

# Guide to the Basil Champneys Correspondence

GEN MSS 156



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**CALL NUMBER:** GEN MSS 156

**CREATOR:** Champneys, Basil, 1842-1935

**TITLE:** Basil Champneys correspondence

**DATES:** 1882-1925

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 0.5 linear feet (1 box)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Letters received by Basil Champneys from various correspondents including George Du Maurier, R. C. Jebb, A. C. Lyall, Hallam Tennyson, and Francis Warre Cornish. Many letters concern a dinner in 1904 for the Artists' General Benevolent Institution. Also included are manuscript pieces by Coventry Patmore, an autograph sheet, and third-party letters including items to or from Annie Wood Besant, John Fulleylove, and Brooke Foss Westcott.

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchased from David J. Holmes on the Donald S. Tuttle Book Fund and the Edwin J. Beinecke Book Fund, 1995-1997.

## Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Processing Information

Additions Since October 1995, consisting of materials purchased from David J. Holmes in 1997, were added to the finding aid in 2012.

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## Scope and Contents

The Basil Champneys Correspondence consists principally of letters received by Basil Champneys between 1882 and 1925. Also included are letters between third parties, including three to Champneys' in-laws, the Drummonds; manuscript items by Archibald Campbell and Coventry Patmore; and an autograph sheet.

Basil Champneys (1842-1935), an author and architect in England, published the *Memoirs and Correspondence* of his friend Coventry Patmore in 1900. Champneys was connected to London's artistic circles, as evidenced by the letters in this collection, many of which refer to a dinner he sponsored in 1904 for the Artists' General Benevolent Institution.

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## Arrangement

Organized into two groupings: Basil Champneys Correspondence, and Additions Since October 1995.

## Collection Contents

### BASIL CHAMPNEYS CORRESPONDENCE

#### Incoming Correspondence

b. 1, f. 1	Ainger, Alfred	n.d.
b. 1, f. 2	Baddeley, Welbore St. Clair	n.d.
b. 1, f. 3	Badley, G. F.	1902 Sep 8
b. 1, f. 4	Barnett, Samuel A. (Canon Barnett?)	1904 Aug 13
b. 1, f. 5	Bell, C. Moberly	1904 Nov 22
b. 1, f. 6	Benson, Arthur Christopher	1915 Jan 15
b. 1, f. 7	Bird, Alice	1919 Jan 6
b. 1, f. 8	Bonney, T. G. (Thomas George)	1904 Apr 16
b. 1, f. 9	Butler, H. Montagu	1916 Aug 9
b. 1, f. 10	Cecil, Elgin	1921 Mar 1
b. 1, f. 11	Chalmers, Mackenzie Dalzell Edwin Stewart, Sir [?]	1904 Apr 11
b. 1, f. 12	Churton, T. T. (Theodore Townson)	1912 Nov 8
b. 1, f. 13	Clifford, Lucy (Mrs. W. K. Clifford)	n.d.
b. 1, f. 14	Collins, Richard Henn	1903 Apr 5
b. 1, f. 15	Courthope, William John	1900, 1904
b. 1, f. 16	Creighton, Louise	1904 Dec 12
b. 1, f. 17	Dailey [?], ---	[1904?] Apr 2
b. 1, f. 18	Dicksee, Frank (Sir Francis Bernard Dicksee) [fragment]	n.d.
b. 1, f. 19	Du Maurier, George	1895 Dec 1
b. 1, f. 20	Elliot, Arthur D	1904, 1907
b. 1, f. 21	Ely, F. H.	1910 Mar 19
b. 1, f. 22	Esher, Reginald Baliol Brett, Viscount	1914 Apr 25
b. 1, f. 23	Giffen, Robert, Sir	1904 Apr 18
b. 1, f. 24	Grant Duff, Mountstuart E. (Mountstuart Elphinstone), Sir	1904 Apr 8
b. 1, f. 25	Gwynn, Stephen Lucius	n.d.
b. 1, f. 26	Hanbury, Hilda	n.d.

