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CALL NUMBER: GEN MSS 287

CREATOR: Tomlinson, H. M. (Henry Major), 1873-1958

TITLE: H. M. Tomlinson collection

DATES: 1898-1955

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 2.8 linear feet (6 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: Correspondence and writings by and about H. M. Tomlinson. Tomlinson's correspondents include William McFee, James T. Babb, and Eugene Saxon. There is office correspondence and memos from Harper & Brothers' office files relating to Tomlinson, and letters to James T. Babb and John Archer Gee about Tomlinson. Writings include typescript drafts, with corrections, of All Our Yesterdays, Gallion's Reach, as well as autograph manuscripts and typescripts of various essays.

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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

Ongoing collection of documents acquired by gift and purchase from various sources. Type of accession (gift or purchase) and date of acquisition is noted in the box-and-folder list. For further information, consult the appropriate curator.

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

Restricted Fragile Papers, in box 6 and cold storage, may only be consulted with permission of the appropriate curator. Preservation photocopies and copy prints for reference use have been substituted in the main files.

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Processing Information

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Scope and Contents

This finding aid encompasses accessions of single manuscripts and small groups of manuscripts and other papers, by or pertaining to H. M. Tomlinson, which the library has chosen to group and list as an artificial collection. Materials incorporated into the collection prior to July 1997 have been organized into three series. [Series I](#) consists of materials that were gifts of James T. Babb, 1942-1968. [Series II](#) consists of materials that were a gift of Harper & Brothers. [Series III](#) consists of additional materials acquired by gift and purchase from various sources.

Collection Contents

Series I: Gift of James T. Babb

Gift of James T. Babb, 1942-1968

CORRESPONDENCE

Letters from H. M. Tomlinson

| | | |
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| b. 1, f. 1 | ALS to Mr. Austin, South Croydon Advising him to "cash in" on his travel experiences | 1931 Jun 23 |
| b. 1, f. 2 | 4 ALS to James T. Babb Chiefly concerning a Tomlinson bibliography, and the disposition of various manuscripts. Mention is made of Joseph Conrad and Thomas Hardy. In the letter of 1953 Jul 16, Tomlinson comments on changing literary standards and expresses surprise at William McFee's literary difficulties in America | 1928, 1953 |
| b. 1, f. 3 | ALS to Mrs. Bailey, London | 1924 May 5 |
| b. 1, f. 4 | ALS to Mr. Beresford, Abbotsbury, Dorset On literary matters | 1928 Aug 13 |
| b. 1, f. 5 | ALS to Glen Walton Blodgett, London | 1921 Dec |
| b. 1, f. 6 | 2 ALS to Mrs. Burgess, Croydon Mentioning <i>Tidemarks</i> and <i>Waiting for Daylight</i> | 1931, 1932 |
| b. 1, f. 7 | 2 ALS to H. S. Canby, Croyden Mentioning <i>Hardy at Max Gate</i> , <i>Joseph Conrad</i> , and <i>Snows of Helicon</i> | [1933?], 1934 |
| b. 1, f. 8 | ALS to Mr. Clark, Croyden | 1927 Sep 8 |
| b. 1, f. 9 | ALS to [Edward] Clodd, London Removed from Tomlinson's <i>The Sea and the Jungle</i> , London, 1913 | 1921 Mar 15 |
| b. 1, f. 10 | Autograph postcard to Mrs. Edward Clodd (Phyllis Maud Rope Clodd), St. Columb, Cornwall Removed from Tomlinson's <i>The Sea and the Jungle</i> London, 1913 | [1923] Apr 22 |
| b. 1, f. 11 | ALS to Mr. Cole, Croyden Removed from his <i>All Hands</i> , London, 1937 | 1938 Jul 29 |
| b. 1, f. 12 | ALS to W. Morris Colles, Poplar E. Asking about MS submitted to Colles | 1899 May 23 |
| b. 1, f. 13 | 8 ALS to W. H. Dibben On the lower half of the letter of 18 May 1934 there is a letter to James Venn | 1931-37 |
| b. 1, f. 14 | ALS to Havelock Ellis, London | 1921 Jun 20 |

