Guide to the Maurice Hewlett Collection

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CALL NUMBER:	GEN MSS 60
CREATOR:	Hewlett, Maurice, 1861-1923
TITLE:	Maurice Hewlett collection
DATES:	1892-1930
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:	1 linear foot (3 boxes) + 1 portfolio
LANGUAGE:	English
SUMMARY:	Collection contains letters by Maurice Hewlett to various recipients, including Sir John Collings Squire, and some third party correspondence. Also in the collection are holograph and typescript writings by Hewlett including his Song of the Plow, an obituary of Hewlett and a collotype of Hewlett by Alvin Langdon Coburn.
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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. Source information is recorded on the folders. For further information, consult the appropriate curator.

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

Portfolio: Restricted fragile material. Reference surrogates have been substituted in the main files. For further information consult the appropriate curator.

Conditions Governing Use

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Preferred Citation

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Processing Information

This finding aid is updated periodically to account for new materials that have been added to the collection. The date of the most recent update is noted on the title page. For information on material that may have been acquired for the collection since the last update, please consult the Public Service Desk.

MAURICE HEWLETT (1861-1923)

Maurice Hewlett was born in Weybridge, Surrey, England on 22 January 1861, the oldest child of Henry G. Hewlett, the keeper of the royal land revenue records, and Emmeline Mary Knowles Hewlett. Hewlett attended school at the Sevenoaks grammar school, Palace School in Enfield, and International College in Spring Grove, Isleworth. He joined his cousin's law office in 1878, and in 1888 married Hilda Beatrice Herbert, with whom he had two children. He succeeded his father in the post of keeper of land revenue records from 1897 until 1900.

In 1898 Hewlett published *The Forest Lovers*, which brought him wide renown. He dedicated the rest of his life to his writing, publishing historical fiction, poetry, essays and plays. His more widely known works include *Earthwork out of Tuscany* (1895), *The Life of Richard Yea-and-Nay* (1900), and *The Song of the Plow* (1916). Hewlett died in 1923.

Scope and Contents

This finding aid encompasses accessions of single manuscripts and small groups of manuscripts and other papers, by or pertaining to Maurice Hewlett, acquired by the library from a variety of sources. Materials incorporated into the collection prior to May 1999 have been organized into four series. Series I, *Charles Parsons Gift* (1892-1930), includes letters from Hewlett to Sir John Collings Squire and others, third party correspondence, and writings of Hewlett. Series II, *Philip Neufeld Gift* (1896-1916), contains letters from Hewlett, and writings of Hewlett including drafts of his *Song of the Plow*. Series III, *Bertram Rota Purchase* (1909-1923), contains letters and writings by Hewlett. Series IV, *Materials from Other Sources* (1912-1923), contains letters from Hewlett.

Collection Contents
Series I: Charles Parsons Gift, 1892-1930
0.4 linear feet (1 box)
Gift of Charles Parsons, 1939 and 1944

CORRESPONDENCE

Letters from Maurice Henry Hewlett

	Campbell, Mrs. Patrick See: Writings, "The Queen of Scots," Box 1, folder 18	1920 Aug 1
	Chambers, Mr. See: Third Party Letters, Bertram Rota to Mrs. Parsons, Box 1, folder 15	
b. 1, f. 1	Colles, William Morris Letter of 1912 Oct 23 removed from Hewlett's "Lore of Proserpine…"	1909–12
b. 1, f. 2	Mathews, Elkin	1909, 1910
b. 1, f. 3-8	Squire, John Collings, Sir	1915-23, n.d.
b. 1, f. 9	Thorley, Salisbury	1911 Nov 11
b. 1, f. 10	----, Norman	[n.y.] May 13
b. 1, f. 11	Unidentified	1909, 1910, n.d.