## Incoming Correspondence (continued)

b. 1, f. 27	Hawtrey, Lily	n.d.
b. 1, f. 28	Harraden, Beatrice	n.d.
b. 1, f. 29	Holland, Bernard Henry	1904, 1925, n.d.
b. 1, f. 30	Holroyd, Charles	1910 Jul 18
b. 1, f. 31	Islington, C. H.	1901 Jan 10
b. 1, f. 32	Jackson, W. W. (William Walrond)	1898 Jun 22
b. 1, f. 33	Jebb, R. C. (Richard Claverhouse), Sir	1904 Apr 8
b. 1, f. 34	Kennedy, W. R. [William Rann, Sir ?]	1904 Apr 3
b. 1, f. 35	Lankester, E. Ray (Edwin Ray), Sir	n.d.
b. 1, f. 36	Lewis, George [George Henry Sir?]	1887 Oct 17
b. 1, f. 37	Lilly, W. S. [William Samuel?]	1904 Apr 2
b. 1, f. 38	Lucas, E. V (Edward Verrall)	1919-20
b. 1, f. 39	Lyll, A. C. (Alfred Comyn), Sir	1904, 1909
b. 1, f. 40	McTaggart, J. Ellis (John McTaggart Ellis)	1907 Dec 9
b. 1, f. 41	Martin, Theodore	[1904] Apr 4
b. 1, f. 42	Morris, Lewis, Sir	1904 Apr 14
b. 1, f. 43	Murray, John	1904 Apr 5
b. 1, f. 44	Newbolt, Henry John, Sir	1915, 1921
b. 1, f. 45	Onslow Ford, E.	1893 Jan 19
b. 1, f. 46	Peile, John	1901 Jul 18
b. 1, f. 47	Phelps, L. R.	1914 Jul 14
b. 1, f. 48	Pollock, F. [Frederick, Sir?]	1904 Apr 5
b. 1, f. 49	Prothero, G. W. (George Walter)	1904 Apr 3
b. 1, f. 50	Read, C. H.	n.d.
b. 1, f. 51	Russell, Agatha	1916 Mar 20
b. 1, f. 52	Russell, George William ("A. E.")	n.d.
b. 1, f. 53	Rhoades, James	1904 Dec 8
b. 1, f. 54	Richmond, W. B. (William Blake), Sir	1900 Aug 3
b. 1, f. 55	Selborne, [William Waldegrave Palmer, Earl of ?]	1918 Sep 20
b. 1, f. 56	Sichel, W. [Walter Sydney ?]	1904 Apr 21

## Incoming Correspondence (continued)

b. 1, f. 57	Storey, George Adolphus	1901 Jul 15
b. 1, f. 58	Strachey, John St. Loe	1904 Apr 18
b. 1, f. 59	Temple, Richard	n.d.
b. 1, f. 60	Tennyson, Hallam Tennyson, Baron	1918 Apr 30
b. 1, f. 61	Thornycroft, William Hamo, Sir	1900 Nov 2
b. 1, f. 62	Trevelyan, George Otto, Sir	1904 Apr 5
b. 1, f. 63	University of Cambridge	n.d.
b. 1, f. 64	Vernon, William Warren	1904 Apr 3
b. 1, f. 65	Wallace, D. M.	1904 Apr 5
b. 1, f. 66	Ward, Josephine Mary (Hope-Scott)	1910-1921
b. 1, f. 67	Warre Cornish, Francis	1904 Jul 4
b. 1, f. 68	Welldon, J. E. C. (James Edward Cowell)	[1904]
b. 1, f. 69	White, W. H. [William Hale ?]	1904 Apr 7
b. 1, f. 70	Winton, Edward	1919 Jul 5
b. 1, f. 71	Winston, Randall [?]	1899 Dec 12
b. 1, f. 72	Unidentified	1884-1914
Outgoing Correspondence		
b. 1, f. 73	Draft of letter to "Talbot"	n.d.
Third-Party Correspondence		
b. 1, f. 74	[Abbey, Edwin Austin?] to "Ford"	n.d.
b. 1, f. 75	[Alemand?, L---] to Lester Drummond	1915 Dec 12
b. 1, f. 76	Curzon, --- to Francis Champneys	n.d.
b. 1, f. 77	Dunelm, J. B., letter of recommendation for Basil Champneys	1882 Jan 27
b. 1, f. 78	Dyke, W. Hart to Annie Wood Besant	1904 Nov 30
b. 1, f. 79	Edward VII, King of Great Britain to E. S. Tregoning	1904 Feb 15
b. 1, f. 80	Harmcliffe, W. to Rev. Canon Lee	1882 Jan 27
b. 1, f. 81	"Herbrand" to "Agatha"	n.d.
b. 1, f. 82	Horn [?], Frank to E. Onslow Ford	1885 Mar 12
b. 1, f. 83	Linton, J. O. to John Fulleylove	1899 Oct 14
b. 1, f. 84	Maude, Cyril to Mr. Davies	n.d.