CORRESPONDENCE > Letters from H. M. Tomlinson (continued)

| | | |
|-------------|---|-------------|
| b. 1, f. 15 | ALS to Evans, Croyden On literary matters | 1927 Feb 3 |
| b. 1, f. 16 | ALS to J. C. Faunthorpe, London Removed from Tomlinson's <i>Old Junk</i> , London, 1918 | n.d. |
| b. 1, f. 17 | 2 ALS to Ashley Gibson, Croyden | 1927, 1931 |
| b. 1, f. 18 | 5 ALS to "My dear Grubb," Croyden | 1924-28 |
| b. 1, f. 19 | ALS to "Harold," London | 1925 May 15 |
| b. 1, f. 20 | Typed copy of a letter to Harry H. Harper, Jr., Croyden Original letter dated 1929 Nov 2 | n.d. |
| b. 1, f. 21 | ALS to Miss Hunter, Croyden | 1929 Apr 10 |
| b. 1, f. 22 | ALS to Mr. Joiner, Cleveland, Ohio | n.d. |
| b. 1, f. 23 | ALS to Mr. Judge about an error in text [in <i>Gifts of Fortune</i>], Croyden | 1928 Nov 21 |
| b. 1, f. 24 | ALS to [Harold Joseph?] Laski, London | n.d. |
| b. 1, f. 25 | ANS to Mr. Looker, London | 1922 Nov 21 |
| b. 1, f. 26 | ALS to Mr. Lyman, London | n.d. |
| b. 1, f. 27 | 5 ALS to William McFee, South Croyden, Abbotsbury, Dorset Mentioning John Livingston Lowes, Thomas Hardy, and matters of general literary interest | 1931-35 |
| b. 1, f. 28 | Autograph postcard to Lewis Melville [i.e. Lewis Saul Benjamin], London | n.d. |
| b. 1, f. 29 | ALS to "Kit" [Christopher Morley?], Croyden About the "Brown Owl story" | 1927 Jan 3 |
| b. 1, f. 30 | 4 ALS to Thomas Moulton Accompanied by an envelope addressed to Moulton, postmarked January 10, 1933 | 1921-30 |
| b. 1, f. 31 | ALS to Mr. Munson, Croyden About reprinting an extract from <i>The Sea and the Jungle</i> | 1932 Jun 1 |
| b. 1, f. 32 | ALS to F. C. Owlett, Croyden Thanking him for a book | 1930 Nov 18 |
| b. 1, f. 33 | ALS to Mr. Peacock, Croyden | 1927 Jun 9 |
| b. 1, f. 34 | 3 ALS to J. Robertson Scott, South Croyden, London | 1934-55 |
| b. 1, f. 35 | 2 ALS addressed to his mother and "Em;" 2 ALS addresses to his mother, "Em" and "Phil;" 5 ALS addressed to "Em"; various places | 1906-27 |
| b. 1, f. 36 | 6 ALS and a postcard to James Venn 1 ALS is on the lower half of a letter to W. H. Dibben, dated 18 May 1934 | 1929-34 |

CORRESPONDENCE > Letters from H. M. Tomlinson (continued)

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|--------------------------------------|---|----------------------------|
| b. 1, f. 37 | ALS to Mrs. Venn, Croyden | 1937 Sep 22 |
| b. 1, f. 38 | ALS to Mr. Wilson, Croyden Refusing a lecture engagement | 1929 Jul 24 |
| b. 1, f. 39 | 2 ALS to Mr. Wynne, Croyden | 1929 Jul 12 |
| b. 1, f. 40 | ALS to an unidentified correspondent, South Croyden | 1931 Jun 5 |
| Letters to H. M. Tomlinson | | |
| b. 1, f. 41 | Babb, James Tinkham. 3 typed letters (carbons) | 1953, 1954 |
| Letters to James T. Babb from Others | | |
| b. 1, f. 42 | Canby, Henry Seidel. TLS, New York Explaining a "mix-up" on a Tomlinson manuscript, and offering a letter instead | 1928 Nov 20 |
| b. 1, f. 43 | Hathaway, R. H. TLS, Toronto Regarding the Toronto publication of Tomlinson's appreciation of Katherine Mansfield | 1929 Apr 20 |
| b. 1, f. 44 | Smith, Percy J. 9 TLS and 5 ALS Chiefly about the layouts made by Smith for Tomlinson's <i>All Our Yesterdays</i> and about portraits of Tomlinson. The enclosures are layouts and proofs of <i>All Our Yesterdays</i> | 1927-33 |
| b. 1, f. 45 | Squire, John Collings. TLS, London Regretting that he has no Tomlinson manuscripts | 1928 May 10 1928 May 10 |
| b. 1, f. 46 | Tomlinson, H. Charles. TLS, New York Mentioning Tomlinson, his father, and the Cheshire house series | 1930 Dec 8 |

WRITINGS

Tomlinson, H. M.