Third Party Letters

	Bernard Quaritch (Firm) to Charles Parsons See: Bertram Rota to Mrs. Parsons, Box 1, folder 15	
b. 1, f. 12	Hewlett, William to Charles Parsons	1929-30
b. 1, f. 13	Judge, Max to Mr. Muir	1929 Sep 16
b. 1, f. 14	Poole, Reginald Stuart to C. Shorter	1892 Dec 15
b. 1, f. 15	Rota, Bertram to Mrs. Parsons Includes: Letter from MH to Mr. Chambers, 1 Dec [1909?], and letter from Bernard Quaritch (Firm) to Charles Parsons, 26 May 1930, referring to Hewlett's "Earthwork out of Tuscany"	1930 Jun 14
b. 1, f. 16	Welby-Everard, Mrs. Gay M. P. to Charles Parsons Writing to Mr. Parsons as literary executrix of Maurice Hewlett's books and manuscripts Includes: Holograph of Hewlett's monthly review of books for the *London Mercury*, "Biography and Mirrors," and two bookplates of Hewlett's	1929

WRITINGS OF MAURICE HENRY HEWLETT

WRITINGS OF MAURICE HENRY HEWLETT (continued)

b. 1, f. 17	*The Birth of Roland*, typescript	n.d.
b. 1, f. 18-20	"The Queen of Scots," typescript play, corrected	n.d.
	Includes: Letter from Hewlett to Mrs. Patrick Campbell, 1 Aug 1920	

OTHER PAPERS

b. 1, f. 21	Squire, Sir John Collings. Obituary of Maurice Hewlett, clipping of printed version from "The Observer"	1923 Jun 17
b. 1, f. 22	Coburn, Alvin Langdon. Collotype of Hewlett, reproduction (2 copies)	1914

Series II: Philip M. Neufeld Gift, 1896-1916
0.4 linear feet (1 box)
Gift of Philip M. and Margaret Neufeld, 1953-1965

	LETTERS FROM MAURICE HEWLETT	
b. 2, f. 23	"Gilder"	[n.y.] Sep 9
b. 2, f. 24	Salter, Mr.	1916 Jun 16
	WRITINGS	
	Song of the Plow	
b. 2, f. 25-28	"Books 1 - 6," holograph, corrected	1913 Nov 19
b. 2, f. 29-35	"Books 1 - 11," holograph, corrected	1915 Jan 25
b. 2, f. 36-47	Holograph, corrected	[ca. 1916?]
	Other Writings	
b. 2, f. 48	"An Armenian Knight's Entertainment," typescript, corrected	n.d.
b. 2, f. 49	"Jacob's Ladder," holograph poem	
b. 2, f. 50-52	*Pan and the Young Shepherd*, holograph play Includes: Two sketches for the cover of the book, published by John Lane in 1898	1896 Jan 4

Series III: Purchases from Bertram Rota Ltd., 1909-1923
0.1 linear feet (.5 box)

Purchased from Bertram Rota on the Library Associates Fund, Starling W. Childs Fund, Frederick W. Hilles Fund, Ernest F. Hodgdon Fund, Hubert Amer McGuire Memorial Fund, John Ewing Durand Memorial Fund, and Beinecke Funds, 1960-1978

	LETTERS FROM MAURICE HENRY HEWLETT	
b. 3, f. 53	Ionides, Basil	1912-13
b. 3, f. 54	Mathews, Elkin	[1909?] May 12
b. 3, f. 55	Smith, Mrs. Graham	1923
	WRITINGS BY MAURICE HENRY HEWLETT	
b. 3, f. 56	"The Invitation to Wiltshire," typescript, corrected	ca. 1923
b. 3, f. 57	"The Silence of the Village," typescript, corrected	ca. 1923

Series IV: Materials from Other Sources, 1912-1923

0.1 linear feet (.5 box)

Acquired by gift or purchase from various sources, as indicated on individual folders

LETTERS FROM MAURICE HENRY HEWLETT

b. 3, f. 58	Cagluone, C. F.	1913 Oct 22
	Includes: Clippings of 3 reviews of novels by MH	
b. 3, f. 59	Haddon, Trevor	1919 Apr 4
b. 3, f. 60	Ionides, Basil	1912 Apr 9
b. 3, f. 61	Judge, Max	[n.y.] May 5
b. 3, f. 62	Thorley, Wilfred Charles	1923, n.d.
b. 3, f. 63	Varney, G. L.	[n.y.] Oct 18

Restricted Fragile

Restricted fragile material. Reference surrogates have been substituted in the main files. For further information consult the appropriate curator.

b. Portfolio, f. 64   Box 1, folder 21

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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

Authors, English -- 20th Century
Novelists
Novelists, English -- 20th Century
Poets, English -- 20th Century

Occupations

Authors
Poets

Preferred Titles

The Song of the Plow

Names

Coburn, Alvin Langdon, 1882-1966
Hewlett, Maurice, 1861-1923
Squire, John Collings, Sir, 1884-1958