## Third-Party Correspondence (continued)

b. 1, f. 85	Maude, Winifred to Mrs. Davies	n.d.
b. 1, f. 86	Sewell, J. S. to "Bourne"	1902 Apr 15
b. 1, f. 87	Waller, Lewis to Mr. Drummond Includes photograph of LW	1900 Nov 5
b. 1, f. 88	Westcott, Brooke Foss, letter of recommendation for Basil Champneys	1882 Jan 27
b. 1, f. 89	Unidentified to Chanoine Cardyn	n.d.
b. 1, f. 90	Unidentified to A. C. Champneys	1899 Nov 14
b. 1, f. 91	Unidentified to Cecily Champneys	1898 May 23
b. 1, f. 92	Unidentified to Mrs. Davies	n.d.
b. 1, f. 93	Unidentified to Mr. Drummond	n.d.
b. 1, f. 94	Unidentified to B. W. Martin	1902 Feb 3
Writings		
b. 1, f. 95	Campbell, Archibald: Fragment of poem, holograph	n.d.
b. 1, f. 96	<a href="#">Patmore, Coventry Kersey Dighton: "Let be" and "Farewell," holograph, corrected and signed</a>	n.d.
Personal Papers		
b. 1, f. 97	<a href="#">Autograph sheet</a>	n.d.



**ADDITIONS SINCE OCTOBER 1995**

## Incoming Correspondence

b. 1, f. 98	<a href="#">Benson, Arthur Christopher</a>	1906 May 21
b. 1, f. 99	<a href="#">De Vere, Aubrey</a>	1901 May 12
b. 1, f. 100	<a href="#">Garnett, Richard</a>	1898 Oct 15
b. 1, f. 101	<a href="#">Henley, William Ernest</a>	1900 Feb 8
b. 1, f. 102	<a href="#">Meynell, Alice</a>	n.y. Jul 8
b. 1, f. 103	<a href="#">Parry, C. Hubert H.</a>	1904 Apr 13

## Third-Party Correspondence

b. 1, f. 104	<a href="#">De Vere, Aubrey to Mrs. Coventry Patmore</a>	1899 Dec 8
b. 1, f. 105	<a href="#">Dennis, John to Mrs. Coventry Patmore</a>	1899 Nov 29
b. 1, f. 106	<a href="#">Sutton, H. S. to Mrs. Coventry Patmore</a>	1899 Nov 29

## **Selected Search Terms**

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### **Subjects**

Architects -- Great Britain -- Archives  
Artists -- Great Britain -- Archives

### **Occupations**

Architects -- Great Britain -- 20th Century  
Artists -- Great Britain -- 20th Century

### **Names**

Besant, Annie, 1847-1933  
Champneys, Basil, 1842-1935  
Du Maurier, George, 1834-1896  
Fulleylove, John, 1847-1908  
Jebb, R. C. (Richard Claverhouse), 1841-1905  
Lyll, Alfred C., Sir, 1835-1911  
Patmore, Coventry, 1823-1896  
Tennyson, Hallam Tennyson, Baron, 1852-1928  
Warre Cornish, Francis, 1839-1916  
Westcott, Brooke Foss, 1825-1901

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