"An Attempt at Winter Sports," typescript draft, with a few corrections, [Croyden?] [1929?]

Accompanied by a layout in pencil for the article, as it was to appear in *Nash's Magazine* for 1929, and by corrected page proofs of the article, with title: "My Attempt at Winter Sports"

[See: Oversize, box 5, folder 114](#)

"Cruising in Winter," typescript draft with numerous corrections, signed, South Croyden, [England] [1929]

Accompanied by corrected page proofs of the article as it was to appear in *Nash's Magazine*, 1929, with title: "Cruising in winter among the islands that never alter"

[See: Oversize, box 5, folder 115](#)

WRITINGS > Tomlinson, H. M. (continued)

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| | "The Gaffer," corrected page proof of the article as it was to appear in <i>Nash's Magazine</i> , 1930. Stamped 7 Jan. 1930 See: Oversize, box 5, folder 116 | [1930] |
| | "The Gaffer," typescript draft, with several corrections Accompanied by a layout in pencil of the article as it was to appear in <i>Nash's Magazine</i> for 1930, and by page proofs, corrected. Accompanied by an ALS from Tomlinson to Mr. Glenton-Kerr, forwarding the proof of "The Gaffer" Rigewood, Jan. 8, 1930. Laid in, a photograph of Tomlinson by Howard Coster See: Oversize, box 5, folder 117 | [1930] |
| b. 1, f. 47 | "Granada," autograph manuscript, signed, of a travel essay, with numerous changes in the author's hand. Written in pencil and ink, Croyden, England | n.d. |
| b. 1, f. 48 | "A History of Lloyd's," by Charles Wright & Ernest Fayle. Manuscript review by H.M. Tomlinson, with numerous corrections, Croyden, England | [1928] |
| b. 1, f. 49 | Empty folder | |
| | "Joseph Conrad," page proof, corrected by the author, of the article as it was to appear in <i>The Saturday Review of Literature</i> v.4, No. 12, Oct. 15, 1927 See: Oversize, box 5, folder 118 | [1927] |
| b. 1, f. 50 | "Obituary," autograph manuscript of an imaginary obituary of himself, Abbotsbury, Dorset | [1942 May 8] |
| b. 1, f. 51 | "The Prelude," typescript draft of an essay on Joseph Conrad, with the author's corrections, Croyden, [England] Accompanied by a TLS from G. T. Keating to J. T. Babb, transmitting the MS to him. New York, June 10, 1938 | n.d. |
| b. 1, f. 52 | "Sergeant Grischa," typewritten review, signed, of the novel by Arnold Zweig, with MS corrections by the author, Croyden, England Addressed to H. S. Canby. Accompanied by a TLS from H. S. Canby to James T. Babb, transmitting the manuscript to him, dated New York, Jan 25, 1929 | [1928?] |
| b. 1, f. 53 | "Thomas Hardy," typewritten draft with the author's corrections, and a final paragraph in his hand Accompanied by the corrected proof of the essay as it was to appear in <i>The Saturday Review of Literature</i> v. 4, No. 29, February 11, 1929 See also: Oversize, box 5, folder 119 | [1928] |
| b. 1, f. 54 | "A Typhoidal Diary. Extracts from a New Diary of a Plague," autograph manuscript signed "by Croham Hurst," Croydon Together with ALS to "The Editor, Daily Herald," concerning the above | |
| b. 1, f. 55 | Note about what the sea had meant to him, signed and written on the verso of a TLS from Wilfred Whitten and George Blake, editors of <i>John O'London's Weekly</i> , London | 1924 May 23 |

WRITINGS (continued)

