music score by Charles Arthur Ridgway used in the Hollywood production of the movie. | 1923-1937 |
| b. 15, f. 123 | Walt Whitman, printed material and photographs | 1894, undated |
| b. 15, f. 124 | "Women Painters of the West," correspondence and related material Includes Ford's speech and poem presented to the Women Painters of the West. Also includes related correspondence with Orpha Klinker, associated with Women Painters of the West. | 1947, 1949 |
| b. 15, f. 125 | Photographs of John Butler Yeats, William Butler Yeats and a sketch of George Russell (A. E.) by John Butler Yeats | undated |
| b. 15, f. 126 | Printing block based on a sketch of George Russell (A. E.) by John Butler Yeats | circa 1905 |
| b. 15, f. 127 | Printing block based on a sketch of George Russell (A. E.) by John Butler Yeats | circa 1905 |
| | Printed versions of writings by Julia Ellsworth Ford | |
| b. 16, f. 128 | "The coming international opium conference," pamphlet | 1924 July |
| b. 16, f. 129 | "Consequences," advertisements related to Ford's book | undated |
| b. 16, f. 130 | "Opium and the British policy," pamphlet | 1925 March 2 |

Printed versions of writings by Julia Ellsworth Ford (continued)

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| b. 16, f. 131 | "Pan and the spirit of beauty," pamphlet | 1933 |
| b. 16, f. 132 | "Peace depends on Great Britain," pamphlet | 1921 |
| b. 16, f. 133 | "Something to think about," pamphlet | 1942 June 7 |
| b. 16, f. 134 | "Spirit of Shu-Yuan Chang inspires China," pamphlet | 1938 |
| b. 16, f. 135 | "Supplement to Something to think about," pamphlet | 1942 October 8 |
| b. 16, f. 136 | "Tai-Shan, the holy mountain in Shan-tung," pamphlet | 1919 September 11 |
| b. 16, f. 137 | "The temple of the universal spirit," pamphlet | 1945, March 5 |
| b. 16, f. 138 | Photographs of Julia Ellsworth Ford | undated |
| b. 16, f. 139 | Photographs of children, dancers, and friends of Julia Ellsworth Ford, including Kahlil Gibran | undated |
| b. 16, f. 140 | Photographic reproductions of artwork | undated |

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

American literature -- 20th Century
Authors, American -- 20th Century -- Archives

Names

Ford, Julia Ellsworth, 1859-1950
Yeats, John Butler, 1839-1922
Yeats, W. B. (William Butler), 1865-1939