Writings by Others

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| b. 1, f. 56 | Bennett, Arnold. Autograph manuscript review of H. M. Tomlinson's <i>Gallion's Reach</i> , with title "Books & Persons" Compares Tomlinson and Joseph Conrad | 1927 Aug 5 |
| b. 1, f. 57 | Prokosch, Frederic. Check list of Henry Major Tomlinson, with annotations by Tomlinson, to whom the list had been submitted | n.d. |

Series II: Gift of Harper & Brothers

Gift of Harper & Brothers, 1963

CORRESPONDENCE

Harper & Brothers office correspondence: H. M. Tomlinson file, including letters to and from Tomlinson, internal letters and memos about Tomlinson

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| b. 2, f. 58 | Correspondence | 1927-29 |
| b. 2, f. 59 | Correspondence | 1930 |
| b. 2, f. 60 | Correspondence | 1931-33 |
| b. 2, f. 61 | Correspondence | 1934 |
| b. 2, f. 62 | Correspondence | 1935 |
| b. 2, f. 63-64 | Correspondence | 1936 |
| b. 2, f. 65-70 | Correspondence See also: Oversize, box 5, folder 120 | 1937 |
| b. 2, f. 71 | Correspondence | 1938-40 |
| b. 2, f. 72 | Tomlinson, H. M. ALS to Norman Douglas Introducing Eugene Saxon | 1926 Jul 1 |
| b. 2, f. 73-76 | Tomlinson, H. M. 34 ALS to Eugene Saxon See also: Harper & Brothers correspondence, Box 5, folder 120 | 1926-[41] |

WRITINGS AND OTHER PAPERS

| | | |
|----------------|---|--------|
| b. 2, f. 77 | <i>All Our Yesterdays</i> , autograph manuscript draft of introduction | n.d. |
| b. 3, f. 78-87 | <i>All Our Yesterdays</i> , typescript and typescript carbon, corrected | n.d. |
| b. 4, f. 88-95 | <i>Gallion's Reach</i> , typescript carbon, corrected | n.d. |
| b. 4, f. 96 | Photographs of Tomlinson | [1932] |

Series III: Additional Materials

Other materials acquired from various sources

CORRESPONDENCE

Letters by H. M. Tomlinson

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|-----------------------------|---|-------------|
| b. 4, f. 97 | ALS to William Morris Colles, Poplar E. Gift, 1944 | 1898 Aug 18 |
| b. 4, f. 98 | ANS to William Morris Colles, Poplar Purchase, 1954 | 1899 Jan 5 |
| b. 4, f. 99 | 2 ALS to Norman Douglas, London | 1925 |
| b. 4, f. 100 | ALS to Mr. Gaige, Abbotsbury, Dorset Gift, 1944 | 1928 Aug 30 |
| b. 4, f. 101 | 3 ALS to John Archer Gee, Croyden Gift, 1944 | 1930-34 |
| b. 4, f. 102 | ALS to William McFee, Dorset, England Gift, 1953 | 1953 Aug 12 |
| b. 4, f. 103 | ALS to "My dear Raneer," Croydon Mentions Sir James Brooke, Sir Stamford Raffles, and Thomas Hardy | 1928 Jan 23 |
| b. 4, f. 104 | 5 ALS to his sister "Em" (Emily Tomlinson), various places The letter of Oct. 17, 1927 is accompanied by an oak leaf from Walden Pond, with Tomlinson's autograph and the date of Oct. 16, 1927. Gift, 1944 | 1923-27 |
| b. 4, f. 105 | ALS to "Mother, Em & Phil, and Jim," Phillipville, Algeria Gift, 1944 | 1926 Dec 17 |
| b. 4, f. 106 | ALS to his son, Henry C. Tomlinson, Croydon Purchase, 1973 | 1928 May 5 |
| b. 4, f. 107 | ALS to Mr. Wilson, Croydon, Surrey Purchase, 1954 | 1927 Nov 22 |
| Letters by Others to Others | | |
| b. 4, f. 108 | Canby, Henry Seidel. TLS to John Archer Gee, New York Accompanied by a clipping of John Archer Gee's review of "Out of Soundings" by Tomlinson, which appeared in <i>The Saturday Review of Literature</i> for March 21, 1931 Gift, 1944 See also: Oversize, box 5, folder 121 | 1931 Feb 25 |
| b. 4, f. 109 | Purdy, Richard Little. ALS to John Archer Gee, Dorchester Gift, 1944 | 1933 Jul 8 |

CORRESPONDENCE > Letters by Others to Others (continued)

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| b. 4, f. 110 | Tomlinson, H. Charles. TLS to John Archer Gee, New York City | 1931 Feb 14 |
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WRITINGS

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|--------------|---|------|
| b. 4, f. 111 | Tomlinson, H. M. "The Estuary," typescript [carbon] with manuscript corrections, London Purchase, 1982 | n.d. |
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| b. 4, f. 112 | Tomlinson, H. M. "The Lower Reaches," typescript with manuscript corrections signed by the author, London Purchase, 1982 | n.d. |
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|--------------|---|------|
| b. 4, f. 113 | Gee, John Archer. "Henry Major Tomlinson," typescript of an untitled lecture on H. M. Tomlinson, signed and corrected. Mr. Tomlinson, to whom this manuscript was submitted, has added numerous marginal notes and comments. Accompanied by an envelope addressed by Tomlinson to J. A. Gee, and a photograph of Tomlinson. Gift, 1944 | n.d. |
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Oversize, [1929?]

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| b. 5, f. 114 | Tomlinson, H. M. "An Attempt at Winter Sports," typescript draft, with a few corrections, [Croyden?] (from series I) Accompanied by a layout in pencil for the article, as it was to appear in <i>Nash's Magazine</i> for 1929, and by corrected page proofs of the article, with title: "My Attempt at Winter Sports" | [1929?] |
| b. 5, f. 115 | Tomlinson, H. M. "Cruising in Winter," typescript draft with numerous corrections, signed, South Croyden, [England] (from series I) Accompanied by corrected page proofs of the article as it was to appear in <i>Nash's Magazine</i> , 1929, with title: "Cruising in winter among the islands that never alter" | [1929] |
| b. 5, f. 116 | Tomlinson, H. M. "The Gaffer," corrected page proof of the article as it was to appear in <i>Nash's Magazine</i> , 1930. Stamped 7 Jan. 1930 (from series I) | |
| b. 5, f. 117 | Tomlinson, H. M. "The Gaffer," typescript draft, with several corrections (from series I) Accompanied by a layout in pencil of the article as it was to appear in <i>Nash's Magazine</i> for 1930, and by page proofs, corrected. Accompanied by an ALS from Tomlinson to Mr. Glenton-Kerr, forwarding the proof of "The Gaffer" Rigewood, Jan. 8, 1930. Laid in, a photograph of Tomlinson by Howard Coster | [1930] |
| b. 5, f. 118 | Tomlinson, H. M. "Joseph Conrad," page proof, corrected by the author, of the article as it was to appear in <i>The Saturday Review of Literature</i> v.4, No. 12, Oct. 15, 1927 (from series I) | [1927] |
| b. 5, f. 119 | Tomlinson, H. M. "Thomas Hardy," typewritten draft with the author's corrections, and a final paragraph in his hand (from series I) Accompanied by the corrected proof of the essay as it was to appear in <i>The Saturday Review of Literature</i> v. 4, No. 29, February 11, 1929 | [1928] |
| b. 5, f. 120 | Harper and Brothers correspondence (from series II) | 1937 |
| b. 5, f. 121 | Canby, Henry Seidel. TLS to John Archer Gee, New York (from series III) Accompanied by a clipping of John Archer Gee's review of "Out of Soundings" by Tomlinson, which appeared in <i>The Saturday Review of Literature</i> for March 21, 1931 Gift, 1944 | 1931 Feb 25 |

Restricted Fragile Materials

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b. 6, f. 122 Box 2, folders 59, 63-64

b. 6, f. 123 Box 2, folders 65-66, 69, 75

b. 6, f. 124 Box 4, folder 95

b. cs, f. 125 Box 2, folder 58

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Subjects

Novelists, English -- 20th Century
Publishers and publishing

Preferred Titles

All our yesterdays
Gallion's reach

Names

Babb, James T. (James Tinkham), 1899-1968
McFee, William, 1881-1966
Saxon, Eugene
Tomlinson, H. M. (Henry Major), 1873-1958

Corporate Body

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